



Project H.O.M.E.'s

Dwelling Place

JUNE 2006

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, ext. 5200

www.projecthome.org

INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Our Kids Are Worth It

IT'S THREE O'CLOCK in the afternoon at Project H.O.M.E.'s Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs, and an explosion of energy is about to occur.

The after school waves of students begin pouring into the building. Over 90 young children, grades K to 6, will go to the activity room for a hot meal before heading up to their classrooms for homework help, followed by structured literacy and technology activities. Dozens more teenagers will arrive soon afterwards. After a nutritious snack, they will launch into open computer labs followed by a variety of digital arts classes and special programs, including digital music, digital video, robotics, journalism, entrepreneurship, college access, and service learning.

Underlying the youthful energy and the state-of-the-art educational and technological facilities are sobering social realities. For many of these kids, the odds are stacked against them. Their families, facing enormous economic stresses, are rarely intact. The local schools are desperately under-resourced and performing poorly. Drugs are an omnipresent lure, and the threat of violence, with shootings occurring almost weekly, hangs over their lives.

These kids are victims of decades of social, economic, and political disinvestment that have left their community a wreck. For most of them, barring extraordinary effort, the future could be bleak.

Over the past few years, Project H.O.M.E. has put a larger portion of our resources toward these children. This might seem a stretch from our original vision of combating homelessness, but in fact it is very much related. Studies of homelessness make it abundantly clear that many of the

persons who become homeless originally come from these same social conditions. Trapped in the mire of poverty and lacking healthy alternatives, many people come into adulthood deeply damaged and wounded.



We refuse to accept the social brokenness that manifests itself in these children's lives, and we are committed to changing it. Our goal is to intervene in these kids' lives early on, em-

powering them to break the cycle of poverty and unleash their gifts and potential. In a sense, it is a very practical, business-like calculation: We can invest in their lives while they are young to equip them to achieve a life of well-being and economic self-sufficiency, or we can invest much more years later, when they need intensive support systems, housing, and services.

AT PROJECT H.O.M.E., we resist the forces that are creating two Americas – forces that relegate some communities to second-class status, minimal resources, and shoddy social systems, while other communities are wealthy and thriving. We insist that the residents of lower North Philadelphia have the right to the same resources that would allow them to flourish in a healthy community. We dare to believe our kids deserve the best. We see in them tremendous potential, as much potential as children from the wealthiest suburbs. They should have as much right to a bright future as any other children in this country. We will not allow their gifts to become the collateral damage of poverty.

The investment is paying off. This month, several of our youth are graduating

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NEW HOMEOWNERS

This past March, Project H.O.M.E. completed one phase of our homeownership program. The Diamond Street initiative is a significant milestone, as it marks the first homeownership development in this community in many decades. Three formerly vacant and blighted blocks are now occupied with nine newly renovated homes. The facades of each home have been restored to their original grandeur and the interiors modernized to meet today's conveniences. Project H.O.M.E. congratulates the new homeowners for their successful participation in our affordable Homeownership Program, which included PNC Bank's Homebuyer's Club, Jewish Employment Vocational Services (JEVS) Home Maintenance and Repair, and the Tierney Home Savings Program. In addition, Project H.O.M.E. thanks our many partners who generously supported this project, and our incredibly talented Development Team that worked to make it a reality.

INCREASING THE PEACE

We have long been aware of the violence that plagues low-income communities in our city. But Project H.O.M.E. was struck by the violence in a very personal way this spring, when a family member of one of our staff was killed. That has prompted us to consider what role we must play in responding to the epidemic of violence. We are in the process of working with community groups to develop a range of anti-violence strategies. We hope to use our resources and our influence to contribute to peace-building in our city streets. We will share more about our anti-violence efforts in the next edition of *Dwelling Place*.



HEALING THE WOUNDS

Many of the children in our neighborhood struggle with pain and loss – including family break-up, economic stresses, drugs and violence. One of our volunteers, Phyllis Strock, is responding to these children's needs with an extraordinary program called the House of Peace and Hope. Through weekly support groups and other activities that take place at our Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs and our Rowan Homes facility, Phyllis seeks to create a safe and healing environment for the children and their families, addressing the wounds of grief, loss, and violence with compassion and mercy. If you want to help with this important and critically needed program, call Phyllis at 215-247-5980.

TELLING THE STORY

Project H.O.M.E. resident Linda Williams, who lives and works at 1515 Fairmount Avenue, was featured on WHY?Y's "Radio Times with Marty Moss-Coane" on May 3. The show highlighted persons who had overcome homelessness. Linda spoke eloquently and passionately about her experience. You can hear Linda by linking on our website at www.projecthome.org.

GREEN HOUSING

Over 100 local architecture students honed their skills in ways that may benefit homeless persons. The 2006 Sustainable Design Competition sponsored by the Delaware Valley Green Building Council solicited designs for models of a Project H.O.M.E. safe haven for homeless men that explore the health, healing, and wellness benefits of sustainable design. The awards ceremony was held on May 3 at the Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs, with the winners going on to national competitions. The process allowed students to learn about homelessness as well as environmentally responsible green design issues.

KUDOS

Project H.O.M.E. extends a warm word of congratulations to Paul Levy, President and CEO of Center City District, who was named winner of the 2005 Philadelphia Award for his leadership in revitalizing Center City. CCD has cooperated with Project H.O.M.E. in developing solutions to homelessness in Center City. Our founder Sister Mary Scullion received the Philadelphia Award in 1991.

KATRINA RELIEF

Thanks to a generous grant from Citizens Bank and LISC, Project H.O.M.E. will be partnering with Philadelphia Health Management Corporation to provide case management, education, training and employment, and emergency assistance to twenty-five of the most at-risk men and women who were evacuated to Philadelphia because of Hurricane Katrina. Through this partnership, we will help these individuals stabilize their lives, secure employment, and save for housing costs.

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from high school and are college-bound, pursuing their dreams. Test scores and school performance are on the increase. Our youth are making significant literacy gains and gaining competence and confidence as users of technology. They are producing their own community newspaper, the *North Philly Metropolis*. Their creative energies are spawning music and award-winning videos. Several are starting small entrepreneurial businesses. Some are involved in organizing anti-violence efforts.

The youthful energy that pours into the Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs at three o'clock in the afternoon is the energy of a mini-social revolution. It's not just report cards improving, it's turning back the tide of social forces of neglect and marginalization.

It's not just a matter of equipping these young people for their future. It's a matter of recognizing that they are our future, and in strengthening their future, we are building a more hopeful future for all of us in this society.

FOUR YEARS AGO,

Dwelling Place readers were introduced to April Gibbs, a bright student then just starting at John W. Hallahan High School for Girls. April is now graduating and is on her way to the University of Swansea-Wales in England. During high school she was actively involved in the African American Club, track and field, Community Service Corp, Spirit Club, chorus, and liturgical ensemble.

April has been with Project H.O.M.E. for the past twelve years, first as a student, then as a staff member in the Seeds of Hope Leadership Academy and K-12 After School Program. She participates in the Teen Program at the Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs, and is on the editorial staff of the *North Philly Metropolis*, the Teen Program newspaper. She is also one of the co-founders of the highly successful Harold A. Honickman Youth Entrepreneurial Program, where she and other teens plan, manage, and finance an outdoor market in Rittenhouse Square.

April has been honored for her many accomplishments. Her team, ARCA Financial, recently won the 2006 Urban League of Philadelphia's Making the Business Youth IT Challenge for their website to teach urban teens to manage

SHINING STARS Celebrating Our Graduates



April Gibbs (left) and Tanisha Hayes from Project H.O.M.E.'s Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs are both graduating high school with honors.

money and debt. They will go on to national competitions in July. April was also the recipient of the AT&T Leadership Consortium, University of the Arts Summer Scholarship, and the Tenacity and Dedication Award from the *North Philly Metropolis*.

Tanisha Hayes, another participant in Project H.O.M.E.'s Teen Program, is also graduating this year from John W. Hallahan High School for Girls and will be attending Gwynedd-Mercy College. She is considering a career in respiratory therapy, nursing, or law. Like

April, Tanisha was involved in video classes at Project H.O.M.E. and was the recipient of the MHz Networks Shortie Award for their excellent work on a film short designed at the Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs. In high school she was involved with student council, yearbook, Community Service Corps, track and field, Pro-life and Chastity, interclass basketball, and a Health Careers Opportunity Program through Gwynedd-Mercy College.

April and Tanisha are both shining stars and role models in the community. We wish them luck in their collegiate careers and the futures they pursue. We are very proud of our graduating seniors!



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CROSSING BRIDGES: Youth Share Their Worlds and Their Skills

IN THE FALL OF 2005, the Episcopal Academy and the Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs launched the Cross Bridge Scholars Program. Four students from the Learning Center and six students from Episcopal Academy were nominated by their teachers to participate in the program. This group of freshmen and sophomores is both co-ed and culturally diverse. As Cross Bridge Scholars, the students discuss issues of race and culture, work on multi-media projects, and publish an online magazine to be shared with high school students regionally and nationally. The ultimate goal of the program is to encourage students in both institutions to broaden their sense of community and build relationships that overcome prejudice.

The inaugural season of the Cross Bridge Scholars

Program has been a memorable one. The group kicked off its efforts in November and had an incredible experience with Urban Outward Bound in December. In January, they ventured out into Philadelphia and its suburbs to capture



Youth from the Cross Bridge Scholars Program come together across race and culture lines to build community and new understandings.

still photos and video for their magazine. The Scholars recently visited the Philadelphia Art Museum in order to examine different perspectives on art and had the opportunity to interview members of Mothers United Against Tragedy, who staged a

memorial there. Students have been diligently writing and recording audio for their online magazine articles, which will debut in June. In this issue, the students are exploring stereotypes. To read the magazine and learn more about the Cross Bridge Scholars Program, go to www.ea1785.org/crossbridgescholars.

LOOKING BACK: ST. ELIZABETH'S RECOVERY RESIDENCE

RECOVERY WAS A part of Project H.O.M.E. from our earliest days. Many of the men in our first emergency winter shelter back in 1989 struggled with severe addictions, and it was abundantly clear that for them, overcoming the cycle of homelessness was impossible without recovery.

In 1991, we hired a staff addictions counselor to work with the residents at our various sites. But we soon recognize a greater need. In 1993, we began planning for a recovery residence to meet the needs of homeless men. We identified the former convent of the St. Elizabeth's parish in lower North Philadelphia, at a time when the parish was closing down. Initially, the building served as temporary housing for men from our Diamond Street transitional residence, which was being renovated. By late 1993, with funding from the City of Philadelphia's Office of Housing and Community Development, ARCO Chemical Company, and the Sisters of Saint Francis, we were able to open the recovery residence.

Before opening the residence, Project H.O.M.E. engaged in extensive dialogue with neighbors. Sister Mary Scullion, our Executive Director, agreed to live at the residence to alleviate some of their concerns. As we got to know our neighbors, they shared with us their vision of needs and possibilities for the community – including an after school program, a ceramics class, and a drill team for the youth. Those relationships planted the seeds of what would eventually become a comprehensive community revitalization program. In effect, we made a commitment to help the neighborhood recover.

The residents themselves helped in the development of the program. Through their hard-earned wisdom, they helped us develop a rigorous and highly structured, multi-leveled program that would provide serious opportunity for recovery.

Currently, the St. Elizabeth's Recovery Residence offers 26 single-room-occupancy units for men who are homeless

and have a substance-use disorder (and in some cases also have a mental illness). Residents receive counseling and comprehensive case management with a focus on mental health/drug and alcohol treatment, education, employment, physical health services, and overall healing. The length of stay varies depending on individual needs although generally ranges from 9 to 12 months, during which time residents participate in groups and meetings at the residence as well as in outpatient treatment.

The program is highly structured and demands that residents are ready and motivated to overcome their addiction. Not infrequently, a homeless man comes into St. E's, who is not ready for recovery – and invariably, he is soon gone. But many others come in and immediately feel a sense of dignity and respect – and they begin the arduous but critical work of the recovery program.

When they fully graduate from the program, the men may move on to one of Project H.O.M.E.'s permanent housing facilities or to their own place.

"St. Elizabeth's meant a new way of life to me," says Anthony Gindraw, a former resident of St. Elizabeth's who now lives independently and works full time at the Back Home Café. "It helped me to build my self-esteem. It gave me motivation to work hard and to be grateful for everyday that I wake up."

St. E's is about to undergo major renovations, after which it will offer six accessible units for persons with impaired mobility and six units equipped for persons with impaired hearing/vision. Also, thanks to generous support from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, St. E's will target homeless veterans in need of recovery. A grant from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency is also helping make renovation of St. E's a reality.



THE MIRACLE OF LIFE

By Richard Bogue

I KNOW HUNGER; I know cold: it's truly a miracle that I survived my homeless years. Of course I've compromised my health but considering how long I was homeless and how rough my street-life was, it's incredible I'm writing this at age 62 in Philadelphia. Recently, Sister Mary Scullion suggested to me I should be thankful every day for the fact that I'm doing well now. Does life mean something, is there a purpose to life, is there a purpose for my life? So many wonderful people have helped me, have been good to me over the years... When I think back to my childhood, to my earlier years, when I recall how sweet certain women were to me, I want to believe life does indeed have a meaning, a purpose; I want to give something in return for what I have been given. At least give thanks, as Sister Mary said.

I have always loved the arts, have always loved learning and knowledge. Surely the great artistic achievements of humanity, the great books, the great buildings, the great music mean something; surely the great scientific discoveries down through the ages mean something; surely when the human race put a man on the moon and then successfully brought him back to Earth, that meant something. And surely my survival of my homeless time means something. I am glad to be alive. The miracle of life.

—Richard Bogue has lived at 1515 Fairmount for six years.

HOUSING JUSTICE

A Campaign for Inclusionary Zoning in Philadelphia

IN AN EFFORT TO INCREASE the availability of affordable homes in Philadelphia, Project H.O.M.E. is joining a new campaign to advocate for inclusionary zoning. The Philadelphia Campaign for Housing Justice is a powerful city-wide alliance of labor, community, faith-based, and housing organizations.

Since 1998, Philadelphia has seen an unprecedented revitalization. The 10-year tax abatement has been a catalyst in the development of high-end housing and a welcomed approach to declining Center City properties. The challenges we face are the declining availability of affordable housing for low-income people and their families. Tens of thousands of Philadelphians struggle to find decent, affordable housing. The City needs 60,000 new units of affordable housing to meet the need for low-income families. Meanwhile, poverty and homelessness are on the rise.

This contradiction between luxury housing construction and lack of affordable housing is dangerous for our city. It can foster greater segregation and social tensions. We must leverage the incredible benefits of the housing boom to benefit low-income and working poor families so



that we can have an economically healthy and vibrant city.

Inclusionary zoning is one approach that has been successfully used to spur the development of affordable housing in hundreds of cities around the country like San Francisco and Boston. An inclusionary zoning ordinance would require builders of market-rate and luxury housing to include a fair percentage of affordable housing units in their development or contribute to a fund dedicated to affordable housing, in exchange for certain incentives, bonuses, and municipal zoning. Such ordinances have helped to create tens of thousands of units of affordable housing and helped generate tens of millions of dollars for affordable housing development.

Inclusionary zoning is an idea whose time has come in Philadelphia. It can ensure that all Philadelphians benefit from the housing boom while fostering fairness, equal opportunity, and broader economic health for the entire community. For more information on the Philadelphia Campaign for Housing Justice, or to get involved, contact Jennine Miller at 215-232-7272, ext. 3042, or jenninemiller@projecthome.org.



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DEMOCRACY IN ACTION! VOTE FOR HOMES 2006



SINCE 1999, Project H.O.M.E. has worked with over 60 local organizations to mobilize voters who are homeless, low-income, or ex-offenders. Once again this year, we will work to make sure that housing, jobs, and services are issues in this election year. We will again be undertaking extensive nonpartisan voter registration, education, and mobilization efforts during this year's election for Pennsylvania Governor and U.S. Senator.

Volunteers are vital to our success. We invite you to join us for a Vote for Homes training - we will be holding several over the course of the summer.

We need your help to make Vote For Homes 2006 a success. For more information or to get involved, contact Jennine Miller at 215-232-7272, ext. 3042, or jenninemiller@projecthome.org.

WE MOBILIZED FOR MENTAL HEALTH MONTH IN MAY!

Project H.O.M.E. joined with the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania to "Rally for Recovery Rights" at City Hall on May 11, 2006. A crowd of hundreds of mental health consumers and their supporters stressed pride and empowerment, while calling for an end to discrimination and stigma. The group also called for a restoration of federal funds for behavioral health programs.





PHENOMENAL FRIENDS



Sister Miriam Murray, OSF (left), Samantha Pintof, Sister Kate O'Donnell, OSF, Sister Joan Schmal, OSF, Sister Mary Beth Antonelli, OSF, Sister Eileen Walsh, OSF, Samantha Mastricolo

Who: The Sisters of Saint Francis

Volunteer since: 1998

Volunteer Position: Monthly Bingo at 1515 Fairmount, financial support

If you happen upon our community space at 1515 Fairmount on a certain Friday of the month, you will find the room full of dozens of energetic residents and volunteers. It's Bingo at Project H.O.M.E., thanks to our good friends, the Sisters of Saint Francis. Without fail, the Sisters facilitate a monthly bingo game, which has become a favorite of residents over the years. Not only do the Sisters bring great enthusiasm for calling numbers, but they also provide a great selection of prizes collected from their home community, as well as delicious snacks.

The Sisters of Saint Francis have been connected with Project H.O.M.E. for many years. The bingo tradition began when Sister Miriam Murray was a caseworker at 1515 Fairmount, and asked residents what activities they might enjoy.

In addition to bringing together many of our residents from various sites, the Sisters provide key financial support to our community. When Project H.O.M.E. was looking to increase our efforts around the issue of affordable housing, the Sisters of Saint Francis provided the seed money for our homeownership program. Through this program, 28 families in North Philadelphia have been able to purchase their first home. The Sisters continue to provide financial support for Project H.O.M.E.'s work to end homelessness. (Another interesting historical connection: Saint Francis Sisters lived in the St. Elizabeth's convent before Project H.O.M.E. renovated it into the Recovery Residence -- see page 4.) For their commitment, energy, and support to the community of Project H.O.M.E., we are grateful to the Sisters of Saint Francis.

BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES

Project H.O.M.E. has been recognized as a national leader in helping people break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. This is only possible because of the vast network of friends and supporters who make this work possible. All of you – from individual donors to foundations to corporations to volunteers – help us bring our mission to life on a daily basis. We are especially thankful for some recent donors who have given generous gifts.

- ◆ Anonymous
- ◆ Citizens Bank
- ◆ Fred and Susan Denenberg
- ◆ Diane and Stephen Klein
- ◆ Local Initiatives Support Corporation
- ◆ Edward Mannino and Antoinette O'Connell
- ◆ Rohm and Haas
- ◆ Sisters of Mercy of Merion
- ◆ Turning Point Foundation
- ◆ William and Susan Wilson

SUPPORTING OUR KIDS

Bright futures for our young people are opened up through the support of many people and organizations. The Cross Bridge Scholars Program (page 3) is made possible through the generosity of the **John C. and Chara C. Haas Charitable Trust**. The Haas have long nurtured a vision of bridging social divides and using resources for a more just and equitable society. April Gibbs, profiled on page 3, is a part of Project H.O.M.E.'s Scholars Program, which has been supported through the generosity of **Joe and Susan Miller** and **Chuck Barris**.

MOTHERS' LOVE

A warm thanks to everyone who gave a **gift of caring this Mother's Day**, and to all of the mothers and women who inspired these gifts. These caring tributes will benefit formerly homeless mothers and families in Project H.O.M.E.'s programs, helping provide them with access to resources that enable them to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty. Special thanks to **The Honickman Foundation** for developing and funding this opportunity.

OUR WISH LIST

- ◆ Bottled water
- ◆ SEPTA tokens
- ◆ New twin bed sheet sets, blankets, comforters, and pillows
- ◆ Toiletries: deodorant and toothpaste
- ◆ New underwear and socks for adults
- ◆ New washcloths and towels

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.



ATTENTION, EMPLOYERS You Can Link to Our Workforce Development Efforts

OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT are critical in breaking the cycle of homelessness or poverty. It's also the "O" in H.O.M.E. To make employment possible, we have many ways that employers can connect with the Project H.O.M.E. community through career fairs, job postings, and employer roundtables.

On Thursday, May 11, Project H.O.M.E. hosted its 2nd Annual Career Fair at the Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs, with over 200 participants and 18 employers. Employers included companies like ARAMARK, Comcast, Temple University, UPS, and Wachovia Bank. Feedback from both employers and participants was very positive. Fifty participants won used computers in a drawing held at the conclusion of the fair. In the weeks leading up to the fair, participants attended workshops which provided resume writing support.

If you are an employer who would like to participate in our workforce development program, contact Jen Doyle, Manager of Adult Learning and Workforce Development, at (215) 235-2900, ext. 6117.

"A healthy social life is found only when in the mirror of each soul the whole community finds its reflection, and when in the whole community the virtue of each one is living."
— Rudolf Steiner



THE BACK HOME CAFE

A Delicious Job Initiative

HELLO FOLKS! This is Adua Sims-Copeland here at the Back H.O.M.E. Café and Catering. It is a pleasure to manage the daily catering and café operations. My specialties include vegetarian and international foods, especially Caribbean, Asian, and Indian – all of which show up as daily specials throughout the week. We have gotten much positive feedback from catering clients, and as a result, our catering business is growing. This month we introduced a new catering menu and a new café menu. We also feature a brand new breakfast menu from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Our new lunch menu features a "cheap eats" section for days when your wallet is a little thin. We look forward to seeing you at the Back H.O.M.E. Café.

OUR DAILY THREADS

A Fashionable Job Initiative

MY NAME IS ILANA BERGMAN, and I am the new manager of Our Daily Threads Thrift Store. At Our Daily Threads, we are blessed with a plentiful supply of designer clothing in good condition and suitable for all occasions. In addition to our already low prices, we have two different special sales that are ongoing throughout the month. Every Tuesday and Wednesday we have Rainbow Promotion Days. On Tuesdays, all items with the colors red, yellow, or orange are half off. Every Wednesday, items with the colors blue, green, or purple are half off. Our most exciting day is Dollar Day – everything in the store is one dollar! Mark your calendars for the first Tuesday and the third and fourth Friday of the month. Our Daily Threads welcomes curious consumers, fashion experts, and all the rest of you looking for a good deal. Come see what's in store.



Join us for the

19th Annual Irish Pub Tour de Shore Bike Ride July 22, 2006



**FROM: Irish Pub, 2007 Walnut Street,
Philadelphia**

**TO: Irish Pub, St. James & Boardwalk,
Atlantic City**

WHAT: A 65-mile bike tour of scenic South Jersey starting in Center City Philadelphia and ending in Atlantic City. Proceeds benefit the K-6 Educational Programs at Project H.O.M.E.'s Honickman Learning Center Comcast Technology Labs. Ride ends with an outdoor patio party with food and drink, music and prizes. Return transportation for bike and rider available.

For information contact Catherine Darin at 215-232-7272, ext. 3021, or catherinedarin@projecthome.org. Or visit our website, www.projecthome.org, and look for the Tour de Shore link.

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

MARRIAGE, KIDS, AND MAKING A WAY OUT OF POVERTY

**Thursday, June 29 - 7:00 p.m.
Kate's Place - 1929 Sansom Street**

How do women living in poor communities view marriage? How do they make choices around marriage and children? Kathryn Edin, a sociologist at the University of Pennsylvania, spent years living with and interviewing low-income women in the Philadelphia and Camden areas. She has some surprising and important answers to these questions, which could have a significant impact on public policy. She will share findings from her controversial book, co-authored with Maria Kefalas, *Promises I Can Keep: Why Poor Women Put Motherhood Before Marriage*. Join us for an evening of lively discussion. We will talk about how we can equip low-income women to make healthy choices for their future.

Co-sponsored by WOMENS WAY and Temple University's Institute for Public Affairs

Space is limited – Please RSVP to Will O'Brien, Special Projects Coordinator, at 215-232-7272, ext. 3047 or willobrien@projecthome.org.

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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