



Project H.O.M.E.'s

Dwelling Place

FEBRUARY 2008

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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RAISING VALUES

TURN BACK THE clock to the early 1990s. Project H.O.M.E. is trying to develop its first permanent housing facility in a wonderful building at 1515 Fairmount Avenue. Most of the key ingredients are falling into place – architectural designs, financing, zoning permits, and federal housing subsidies – until we run into a major obstacle: community opposition. Nearby neighborhood groups oppose the project, challenge our zoning permits, and try to block us in court. Opponents talk about crime and chaos. They fear the presence of active addicts in the neighborhood.

The struggle over 1515 Fairmount was a dramatic and drawn-out episode of a distressingly typical scenario: A nonprofit human services organization wishes to build a residence for persons with special needs, but it is blocked by the NIMBY (“Not In My Back Yard”) syndrome. Community groups talk about security and safety and raise fearful predictions of neighborhood decline. Some concerns are legitimate issues of neighborhood well-being, others are rooted in fear, stereotypes, and ignorance. One inevitable concern in such battles is that property values will be adversely affected by the presence of human services programs.

A recent study commissioned by Project H.O.M.E. offers a startlingly different picture. Earlier this year we asked Econsult, a local firm specializing in high-quality economic research and statistical/econometric analysis, to undertake a study to determine the actual economic impact of our facilities in neighborhoods. The study looked at surrounding housing prices before and after the opening of a Project H.O.M.E. residence or program. It found that immediately after the

facility opened, house values in these neighborhoods were not adversely affected. In subsequent years, house values actually experienced above-market appreciation.

Over a fifteen-year period, while overall city property values have risen an average of five percent, they have risen almost seven percent within a quarter mile of Project H.O.M.E. sites. This rate of appreciation increases both housing wealth to individual residents (+\$31,000 each) and fiscal revenues to fund public services for all city residents (over \$8.5 million).

While an absolute cause-and-effect argument cannot be proven, the correlation

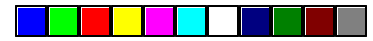
clearly says that the presence of a Project H.O.M.E. facility hurts no one and has been beneficial to surrounding property values, while providing significant fiscal benefits to the city as a whole.

THIS STUDY, WHILE certainly gratifying to us, has far-reaching importance. In the past few years, several quality human services program in Philadelphia have had to cancel development of residences for homeless persons and families due to community opposition. NIMBY obstruction is a deeply frustrating obstacle to making progress in substantially decreasing homelessness in the city.

To be clear, we believe that human services organizations should take community and neighborhood concerns seriously as part of planning for residential facilities. It is crucial to be in dialogue with neighbors, to hear and respond to their concerns, and to work to ensure that a residential service program is well-run and contributes to the quality of life in the neighborhood.

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NEWS FROM H.O.M.E.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Musician and philanthropist Jon Bon Jovi joined the Project H.O.M.E. community on November 26 for the grand opening of 15 new homes for low- to moderate-income and formerly homeless families. The homes are part of our Phase V Homeownership Program which focuses on two blocks of previously deteriorated row houses in North Philadelphia. Thirteen families moved into the brand new homes in time for the holidays, with two more families moving in this year. The homes were made possible in part because of the partnership that Bon Jovi forged between Project H.O.M.E., the Philadelphia Soul Charitable Foundation, and the Saturn Corporation. Special funding allowed us to employ “green building strategies” to make the new homes environmentally friendly. Bon Jovi has demonstrated tremendous leadership in raising the issue of affordable housing, not only in Philadelphia but around the country. “I have lived in this neighborhood for 45 years,” said Helen Brown, Project H.O.M.E.’s Community Organizer and Block Captain. “Never before have I seen so much neighborhood pride and just as important – there is so much hope.”

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As part of our commitment to employment, Project H.O.M.E. hosted its annual Employer Roundtable on November 14 at the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs. The Roundtable links job-seekers with area employers. Over sixty participants learned about available jobs, job requirements, and application procedures from representatives of several companies, including Comcast; NutriSystem; PECO; Philadelphia Fire Department; Temple University; and The Honickman Group (Pepsi Cola & National Brand



Photo by Harvey Finble

Jon Bon Jovi joins with some of the new homeowners at Project H.O.M.E.’s November 26 grand opening of 15 new homes. Along with Bon Jovi are (left to right) Jamie Maffit, Marie Major, Nanette Lisby, and Celestine Richardson.

Beverages LTD., Beverage Distribution Center, Inc., Canada Dry Delaware Valley Bottling Co.).

Meanwhile, Project H.O.M.E. is again partnering with Comcast Corporation and the Urban League of Philadelphia to offer free customer-service training and job placement assistance. The six-week program will include stipends for participants. Past graduates of the program are employed at companies like GSK, PGW, and Comcast.

CHANGING THE WORLD

We were honored that Bill Clinton featured Project H.O.M.E. in his recent book *Giving: How Each of Us Can Change the World* (Knopf, 2007). “What makes Project H.O.M.E. work,” writes the former President, “is the intense person-to-person involvement with those who want to change their lives.” The book also gives our website in its resource guide.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Project H.O.M.E., in cooperation with Philadelphia Safe and Sound and the Children’s Commission, hosted a community conversation, “And How Are the Children?” on December 10. Nearly 100 community residents came together at the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs to discuss the findings of PSS’s *Community Report Card*, which

analyzed a range of issues related to the health, safety, and well-being of children and families in the neighborhood. You can read the *Report Card* at our website www.projecthome.org.

LIVING ART

Several residents of Project H.O.M.E.’s Kate’s Place took part in a remarkable collaborative arts experience over several months last year. They

helped to design and construct a “kinetic sculpture” which would convey an issue related to community. Bradley N. Litwin, a sculptor of kinetic automata, was the originator mentor/artist of the project. The finished piece, entitled “Conflict,” was unveiled at a December 19 gala reception at the Philadelphia Art Alliance, a partner in the project along with PNC Bank.

KUDOS

Our co-founders **Sister Mary Scullion** and **Joan McConnon** were named among the 75 Greatest Living Philadelphians, in a special honor presented by Dunkin’ Donuts and the Philadelphia Eagles, in commemoration of the Eagles’ 75th anniversary. ... **Dwayne Wharton**, our Director of Residential and Homeless Programs, was the recipient of the 2007 Young Urban Leader Award from the Urban League of Philadelphia. ... **Jerry Strid**, an emeritus member of our Board of Trustees and an intrepid volunteer, was named Volunteer of the Year as part of the Community Leadership Awards event sponsored by the Invest in Others Charitable Foundation and *Investment News*. ... Our Director of Development and Public Relations **Amanda Aronoff** was featured in the October 2007 issue of *Fundraising Success*, talking about the work of Project H.O.M.E. and the issue of homelessness.





A CUP OF PROGRESS

A NEW INTERNET CAFE WILL PROVIDE JOBS AND HOPE -- AND DELICIOUS PRODUCTS

IN A FEW WEEKS, Project H.O.M.E. will open our newest program – our latest creative partnership to end homelessness and poverty.

The H.O.M.E. Page Café is set to open in early March. The Café will be an elegant, fully internet-wired coffee bar at the main branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia at 1901 Vine Street in Center City. The Café will further our mission of empowering both adults and teens through exciting new employment opportunities.

The vision for the Café grew out of a successful partnership with the Free Library that began more than a year ago, when we began to employ formerly homeless adults as Library restroom attendants. As part of an extensive renovation project, the Library decided to include a café, like those in bookstores, to upgrade its image with a more modern environment. Given the success of the restroom program, it was a natural fit for the Library to ask Project H.O.M.E. to open the Café. Always looking for new ways to provide opportunities for residents, we accepted the challenge.

Several supporters, new and old, have made the project possible. Lynne and Harold Honickman assisted with design

and planning and connected us with Starbucks, who will lend us equipment and provide training for managers and employees. Metropolitan Bakery, known for exceptional

customer service and artisan pastries, will providing training in its bakeries and product knowledge.

A Project H.O.M.E. Job Coach and our Occupational Services staff will work with our residents and youth to ensure their success as employees of the H.O.M.E. Page Café and help them achieve their long-term em-

ployment goals. In addition, some of the gifted teenagers who participate in our Harold A. Honickman Young Entrepreneur Program will wield their budding small-business skills by selling their goods through the Café. Fifteen residents and teens will work as Café hosts.

The H.O.M.E. Page Café will be located in the west corridor off the main lobby, offering coffee drinks and baked goods as well as sandwiches and salads from the Back Home Café (located at 1515 Fairmount Avenue). Café hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday (in the future these hours may expand to include special Library events).



SHARING THE HOPE AND STRENGTH



I AM A RECOVERING ADDICT.

Over a period of time my life went on a downward spiral. Not long ago, I had a job that I enjoyed. But I started socializing with the wrong people and had too much idle time. That was the beginning of my addiction. In a blink of an eye, I was hooked. My job and my way of living were slipping away from me—until they were gone.

For years I was living from day to day. I was told about places where I could go for help, but I was in complete denial about my addiction. I believed that if I started on my own, then I could stop at anytime on my own. How truly wrong I was!

After a stern talking to from a sibling, I was forced to seek treatment. I learned about Project H.O.M.E. When I walked through the doors of 1515 Fairmount Avenue, little did I know that my life was about to take a major change.

For sixteen months I resided at Saint Elizabeth's Recovery Residence, where my healing process began. I now have two years clean—even though I was the one who thought recovery wasn't possible.

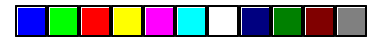
Many doors were opened for me. I took training classes in Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation. I also attended CRP and computer classes. When I reached a certain level in my recovery I was able to seek employ-

ment. With the help and support from Project H.O.M.E.'s Occupational Services staff, I was on the way toward my goal of finding a job. As long as I applied the footwork, the staff didn't give up on me.

For six months I filled out many applications, went on countless interviews, but nothing came of it. I became discouraged. I thought I was living my addiction all over again, because nothing was working out for me. All I had to do was be patient and keep doing all that was required in order to obtain a job. For a period, I worked at Our Daily Threads thrift store at 1515 Fairmount Avenue. Finally a position opened up for me as a Desk Attendant at a local university. I'm able to take any classes I wish for free, and if I'm still working there when it's time for my daughter to attend college, she can go for free as well. I also work some hours with Project H.O.M.E. as an on-call receptionist at Kate's Place and St. Elizabeth's.

The staff at Project H.O.M.E. didn't give up on me, and that gave me the strength to believe in myself. Now, my goals are to stay in touch with persons who are in recovery and the ones who want to recover, so I can share the hope and strength that was shared with me.

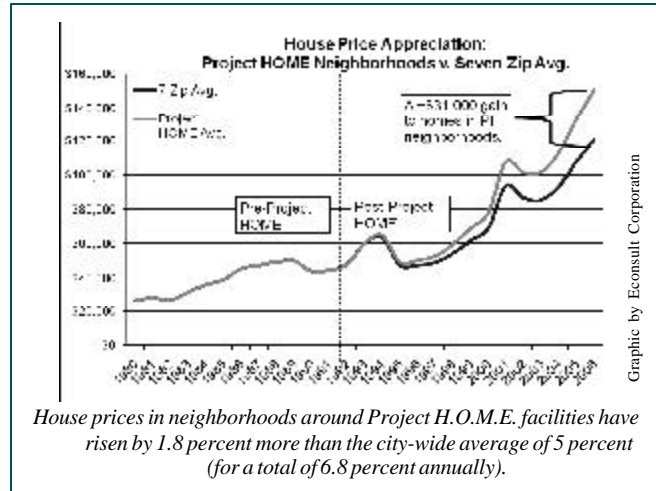
— Eric Milburn is a resident of Project H.O.M.E.'s Hope Haven Residence, who shared these remarks at our annual Occupational Services Resident Recognition Event



RAISING VALUES *(continued from page 1)*

If we are serious about solving homelessness in Philadelphia, we need strategies to counteract the inevitable cases of community opposition. We will need the leadership of Mayor Nutter and the cooperation of City Council, as well as advocacy by civic and religious groups. We also need some truth-telling to counter fears and misinformation. This report on property values can help tremendously by demonstrating that programs for homeless persons can have an economically beneficial impact on neighborhoods.

Project H.O.M.E. is committed to being a good neighbor in whatever community we locate. We fervently believe that working to end homelessness and poverty enhances the quality of life for everyone in our city – now, we even have some empirical data to prove we are right. That’s good news for us – and for all of Philadelphia.



To read both the full the Econsult report, as well as articles from both the Philadelphia Inquirer and the Philadelphia Business Journal, go to www.projecthome.org.



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Living For the Miracles

WHY WE MUST CONTINUE IN OUR MISSION TO SAVE THOSE ON THE STREETS

By Sam Santiago

I LOVE MY JOB as an outreach worker. It sometimes brings tears of sadness but once in a while it fills you with tears of joy. As tough as it can be working with our brothers and sisters who live on the streets and in our shelters, you never know what miracles may occur.

A few weeks ago I was with Nina and Mike, two filmmakers who are filming a documentary on homeless veterans. We went to meet a man I knew on the streets named Robert, who stayed around 6th and Chestnut Streets. We hoped to interview him and gain some understanding as to why he is living on the streets.

After the interview, Nina had Robert sign a release form for the film. When he signed the release, they were startled to see Robert’s last name. A few weeks earlier, Mike had visited his mother in her nursing home, and told her about the film project on homeless veterans. A woman walking by overheard the conversation and interrupted to say that her

brother is a veteran who is homeless; she had been looking for him for eight years but feared he might be dead. She gave Mike her brother’s name and asked that if he came across him, would he call her and let her know.

Looking at the release form, we realized that Robert was this woman’s brother. Nina and Mike called her, and she shed tears of happiness. The brother she thought was dead was actually alive. Mike and Nina began planning to reunite this brother and sister the very next day.

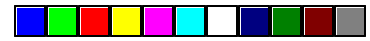
What are the odds, I thought — one in a million! We must continue in our mission to save those who are on our streets, because any man or woman out there might just be the next one in a million.

— Sam Santiago has been an outreach worker with Project H.O.M.E.’s Outreach Coordination Center for more than eight years.

IN THE NEWS

- The *Philadelphia Inquirer* covered Project H.O.M.E.’s partnership with the Free Library of Philadelphia for the restroom attendant and café initiatives (see page 3).
- Project H.O.M.E. was featured on a recent CNN “Heroes” segment featuring Jon Bon Jovi.
- Project H.O.M.E.’s co-founders Sister Mary Scullion and Joan McConnon were featured along with Jon Bon Jovi on the December cover of *Philadelphia Magazine*, which focused on “The Good Generation.”

You can read all these items on our website at www.projecthome.org/news.



REMEMBER, HOPE, HEAL

By DAINETTE MINTZ

I WELCOME YOU to this year's Homeless Memorial Day and ask all of you to:

Remember – the lives and struggles of homeless men, women, and children who died this year in our city;

Hope – and work for the day when poverty is eliminated and collaboration and dedication yield abundant housing, services, and treatment opportunities for those in need;

Heal – the pain of loss with a renewed commitment to end homelessness in Philadelphia.

For too many, the sight of someone sleeping on the street or in a makeshift encampment is simply the backdrop of the urban landscape. In truth, it is an indication that we as a community have not yet found the right intervention.

Those who have died this year were many and varied. We have lost over 70 of our brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, parents, and honored veterans. They died, not only on the street or in shelter, but some in their own homes, with dignity and peace. Those we serve defy stereotypes and expectations everyday – they enter treatment, they get jobs, they leave street life for a home. Their success and courage give us hope. Still, we must remain true to our joint mission with the belief that we can eliminate chronic homelessness. Imagine a country that measures its national character, not by how it treats those with the most, but instead how it serves those with the least.

We must remind our neighbors – our community – that to truly strengthen our city, we must have the courage to advocate for safe and dignified homes for all. We must not allow those whom we have lost to become the forgotten faces of an urban existence. On this day and as winter arrives – let us resolve to mourn, remember, and not abandon hope. On this day – let us renew our pursuit of the day when there is a permanent alternative to that of sleeping on the street.

— Dainette M. Mintz is the Acting Director of the City of Philadelphia's Office of Supportive Housing. She shared these remarks on December 20, at Philadelphia's Homeless Memorial Day.



Photo by Harvey Finkle

Hundreds of Philadelphians gathered at City Hall on December 20 to honor the lives of homeless people who died in 2007 and to recommit themselves to working to end homelessness.

THE POWER OF THE VOTE

Despite a cold rain, the **Vote for Homes!** Coalition drew a large crowd at its October 25 rally. The two Mayoral candidates, Michael Nutter and Al Taubenberger, addressed the crowd, outlining their plans for addressing homelessness. We are now working with Mayor Nutter to develop effective policies to make progress in ending homelessness in Philadelphia.



Photo by Whitfield Van Cott



Photo by Harvey Finkle

A VICTORY FOR INCLUSIONARY HOUSING!

WHEN THE IDEA was first proposed, most people felt it could never happen. But after a two-year campaign, Inclusionary Housing (IH) is a reality in Philadelphia. The new IH policy will require developers of high-priced housing units to also build affordable units or contribute to Philadelphia's Housing Trust Fund. As a member of the Philadelphia Campaign for Housing Justice steering committee, Project H.O.M.E. worked with Councilman Darrell Clarke to forge IH legislation that would serve multiple levels of need. The coalition successfully advocated to include the lowest income Philadelphians. Half of the new units serve people making an average of about \$28,000 per year. The balance of the units and also the Housing Trust Fund resources will reach households up to \$90,000 annually.

The law was passed in December and signed by then-Mayor Street on January 3. One more piece of legislation needs to be passed in order to make the bill law: a companion bill to provide incentives for developers to help offset some of the costs of building affordable units. We are working with Councilman Clarke to finalize this bill.

For more information about the Philadelphia Campaign for Housing Justice or Philadelphia's IH legislation, contact Jennine Miller, Project H.O.M.E.'s Coordinator of Education and Advocacy, at 215-232-7272, ext. 3042, or jenninemiller@projecthome.org.





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AN OUTPOURING OF SPIRIT

WE GIVE THANKS FOR the tremendous generosity and commitment of so many remarkable friends and supporters this past holiday season. We thank all the generous donors and volunteers who enhanced the Thanksgiving and winter holidays with shared gifts, meals, time, and talents for the Project H.O.M.E. community.

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PROJECT H.O.M.E. DISCOVERS UGANDA'S FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

Thursday, April 3, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.

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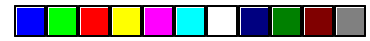
Contact Callie Lytton, Manager of Annual Giving, at 215-232-7272, ext. 3045 or visit our website to purchase tickets.

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- Toiletries (especially deodorant)
- New or gently used blankets
- New twin bed sheets
- Towels and washcloths
- Large cans of ground coffee, plus sugar, creamer, and tea bags
- Large cans of condensed soup
- Bulk Saltine crackers, oatmeal, and granola bars
- Snacks in large quantities
- Men's and women's larger sized new underwear

For information or to schedule a time to deliver items, please contact Lindsey Giblin, Development Associate, at 215-232-7272, ext. 3058, or lindseygiblin@projecthome.org.

During the winter, we also need new or gently used casual clothing in larger sizes: jeans, sweaters, T-shirts. To drop off these items, please contact JaNet Prather at 215-232-7272, ext. 3028.



Together to Provide Solutions to Homelessness



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A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

ON NOVEMBER 1, Project H.O.M.E.'s Young Friends Committee — a group of 56 young Philadelphia leaders from the private and public sectors — hosted a fundraising event attended by almost 300 people and which raised over \$40,000 to benefit Project H.O.M.E. A special thanks to our emcee of the night, WMMR DJ Pierre Robert, our wonderful committee, and our generous sponsors:

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Project H.O.M.E.'s K-6 Program at the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs was thrilled to be selected as the beneficiary of the **Center City Barnes & Nobles Holiday Book Drive**. Hundreds of books were collected during the holidays and delivered in January. Many thanks to Barnes & Nobles and the scores of shoppers who made this generous contribution possible!



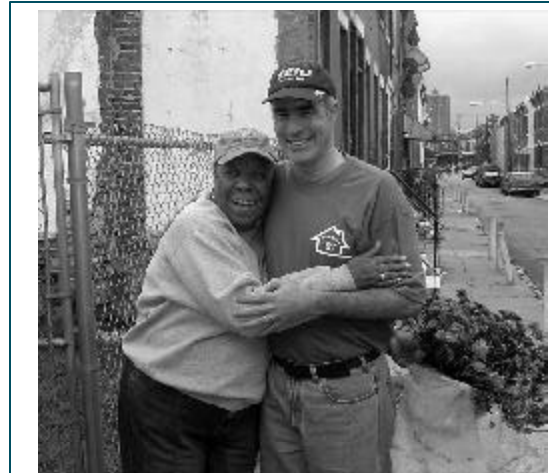
Last November, the National Liberty Museum honored two long-time friends and supporters of Project H.O.M.E. as 2007 "Heroes of Liberty" Award recipients. **William Avery**, former CEO of Crown, Cork & Seal; and **Charles Kahn** of Kahn & Company.



We are deeply saddened by the sudden passing of **Eleanor Daly** on December 9. Eleanor's dedication as an advocate for people with mental illness and those who were homeless is truly legendary, most recently through her role as Director for Advocacy and Housing at the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania.



We mourn the recent passing of **Dr. Ralph S. Sando**, a long-time friend and supporter of Project H.O.M.E. He was one of the region's leading ophthalmologist and a truly compassionate man who will be missed.



In October, Senator Bob Casey (above, with our Community Organizer Helen Brown) brought his staff to volunteer and spend the day with us, painting, helping with outreach and residential activities, and learning about our work.

NEVER TOO BUSY TO CARE

Project H.O.M.E. Volunteer Coordinator Erin O'Brien challenged readers of the Philadelphia Daily News in a December 27 op-ed, excerpted below:

EVERY NEW YEAR'S EVE, we resolve to better ourselves in some way. We promise that we'll eat better, or use our gym membership. Most of the time, our commitments last for about a month, at which point we realize we're just too busy to follow through with our lofty goals. So this year I would like to offer a New Year's resolution of a different kind, a resolution that I hope all young adults in Philadelphia will take to heart. Resolve to volunteer in 2008.

Yes, we're all busy, but the crisis of homelessness won't wait for us to find some time. Homelessness is rising on both a local and national level, and it is up to the current generation of young adults to take on this issue and help ensure that everyone in this city has a safe, affordable place to call home.

I frequently meet with amazingly talented and dedicated volunteers. I am always inspired by the ways in which volunteering shapes and changes their lives. Recently a young volunteer shared with me the empowerment he witnesses from the teen he mentors, who is working hard to get into college. Another shared a conversation she had with a woman at one of our entry-level residences, which opened her eyes to how similar their life experiences have been. These moments can occur from spending just one afternoon every week, or every month, volunteering your time and talents.

You may find that it's the most inspiring resolution you've ever made.

If you want to volunteer at Project H.O.M.E., contact Erin at 215-232-7272, ext. 3015, or erinobrien@projecthome.org.



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