



Project H.O.M.E.'s

Dwelling Place

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NONE OF US ARE HOME UNTIL ALL OF US ARE HOME

PROJECT H.O.M.E.

(Housing, Opportunities for Employment, Medical Care, Education)

empowers people to break the cycle of homelessness, address the structural causes of poverty, and attain their fullest potential as members of society. Our work is rooted in our conviction of the dignity of each person and our belief that all are entitled to decent, affordable housing and quality education, employment, and health care. We achieve this through street outreach; supportive housing; comprehensive services; community development; employment training and opportunities; adult and youth education; health care; environmental enhancement; and political advocacy.

RESIDENCES

1515 and 1523 Fairmount Avenue
Diamond Street Residences, 2826-29 Diamond St.
In Community, 1229 Chestnut St.
Kairos House, 1440 N. Broad St.
Kate's Place, 1929 Sansom St.
Rowan I, 2729-A W. Diamond St.
Rowan II, 1901 N. Judson St.
St. Columba, 4133 Chestnut St.
St. Elizabeth's Recovery, 1850 N. Croskey St.
Women of Change, 21st & Arch Sts.

SUPPORT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Adult Education, Employment & Arts
Community Development Corporation
Education and Advocacy
Honickman Learning Center and
Comcast Technology Labs
Outreach Coordination Center
Volunteer Program

BUSINESSES

Our Daily Threads Thrift Shop, 215-232-6322
Back Home Café and Catering, 215-232-6311

ADMINISTRATION

215-232-7272

HOMELESS OUTREACH HOTLINE

215-232-1984

HUMAN RESOURCES HOTLINE

215-232-7219 x5200

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THE DOORS TO PROJECT H.O.M.E.

PEOPLE OFTEN ASK ME how they can get connected with Project H.O.M.E. There are, of course, a number of ways to get in touch with us: telephone, email, stopping by one of our houses. When I recall my own experience, the beautiful entranceway into 1515 Fairmount Avenue stands out for me. So impressive are those fabulous brass doors that open to a foyer whose walls literally speak – no, they shout out – a message of hope and a promise of friendship to all who would come forth. Surely, these doors have been a passageway to reconciliation and recovery for thousands of people. And this is their real value – what they lead people to – not what they are made of or how great they might look.

In fact, I have discovered other doors to Project H.O.M.E., and some of them are in dark and lonely places. These doors have a special quality – they don't exist in the same way that the doors of 1515 Fairmount Avenue exist. They only come into being through energy created by people caring for one another.

THE DOOR IN SUBURBAN STATION.

One morning I received a message that Terry, a young woman who commutes to work each morning from New Jersey, needed some assistance. I called her and learned that for months she had been developing a relationship with an elderly homeless man in Suburban Station. Each morning she would stop for a few minutes to talk to him and before long, casual conversation blossomed into mutual affection and friendship. She learned that this gentleman was a seafaring man, a

veteran, and a wanderer. The Outreach Coordination Center (OCC) was very familiar with him, but our outreach workers were unable to establish a relationship. When approached by one of us, he would tell us, in very salty language, to hoist anchor and take off. Terry said she thought he was ready now, and that with encouragement from her, and a little assistance from us, this wandering man might agree to leave the streets and come inside. The next morning at 5:00 am, two of our outreach staff met Terry and her friend, and a door opened. That morning, St. Columba received a new resident, and the Project H.O.M.E. community was all the richer for it.

THE DOOR ON AN EMPTY STREET.

Taking a census of homeless people on the streets of Philadelphia during the winter is tough. The late night wind chill makes looking for folks hard; coming upon someone choosing the cold concrete over a shelter bed is even harder. Jim, a Project H.O.M.E. Trustee, and I were on a street in Old City at about 2:00 am when we saw him. He was walking slowly along the street, belongings in hand, shivering against the cold wind. We called to him. He picked up his pace. We called again, "Hey, we're from Outreach, Project H.O.M.E. How are you doing?" He suddenly stopped and turned, stared at us for a few seconds, crossed the street and came toward us like a man on a mission. Looking me straight in the eye, he said his name was Tattoo Eddie and he was able to take care of himself, that he was a survivor on the streets, and wanted nothing at all



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from outreach. All he needed right then was a pair of gloves. He would spend the night in a subway station. We gave him the gloves we were wearing. He thanked us and turned to leave, “Here take this.” I said and handed him a Project H.O.M.E. card. “Come in when you have the time. We can talk.” He took the card, waved to us and left. Both Jim and I thought, “Good luck, Tattoo Eddie.” Little did we know that a door had opened for him on that cold sidewalk in Old City. The very next day that survivor called the Outreach office and asked for help. Outreach worker Tim Jones responded to the call, and that night Tattoo Eddie did not sleep in the subway. He had a bed and a place to rest.

THE DOOR UNDER THE BRIDGE. “I lost everything to drugs.” This young man looked like someone who lost more than his job and his possessions. Sitting in the outreach office he told a sad tale of addiction, and of the costs to him and his family. But he became most despondent when he admitted that yesterday, having nothing more to sell, no one else to give him money for the fix he craved, he decided to rob someone. The thought horrified him, but the craving

was overwhelming. In a panic, the young man wandered the streets and came to a bridge. Underneath, he happened upon a stranger sitting there and told him his dilemma. Sharing his need with a stranger allowed a door to open. He heard the man say, “Go to 1515 Fairmount Avenue and see if they can help you.” After the intake assessment was completed, the young man was introduced to Laurence Dixon, OCC worker. Laurence made a few calls, and a plan was hatched to link the young man to a drug treatment program.

DOORS ARE ENTRANCES that mark a beginning. Each of these individuals walked through a door to Project H.O.M.E. and into the possibility that a journey would begin. Journeys can be long and winding. Some are easier than others. But all have to start somewhere.

— Ed Speedling, Community Liaison,
Outreach Coordination Center

The Outreach Coordination Center is a partnership between Project H.O.M.E. and the City of Philadelphia that coordinates teams from Hall Mercer, Horizon House, SELF, Inc., and West Philly Access, as well as Project H.O.M.E. teams, to reach out to individuals living on the streets and connect them with services.

LOOKING BACK: TAKING IT TO THE STREETS

ALMOST AS SOON as large-scale homelessness hit Philadelphia, outreach was trying to provide assistance to those who found themselves in the streets.

In the early 1980s, economic forces, cuts in general assistance, and especially the closing of large state mental institutions, resulted in dramatic increases in street homelessness. The earliest outreach teams were volunteers, particularly from the Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness. In the late 1980s, volunteers from various nonprofits teamed up with mental health workers from the Hall Mercer program at Pennsylvania Hospital to work more directly with individuals living on the street. Some of the early outreach, led by the eventual founders of Project H.O.M.E., targeted mentally ill women and led to the creation of a specialized housing program, Women of Hope.

The City of Philadelphia, with state funding, initially formed the Outreach Coordination Center (OCC), in 1988 to coordinate the existing outreach teams. The OCC was conceived as part of a “continuum of care” strategy that sought to maximize the effectiveness of public and private anti-homelessness efforts in the city. Project H.O.M.E. took over management of the OCC in 1992. Over the years, the efforts of OCC proved successful in engaging persons on the streets, particularly those with serious addiction and mental health problems, and linking them to services and housing. The OCC is often recognized as a national model of well coordinated street outreach.

During the 1990s, decreases in shelter availability combined with the epidemic of crack cocaine pushed the street homeless population to record numbers of over 800. In 1998, Philadelphia’s Sidewalk Behavior Ordinance created penalties for living on the street. At the same time, thanks to advocacy efforts led by Project H.O.M.E., the ordinance brought new city funding for expanded street outreach and more housing and other resources. The work of the OCC grew, including reaching out to the broader community to engage them in solutions to homelessness. The next few years saw dramatic decreases in street homelessness in Philadelphia.

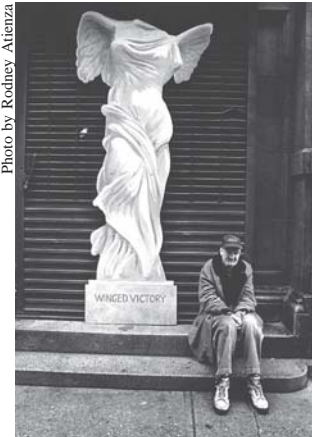
Today, the OCC combines the best of professionalized services with a commitment to building trusting relationships with persons on the streets. It is the first step in effective solutions that help break the cycle of homelessness.

THERE ARE VERY few ends of the road for an addict: jails, institutions, and death. I didn’t want to end my life like that, but I had nowhere to go. I was homeless. One night I was sitting on 2nd Street between Chestnut and Market, in a storefront, just sittin’ on the steps playin’ my guitar, panhandling for money to eat — and to be honest, for something to drink and some crack to smoke —

when up comes Sister Mary Scullion with Wes from Christ Church and Ed Speedling. They were doing outreach. I look up and there’s Sister Mary and she’s smiling at me and she says, “You need help. I want to help.” And ever since that moment — it may embarrass her and I don’t intend it that way — but I look at her as an angel who was sent to save me.

— A former resident of Project H.O.M.E.’s St. Elizabeth’s Recovery Residence, now living independently in permanent housing.

Photo by Rodney Atienza



News from H.O.M.E.

BRIGHTER FUTURES

Germantown Academy, with assistance from Project H.O.M.E., is embarking on an innovative initiative to meet the educational needs of the young people in the low-income neighborhoods where we work. The Community Partnership School will be located at our Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs (HLC-CTL). The pre-K through 5th grade independent school, which is slated to open next fall, will target the young people in our programs. With small classes and top-grade technology, it hopes to offer excellent education and a more hopeful future for talented children who struggle within a social context of poverty. Project H.O.M.E. will continue to run our after-school and evening programs at the HLC-CTL. We would like to especially thank the Board of Trustees of Germantown Academy, along with the invaluable leadership and vision of James Connor and Charles Muir.

SAFE SPACE

Project H.O.M.E. is part of a new effort to get persons off the streets and into services; The "Grace Café," located at Arch Street United Methodist Church at Broad and Arch Streets, is a short-term overnight drop-in center for persons who are homeless. In addition to providing a safe, warm space for persons who are not staying in shelters, the café will create opportunities to deepen our engagement with them as a step toward linking them to housing and services. The café is open seven nights a week throughout the winter. This initiative is a collaborative project with Arch Street United Methodist Church and

the City of Philadelphia's Office of Emergency Shelter and Services.

DECENT EXPOSURE

Project H.O.M.E. was the beneficiary of national attention recently when NBC Nightly News featured a



At Homeless Memorial Day on the first day of Winter, Hyacinth King, Patricia Baltimore, and Danielle White read the names of the thirty-five women, men, and children who died in 2005. We remember the following Project H.O.M.E. community members who passed away last year: Frank Bosico, Ken Bullock, Irving Carson, Joe Ducey, James Elliott, George Graham, Tynya Hayman, William Jordan, Mario McCullough, Ricky Parks, Jeff Simpers, and Jimmy Skinner.

portrait of our founder and Executive Director, Sister Mary Scullion, as part of its "Making a Difference" series. You can view the three-minute segment, from November 15, at www.msnbc.msn.com/id/10055262/.

VICTORY ON THE CORRIDOR

As part of our effort to help revitalize the commercial corridor along Ridge Avenue, we have been organizing against "Stop 'N Go's," businesses with liquor licenses that sell take-out beer, which can inadvertently create a haven for crime and public nuisance activity. This fall, working with the Cecil B. Moore/Ridge Avenue Business Association, we were successful in protesting permit applications for two Stop 'N Go's. We were empowered by Act 39, a new state law requiring restaurants and retailers to obtain a new liquor permit. This was a major victory that helps us transform the corridor. The Business Association's Quality of Life Committee has been active in

organizing anti-violence vigils, and the Physical Improvements Committee in advocating for the reuse of long-term vacant and blighted properties along the corridor.

YOUNG HERO

Peak Johnson, a gifted student in Project H.O.M.E.'s programs for teens, has been chosen by the National Liberty Museum as a Young Heroes Award Winner. Peak was nominated for the many ways he demonstrates leadership in the teen program, including his participation in the youth entrepreneurial program and his

editing of the *North Philly Metropolis* newspaper. Peak was honored at an award ceremony on December 8 at the Liberty Museum.

HONORING FATHER PAUL

Project H.O.M.E. is joining a wide range of civic and community groups who are calling for a section of Diamond Street in North Philadelphia to be renamed Father Paul M. Washington Street. We

believe this is a fitting tribute to a man who was a giant of human rights and justice in Philadelphia for decades. Father Paul, who passed away in 2002, was a pastor, a community leader, and a tireless advocate for all those on the margins. He was also a dear friend of Project H.O.M.E. For information and to sign the petition, call Kemah C. Washington at 484-432-1242, or visit www.fatherpaulwashington.com.

Photo by Harvey Finkle



HYACINTH KING: ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Hyacinth King is a dynamo at Project H.O.M.E. A resident of 1515 Fairmount Avenue, she is involved in almost every aspect of our mission. Recently, she told her story at a December 2nd Congressional briefing on how supportive housing plays a critical role in ending long-term chronic homelessness, particularly the Services for Ending Long-Term Homelessness Act (SELHA). For more information about SELHA, visit www.naeh.org/pol/ELHSI.

I WAS RAISED IN A STABLE two-parent home in Philadelphia. I attended private schools and graduated from one of Philadelphia's most prestigious schools. I went on to Temple University where I got my bachelor's degree in Business Administration. You wouldn't necessarily expect this to describe someone who ultimately became homeless, but it does.

Throughout college, I struggled with my mental health. I was increasingly hearing voices and losing touch with reality. After college, I began sleeping in my car and self-medicating my schizophrenia with alcohol. I was paranoid and afraid of everyone.

My parents brought me food and tried to convince me to get help, but the voices negated their pleas. After more than two years of living in a car, I was able to trust my mother again and went with her to a mental health and addictions facility to get help. From those programs, I was placed in Project H.O.M.E.

Living at Project H.O.M.E. these past eight years has allowed me to have a balance of independence and support. I cook on my own and maintain my own schedule, but have a case manager who can help me with whatever problems arise. They have been able to help me negotiate problems with Social Security, health care, and employment. They've helped me get trained as an A+ technician, so that I can

build and fix computers. They've helped me find employment within the organization. Because it is permanent supportive housing, not just emergency shelter, I don't have to move. This is critical because I know I will need supports from time to time – and that without those supports, I could end up homeless again.

Stabilizing my life at Project H.O.M.E. has allowed me the opportunity to give back to people who are still homeless. I know that I have an obligation to not just help myself. I want to pull others up the hill with me. I work with Project H.O.M.E.'s street outreach efforts to get people off the streets. Recently, I had the opportunity to help Katrina evacuees that were resettling in Philadelphia. I'm on the board of Project H.O.M.E. and also the

Advocacy Committee. I'm actively involved with *Vote for Homes!*, which is an effort to register homeless and formerly homeless people to vote and get involved with the political system that so drastically impacts our lives.

Project H.O.M.E. has helped me and countless others to set and achieve goals, and to believe that anything is possible. Without the unique combination of housing and on-site services, I'm not sure I'd have come to where I am today – from being homeless to speaking at a Congressional briefing!



Photo by Harvey Finkle
Hyacinth King (right) and S. Mary Scullion rallying for improved police interaction with persons with mental illness.



WHAT HAVE I DONE BY TARYN PERKINS

I wonder sometimes what have I done
My mother, my brother,
who love so lost and what price it cost
What have I done
I face my addiction through redemption
What have I done
I fought for my girls
I'm on top of the world
What have I done
Believing in me knowing what I see
Being strong and Black and giving back
What have I done
I cried lots of tears and faced my fears
Standing strong and not alone
Keeping my faith and walk a steady pace
Through God I won
That's what I've done

– Taryn Perkins is a resident of
Project H.O.M.E.'s Rowan Homes.

REACHING OUT ACROSS THE WORLD

AS PART OF OUR mission, Project H.O.M.E. is committed to a belief that “none of us are home until all of us are home.” As a way of expressing that commitment, the Project H.O.M.E. community is supporting advocacy efforts on behalf of the children of northern Uganda, who are facing almost incomprehensible suffering. Caught up in a vicious civil war, tens of thousands of Ugandan children have faced abduction, violence, hunger, and disease. Many are forced to become sex slaves or soldiers. They are undoubtedly among the most abused children in our world today.

Project H.O.M.E., in partnership with Elaine Garfinkel, will host **an educational program highlighting the plight of the children of northern Uganda on March 23 at 7 pm at the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs** (located at 1936 N. Judson Street). This program will feature presentations by Carolyn Davis of the editorial board of the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and by Abitimo Rebecca Odongkara of Gulu, Uganda, who runs programs to support many of these children. A special team will also participate in the April 8 Hunger Walk to raise funds for Ugandan relief programs.

For more information on how you can get involved, contact Elaine Garfinkel at 215-884-1047.

ADVOCACY UPDATE

PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO VOTE FORTY YEARS AFTER THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT

PROJECT H.O.M.E. is busy with a statewide coalition working to protect the right to vote. Introduced last spring in the state legislature in Harrisburg, House Bill 1318 has the potential to take away voting rights for all ex-felons for the duration of their probation or parole and require all voters to show photo ID at every election, potentially disenfranchising another 8 to 10 percent of the electorate. At the present time, people with felony records may vote in the state of Pennsylvania when they are released from prison, and only first-time voters have to show ID when they vote at a new polling site.

Call your State Representatives and Senators and tell them you oppose House Bill 1318.

- ◆ There is no need for photo identification at the polls because it does not prevent the kinds of fraud that it seeks to remedy. Further, it makes lines at the polls longer, resulting in more confusion.
- ◆ Felons who have been released from prison get jobs and pay taxes, and should be able to vote as well. Disenfranchising former felons after they leave prison is unfair and discriminatory. It is unthinkable that in 2006, we are discussing the legalized discrimination and disenfranchisement of free Pennsylvanians.
- ◆ It is time to enact meaningful election reform which will remove barriers to voting, increase voter turnout, and eliminate voter disenfranchisement.

To get involved with this campaign or to find out current status of the bill, call Jennine Miller, Coordinator of Education and Advocacy, at 215-232-7272, ext. 3042, or jenninemiller@projecthome.org.



The Project H.O.M.E. community joined Senator Anthony Williams and activists from around Pennsylvania to stop House Bill 1318 and protect our right to vote.

UNKIND CUTS

AFTER MUCH DEBATE, the Senate approved the federal budget (the revised Omnibus Deficit Reduction Bill, S. 1932) on December 21 with Vice President Cheney providing the tie-breaking vote. As we go to press, the House of Representatives has yet to revisit the budget bill. Advocates are not optimistic that major changes can be made at this juncture and are greatly concerned by items included in the bill such as: \$4.8 billion in Medicaid cuts, including increased co-pays and premiums for people living on low incomes; welfare reauthorization, including increased recipient work requirements and reduced childcare funding; \$6.4 billion in Medicare cuts; \$12.7 billion in cuts from student loan subsidies; \$2.7 billion cuts in farm programs (food stamps were not cut); and damaging changes to SSI, foster care, and other programs.



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DID YOU KNOW?

- An estimated 11.4 million Americans live in “Worst Case Needs” households – meaning they live on low incomes and pay excessive rent or live in substandard conditions.
- During the past year, requests for emergency shelter assistance increased by an average of 7 percent in major U.S. cities. An average of 14 percent of the requests for emergency shelter overall and 32 percent of requests by homeless families have gone unmet.
- Pennsylvania is one of only seven states where more citizens are living in poverty today than a year ago.
- The latest census by Project H.O.M.E.’s Outreach Coordination Center counted 496 persons on the streets of Philadelphia, with 2,728 persons in city-contracted shelters.
- The world spends \$900 billion annually on military and weapons. \$150 billion is the amount needed by the United Nation’s Millennium Development Goals to cut world poverty in half.

Sources: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; U.S. Conference of Mayors 2005 Hunger and Homelessness Survey; Philadelphia Inquirer; Outreach Coordination Center; World Bank’s World Development Report 2006.

IN THE NEWS

“Nation taking a new look at homelessness, solutions” An October 11, 2005 article in *USA Today* reported on a nationwide census of homeless persons conducted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and a new push for solutions to homelessness in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. To read the full article, see www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2005-10-11-homeless-cover_x.htm.

“Going to Extremes” This provocative article by Gwen Shaffer in the January 4 edition of *Philadelphia Weekly* explores the gap between Philadelphia’s booming public image and its persistent poverty and homelessness. To read the full article, see www.philadelphiaweekly.com/view.php?id=11303.



PHENOMENAL FRIENDS



Who: Jerry Strid

Volunteer since: 1996

Volunteer Positions: Street outreach, Board member, Fundraiser

Jerry was a committed volunteer in the Saint Elizabeth's community for many years, even before Project H.O.M.E. began our formal housing and community work in the neighborhood. When a volunteer was needed to assist the Outreach Coordination Center (OCC) staff, Jerry couldn't refuse. Currently, Jerry dedicates a day each week to helping OCC staff meet men and women who are living on the streets, finding out what they need, and helping to connect them to services. He does this with a humility which allows him to bond with the persons he encounters.

Realizing that there is much more work to be done to alleviate the problem of homelessness, Jerry continues to help to build the Project H.O.M.E. community. By nature of his long-term dedication and commitment, Jerry inspires his friends, family, and colleagues to get involved with Project H.O.M.E.'s mission. Many of them collected blankets and warm clothing to replenish the OCC's supply for the winter months. Jerry is currently planning an exciting auction event for October 2006, that will raise vital funds and awareness for Project H.O.M.E.

Even as he spends much time with event planning, Jerry still makes time for street outreach. When asked what keeps him coming back year after year, Jerry responds, "How can I not? It's a matter of personal conscience." Homelessness, he observes, is one of the biggest problems in our society, and he will do what he can until the problem is solved.

HOLIDAY CHEERS

As the new year begins, we look back on the last couple of months with tremendous gratitude to those who supported our holiday celebrations. We thank the wonderfully generous donors and volunteers who enhanced the Thanksgiving and Winter holidays by sharing gifts, meals, time, and talent with the Project H.O.M.E. community.

Thanksgiving:

Bodine High School ♦ Bright Horizons Daycare ♦ Canada Dry Delaware Valley Bottling Company ♦ Catering By Design ♦ Culinary Arts Institute ♦ Devon Preparatory School ♦ Patricia DiPietra ♦ Amanda Drake ♦ Marjorie Dugan ♦ Epiphany Parish ♦ Fox School of Business at Temple University ♦ Fresh Grocer ♦ The Fretz Family ♦ Germantown Friends School ♦ Kim Gianitos ♦ Giles and Ransome ♦ Mark Greenberg ♦ Haverford School ♦ Dani Inglander ♦ Sandra Jenkins ♦ Mercy Vocational High School ♦ Darragh Muldoon ♦ Pew Charitable Trusts ♦ Phi Sigma Sigma at Drexel University ♦ Rosemont School of the Holy Child ♦ Bill Shriver ♦ Saint Denis School ♦ Saint Joseph's University ♦ Pat Taylor ♦ Verizon Wireless ♦ Villanova University Campus Ministry ♦ Waldron Mercy Academy ♦ The Werder Family

Winter Holidays:

Patrice and Mark Aitken ♦ Joanne Albus ♦ Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll ♦ Beth Shalom Congregation ♦ Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell ♦ Chuck Boddy ♦ Sharon Boddy ♦ The Bean Café ♦ BPG Properties ♦ Marcia and Jim Cassidy ♦ Christ Church ♦ Citizens Bank ♦ Drexel Hill Middle School ♦ Epiphany of Our Lord Parish ♦ Jennifer Holinsky ♦ Keystone Mercy Health Plan ♦ Diane Giunta Klein ♦ Sandy Kress ♦ Walter Kubiak ♦ David Leider ♦ Angela McCaffery ♦ Charles O'Brien ♦ Kathleen O'Brien ♦ Philadelphia Eagles ♦ Philadelphia Fire Department ♦ The Philadelphia School ♦ Philadelphia Young Nonprofit Leaders ♦ The Plough and the Stars ♦ PNC Bank ♦ Lynda Powers ♦ Reinderz Ink. ♦ Minnie and Ted Robb ♦ Saints Peter & Paul Parish in West Chester ♦ Saint Rose of Lima Parish ♦ Gary and Joy Shugrue ♦ Julie Spahr ♦ Stephanie Strid Davis ♦ Thompson Scientific ♦ University City District ♦ Christina Webber

On behalf of the entire Project H.O.M.E. community, we extend our thanks to **Independence Blue Cross** for their tremendous support of our community health center and health services.

OUR WINTER WISH LIST

- Cleaning supplies: sponges, laundry detergent, dish soap, and disinfectants
- SEPTA tokens
- New twin bed sheet sets, blankets, comforters, and pillows
- New hats, gloves, scarves
- New washcloths and towels
- Toiletries: deodorant, shaving cream, and razors
- New underwear and socks for adults

For health reasons, Project H.O.M.E. cannot accept used linens, toys, or dishes. Please contact Catherine Darin, Development Officer, at 215-232-7272 ext. 3021, or catherinedarin@projecthome.org to donate items.



FRAN EGAN: A WOMAN OF COMPASSION

WE CELEBRATE THE life of Fran Egan, a beloved member of the Project H.O.M.E. community, who died this past Christmas Eve.

Fran was a woman of compassion, and her compassion led her to take action. She always had a special place in her heart for people with special needs and challenges. She began volunteering at Project H.O.M.E. in the early 1990s and became a member of our Board of Trustees. She organized the Ronnie Selzer, Jr. Golf Tournaments which raised critically needed funds for Rowan Homes and our adult learning programs. Even during a period of serious illness, she assisted with development of our Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs.

Fran's accomplishments were many: she was the youngest woman ever elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, where she served five terms; she reorganized the Department of Licenses and Inspection for then-Mayor Ed Rendell; and she served as the spokesperson for SEPTA. She was politically savvy, smart, and transparently honest.

But what we remember most about Fran is the beautiful person she was. Fran was a trusted friend and a wise advisor. She was smart, tenacious, and gracious – a person of integrity and dependability. Fran was willing to fight for something she believed in, and her courage in the face of adversity is legendary. This courage born of faith was present throughout her long battle with cancer. We continue to work relentlessly in her memory to make our city and world a more just and hospitable one for all.

"I have the audacity to believe that people everywhere can have three meals a day for their bodies, education and culture for their minds, and dignity, equality and freedom for their spirits. I believe that what self-centered people have torn down, other-centered people can build up."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

JOIN THE PROJECT H.O.M.E. TEAM AS WE WALK AGAINST HUNGER!

On Saturday, April 8, 2006, the Project H.O.M.E. Team (Team #9) will participate in the Walk Against Hunger, sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger. Money raised by our Team will support food services at Project H.O.M.E. sites and the GPCAH.

For information, contact Timothy Colman, Development Officer, at 215-232-7272 ext. 3058, or timothycolman@projecthome.org.

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Women Empowering Women: A Night of Fusion and Fashion at the Phoenix Salon and Spa

March 7, 2006, 6:00-9:00 pm

Hosted by the Keating Group and Phoenix Salon and Spa
1600 Arch Street, Philadelphia

- ◆ An evening of fashion, food, raffle prizes, and honored speakers celebrating real women, real struggles, real triumphs, and real beauty.
- ◆ Featuring Philadelphia designer Paula Hian's original spring collection, and the acclaimed jewelry of Lagos.
- ◆ Presenting beautiful fashion models from all walks of life including Linda Swain, Eagles coaches' wives Tammy Reid and Lindsay Mornhinweg, formerly homeless Project H.O.M.E. women, and local celebrity guests.
- ◆ A portion of all proceeds from the evening will benefit Project H.O.M.E.



Women, wisdom, and words – a celebration breaking boundaries and bringing women together.

For more information, contact April at the Phoenix Salon and Spa at 267-514-8000 or acarter@keatingnet.com

Businesses with a Mission

These businesses, located at 1515 Fairmount Avenue, provide employment and job training for formerly homeless men and women.

BACK HOME CAFÉ AND CATERING



What do the St. E's Delight, Kate's Club, and the Honickman all have in common? Check out our new lunch menu to find out! For more information on the café or catering, email cateringmanager@projecthome.org or call 215-232-6311.

*Monday – Friday
8:30 am – 2:30 pm*

OUR DAILY THREADS THRIFT SHOP

“Dollar Days” are the first Tuesday and the third Friday of each month.

Call 215-232-6322 or email sarahpulver@projecthome.org to make a donation appointment or receive emails about upcoming sales!

*Monday – Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm*

Photo by Rodney Arianza



A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



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Project H.O.M.E. invites you to

A Celebration of Courage and Commitment

“STANDING ON MY SISTERS’ SHOULDERS”

**A POWERFUL DOCUMENTARY FILM
FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Tuesday, February 7, 6:45 pm
Honickman Learning Center and
Comcast Technology Labs**

As part of Black History Month, Project H.O.M.E. will screen this award-winning documentary that tells the story of Mississippi women who risked their lives in the fight for Civil Rights and emerged as heroines. The film will be followed by a community dialogue on how we can work to build justice in our society today. The filmmaker, Joan Sadoff, will be with us, as well as a panel of prominent local community activists.

“This is a film every American should see and never forget.” – William Ferris, Ph.D., former Chairman, National Endowment for the Humanities

Refreshments will be served.

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