



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.

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THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE

THE SEPTA DRIVER who greets you as you step on the bus on your way to work.

The woman who wishes you a good day as she hands you your drink at the coffee shop. The worker who gives your children a good-morning hug as you drop them off at the daycare center. The uniformed street cleaner who smiles at you as you pass him while he is picking up litter along the Center City streets.

Ordinary folks doing their job, helping the economy chug along and the city function as they make a living. We might hardly notice them. And we might not realize the hope they represent for our city and our nation.

They were once homeless. Like thousands of others in our community, they have experienced life on the streets or in shelters – but now they are working, succeeding, and contributing to society. They are everywhere – contractors, social workers, teachers, short-order cooks – and the traces of their past are invisible. But their stories are powerful and important for all of us to hear.

Our images of homelessness are understandably harsh and painful: The mentally ill man on the streets, disheveled and disoriented. The young mother with her children in an overcrowded shelter, fearful for her family's future. Those who have known homelessness have often been in the grip of desperation and hopelessness. In many cases they have spent years in and out of under-resourced and inadequate programs. The larger community has often looked on

the issue of homelessness with frustration at the seeming intractability of the problem.

We are tempted to resort to futile and counterproductive policies like policing persons off the streets.

But in fact we need to learn from those persons who have experienced such remarkable transformation in their lives. They are living testimonies to the resilience and power of the human spirit. They also bear witness to what is possible when persons make choices to change their lives, and when we

bring together vision, know-how, and resources to solve daunting problems.

THIS IS, OF COURSE, a political season, and politics has been defined as the art of the possible. In approaching homelessness, we certainly need a clear understanding of the problem, with all its painful and challenging complexities. But we also need to develop that spirit of envisioning and reaching for the possible.

Fortunately, we don't have to dream up the possible. We know it, we've seen it. Thousands of formerly homeless men and women demonstrate that with decent housing, well-designed programs, and the right resources – including federal and other public investment – lives are transformed. With a commitment from nonprofits, private citizens and organizations, working with government, a community can develop solutions to a problem once thought unsolvable.

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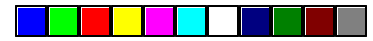


*When we truly look,
we see transformation
all around us.*

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THE ART OF THE POSSIBLE *(continued from page 1)*

The crisis of poverty is only made worse by our poverty of vision. When we fail to see what is possible, we fail to act. But when we see and act on what is possible, we can make tremendous strides.

One important truth we need to see right now is that it is less expensive to end homelessness than it is to let it fester. At Project H.O.M.E., we believe that reaching out to sisters and brothers in distress is a matter of fundamental moral conscience. Our own humanity is diminished when our sisters and brothers are left to suffer. But it is also a very concrete matter of social ramifications. If we let hundreds of homeless persons languish on our downtown streets, it does have a tangibly negative impact on commerce and tourism. If we do not invest in effective permanent supportive housing to help people with special needs, we will spend millions of dollars on emergency rooms, police and court costs, endless rounds of detox and psychiatric hospitalizations. We can develop affordable housing and economic supports to help homeless families move toward self-sufficiency, or we can waste money as families remain year after year in dead-end shelters. We can allow our under-funded inner-city schools to continue to fail – thereby condemning our children to yet another cycle of poverty, and at the same time losing a generation of our much-needed engineers, teachers, doctors, urban planners, and scientists.

We cannot allow ourselves to say that homelessness and poverty are too expensive to fix. Rather, they are too expensive not to fix. One way or another, we are paying for them – in human lives and in social resources. Our cities can

never fully flourish, our economies can never be truly vibrant, our civic health is never truly stable, when we allow so many of our fellow citizens to suffer.

MANY OF US from Project H.O.M.E. attended the September 22 *Vote For Homes!* rally at Love Park in Center City (see page 5). After the rally, as we were preparing to head

back to the office, a man began ranting and wildly gesticulating near the stage where the rally had just taken place. He was unkempt, dirty, and clearly suffered from mental illness.

His presence was a poignant reminder of why we were there. As we called on the presidential candidates

for meaningful policies, commitments, and adequate resources for housing, jobs, and services, this man was a brother, a fellow American, whose current plight was nothing less than a litmus test of the kind of society we could be.

Many of our residents were once in his situation: on the streets, severely ill, and profoundly vulnerable. But if you looked at him with a compassionate vision, you saw what was possible: He could regain health and stability. He could pursue education and express his gifts. He could work and contribute. He could live with decency and dignity, at home.

We could look at him and believe he is beyond help. We could abandon him because other social matters are more pressing. Or we can do what we know is possible: reach out to him with love and care and bring him into a situation of decent housing and supports so that his life can be transformed, as have the lives of thousands already. And in so doing, we too are transformed, and so is our community.



“The crisis of poverty is only made worse by our poverty of vision.”



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THE COURAGE TO ASK FOR HELP

One of the prevailing myths about homelessness is that some persons on the streets will never come in and receive services. Such a notion can lead to recommendations that police are sometimes needed to remove homeless persons. William Sanders spent years on the street, battling alcoholism as well as health and legal problems. For two years he was a frequent guest at Project H.O.M.E.’s Grace Café, an overnight drop-in center for chronically homeless persons during the winter months.

BASICALLY I WAS homeless since 1989—when I wasn’t in jail. I knew about Project H.O.M.E., and I felt that if I really needed help, I could go to Project H.O.M.E. to get the help that I needed. I just had to be ready to accept the help.

The outreach workers got to know me. Sam and Gail and a few others knew exactly where to find me. We struck up a semi-friendship. They would always stop and check on me. That meant a lot to me.

Finally, I got tired of living the way I was living. I knew there was a better way. I needed to find the courage to ask someone for help. I had been seeing a lot of guys dying out there that didn’t have to. A lot of them were drinking and taking medication. I was using, but I wasn’t taking my medication. I knew I had to do something.

I had been coming to the Grace Café. Sam would take me there from time to time to get something to eat. It was April 11, 2007, and I told Sr. Mary I was ready. She made a phone call, and they said they had a room for me at St. E’s [Project H.O.M.E.’s St. Elizabeth’s Recovery Residence]. I went that day. While I was there, I learned to surrender and accept that I had a disease. I got involved in the programs, and I’ve just kept it going.

Today I’m paying rent for my own apartment in the Northeast. I still have a program and go to group therapy every week. I’m involved in NA, in my home group. Today I can take direction from other people without having an attitude about it. Right now I’m dealing with health problems that went haywire when I was on the street.



William Sanders gets ready for a Vote For Homes! rally in October 2007.



News from H.O.M.E.

YOUNG WINNERS

Some young friends of Project H.O.M.E. were recently honored for their contribution to the community. A group of students from Green Tree School, which serves children with autism and special needs, took the initiative to start their own soup business and donated proceeds to our Women of Change residence. For their efforts, they were among the winners of the 2008 Commerce Bank Young Heroes Award from the National Liberty Museum. "The students hope to continue working with Women of Change," said Monica Montgomery, Green Tree's Director of Public Relations. "This gave the students an up-close look at homelessness, and the women were very gracious."

STOMPING TO VICTORY

Project H.O.M.E.'s youth drill team, the North Philly Footstompers, keeps racking up the trophies. Their latest accomplishment: first place in the World Drill-A-Rama Competition in Detroit in August. Congratulations

to our talented young people and to their director, Helen Brown. And thanks to the Footstompers' co-sponsors: PNC Bank, Penn Stainless Products Inc., and Canada Dry Delaware Valley Bottling Company.

MOVING ONWARD, UPWARD

Speaking of talented young people, we are very proud of several of our young people—residents of Rowan Homes or participants in our Teen Program—who are now in their first year of college: Kendra Crawley is attending Penn State-Abington, Tanisha Clanton is at Albright College, Jovone Fisher is starting out at Morgan State University, and Fatimah Thomas is a student at Shippensburg University. Another neighborhood youth, Tierra Robinson, is starting at West Chester University. Congratulations and best of luck to all of them!

GREAT CONNECTOR

Laura Weinbaum, Project H.O.M.E.'s Director of Public Policy, was named one of the area's Next

Generation Connectors and will participate over the next year in the Greater Philadelphia Leadership Exchange. The program's goal is to develop leaders of business, civic, and government organizations into visionaries dedicated to making Greater Philadelphia a world class region.

VIVE LE CINEMA!

A. Dionne Stallworth, a resident of Project H.O.M.E.'s In Community program, is also one of our leading cultural mavens. In September, she and fellow residents hosted the first annual Cinema Festivale—a twelve-hour marathon featuring a wide variety of films, from classics to contemporary. They were shown on a donated HD flat-screen plasma TV with theater-quality sound. The festival also included trivia contests, prizes, and refreshments, as well as opening cartoons and previews. "We strive to create the total theater experience from start to finish," Dionne said. Meanwhile, the regular Tuesday night Community Night at the Movies is continuing.



STREET EDUCATION

Bridging the Gaps Provides Extra Support for OCC and Those on the Streets

THIS PAST SUMMER, Project H.O.M.E.'s Outreach Coordination Center benefited tremendously from a partnership with Bridging the Gaps (BTG), a program that provides healthcare and social-service students with the opportunity to work with and learn about underserved and economically disadvantaged populations. (See page 4 for information about the BTG students at the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Lab.) Two remarkable Temple students, Andy Newcomer (School of Medicine) and Hayley Di Giacinto (Department of Nursing), worked with OCC through BTG, assisting with street outreach, interviewing community contacts and service providers, and conducting health education workshops.

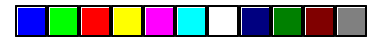
For example, Andy and Haley discovered, in addition to health concerns which are also seen in the older housed population (hypertension, diabetes, age-related dementia, etc.), that a major, unique health concern in the older homeless population is edema (swelling) in the feet. This problem is directly related to the fact that many older homeless individuals are not allowed to recline on park benches when they sleep. Sleeping upright causes fluid to build up in their feet, and the complications from this often lead to decreased mobility which can have a huge impact on their overall health and well-being. The work Andy and Haley did is currently being turned into a paper which will attempt to correct some of the communication barriers between all those who serve older homeless people.

"Philadelphia feels like a different city to me after my work with Project H.O.M.E. and Bridging the Gaps," Andy said of his experience. "What this program has given me is the confidence to walk into new neighborhoods and talk to people on the streets and to do so with a humility informed by a personal desire to learn as much as I can about how to help improve the way the city cares for vulnerable people."

For more information about Bridging the Gaps, see www.med.upenn.edu/btg.



BTG students Andy Newcomer and Hayley Di Giacinto (left) are pictured with (left to right) Beth Lewis, OCC Program Director; Sarah Erdo, OCC Program Supervisor; and Julia Galetti, 1515 Fairmount resident.



THE VILLAGE IN ACTION

AS THEY SAY, it takes a village to raise a child.

Project H.O.M.E. seeks to be a catalyst in nurturing a village of care and support in the neighborhood where we do our community development work. Because of the economic vulnerability of this neighborhood and the paucity of quality educational opportunities, many of the youth are especially at risk. That's why we offer a range of programs at Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs catering to both teens and younger children. But we can't do it alone.

This past summer, we were blessed with some remarkable partnerships that greatly enhanced our work with neighborhood children. One such partner was Gwynedd Mercy College, who brought its Summer Reading Program to assist the Learning Center's K-6 and Teen programs. Over several weeks, each of the Reading Specialist Practicum students paired with one of our children for intensive individualized reading support, which also included working with families and HLC teachers. The result was marked improvement in reading skills and excitement all around at the success of the program. We are already looking forward to next summer.

Another fruitful partnership was with Drexel University's *iSchool*, which brought on-site a three-day course in which our teens learned introductory programming skills that enabled them to create their own video games and animations. Because such technology skills are so valuable, we hope to build on this collaboration during the academic year.

In addition, fourteen of our students participated in a paid project-based learning experience through Temple University Voices and Philadelphia Youth Network, which focused on building awareness of their North Philadelphia neighborhood and expressing their identity. Our K-6 and Teen programs also benefited from some incredible and dedicated Temple University health science students who were part of the Bridging the Gaps program.

One of our most significant new partnerships is with our friends John and Sheila Connors. Through their generosity, they created a Youth Employment Program which provides paid summer and school-year internships. This summer was a modest beginning. Several of our youth were provided with internships, mostly at Project H.O.M.E. Others interned at companies who work with us, including Tierney Communications, Stockton Real Estate Advisors, and Sage Communications. We are grateful to the Connors and to all these companies for their invaluable support of our young people. We foresee the program growing and providing critical skills and important opportunities for many of our teens. You will be hearing more about the Connors Youth Employment Program in future editions of the *Dwelling Place*.

As we work with these wonderful partners, we are opening up brighter futures for many of our talented young men and women – and thereby planting seeds of a healthier society for all of us.

Several Exciting Partnerships Help Us Open New Futures For Our Young People



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FIXING WHAT'S BROKEN BY IMANI COOK

Imani Cook is a participant in our Teen Program at the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs and a seventh-grader at Blair School. This essay was awarded our Best Essay Award this past summer. It's written for her grandfather, Tony Reid.

MANY PEOPLE HAVE different opinions about the world today. A lot of people don't care about the community, but there's one person I know for a fact that loves this community and doesn't just help for the community. He's a block captain, a volunteer, and a grandfather. My grandfather!

My grandfather cares about this community so much he takes the time out of his life just to fix the things that become hurt or broken in his community. When something is broken, he fixes it. When someone needs help, he's there. When someone needs to get the word around, they ask him. (He's extremely good for that.) He gets things done and makes sure it stays that way.

As a block captain he's one of a kind. He's caring and thoughtful and cares for the kids and gives them a play street twice a day. He even built a golf course in his backyard for everyone to play on. He plans special events for the community and as a reward everyone repays him with all the thank you's in the world.

As a grandfather he's a ten. He loves and cherishes all of us. He cares for us. He listens to us. He takes our advice and sometimes agrees with it.

My grandfather is truly a role model for young men. They say so themselves and really mean it. My grandfather is one in a million, and I wouldn't change that for anything in the world!!!

COST OF LIVING ON THE RISE IN PHILADELPHIA

IT'S GETTING MORE expensive to get by in Philadelphia. That's the finding of a new report from PathWaysPA, the *2008 Self-Sufficiency Standard for Pennsylvania*,

which measures the income a family requires to meet its basic needs without public or private assistance. The report found that in Philadelphia, a family of four (two adults, one pre-schooler and one school-age child) must make \$53,611 annually to sustain itself, and a family of two (one parent and one pre-schooler) needs to take in \$36,208 a year. Both standards far exceed the Federal Poverty Level. PathWaysPA is one of the region's foremost providers of residential and community-based services with a focus on serving women, teens and children. To read the full report, go to www.pathwayspa.org/Self-Sufficiency%20Standard.pdf.





“SENATOR MCCAIN, SENATOR OBAMA—ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION?”

HUNDREDS MARCH, RALLY TO MAKE HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY ISSUES IN THE ELECTION

HUNDREDS OF HOMELESS and low-income Philadelphians, along with supporters and allies, marched and rallied on September 22 to call on the presidential candidates to address issues of homelessness and poverty. With messages like, “You Want the White House, We Want Any House!” participants urged Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama not to turn a blind eye to millions of Americans who struggle with severe poverty, homelessness, disability, and other issues. “The issues we are addressing today—affordable housing, living-wage jobs, access to education, health care, and social services—are not special-interest issues; they affect all American,” said Sister Mary Scullion of Project H.O.M.E., one of the speakers. Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter was also on hand, stating that Philadelphia needs a strong federal partnership to help solve serious urban crises. The event was organized by the nonpartisan *Vote For Homes!* coalition, under Project H.O.M.E.’s leadership.

A remarkable short video of the march and rally can be viewed at www.voteforhomes.org.

HELP GET OUT THE VOTE!

Vote For Homes! will be training volunteers to mobilize voters on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4. We need a committed crew of volunteers to help us get homeless and low-income voters to the polls!



Upcoming Trainings: Sun., Oct. 19, 3:00-5:00 p.m.;
Tues., Oct. 21, 6-8 p.m.; Thurs., Oct. 23, 3-5 p.m.;
Thurs. Oct. 30, 6-8 p.m., 1515 Fairmount Avenue.
Call 215-232-7272, ext. 3106, or email
salishollis@projecthome.org to register.



Hundreds of marchers arrive at Love Park bringing the message of housing, jobs, and services (above). Below, Project H.O.M.E.’s S. Mary Scullion addresses the crowd.

Photos by Kate Housloun



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LET THE CANDIDATES HEAR FROM YOU!

IN THEIR QUEST for the White House, Republican John McCain and Democrat Barack Obama have both talked about how they will help middle-class Americans with such issues as income, health care, and education. But so far neither candidate has directly addressed the issues facing millions of Americans who are low-income and economically struggling to survive – including those who are homeless, many who are disabled, and many ex-offenders trying to turn their lives around. We are urging all our friends and supporters to contact the candidates’ offices and tell them that they must address issues of housing, jobs, and services that impact millions of Americans who struggle with poverty and homelessness. Call or email them today!

John McCain - 703-418-2008
info@johnmccain.com

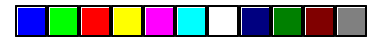
Barack Obama - 866-675-2008
info@barackobama.com

SUCCESSES ON THE LOCAL FRONT

LAST SPRING, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter released a plan to address street homelessness by developing 700 units of new housing for homeless families and individuals. The plan, which reflected many of the proposals put forth by Project H.O.M.E. and other advocacy groups and service providers, called for 500 Philadelphia Housing Authority units (300 for homeless families and 200 for homeless individuals) plus 200 units, including 125 units of permanent supportive housing, and 75 safe haven and residential treatment spots for people who are homeless and struggling with addiction and mental health issues.

The plan has been moving forward, and, according to a recent report, at least 100 persons have been placed in PHA units. The City is working with PHA to ensure appropriate placements. City officials and service providers want to assure that persons who have been homeless and who have special needs get the supports they require to maintain stable housing. Some Project H.O.M.E. residents received subsidies for new units, including Ijnanya Catanch, who was profiled in the *Philadelphia Inquirer’s* September 22 article on the City’s progress.

The City has also arranged with Pathways to Housing, a nationally recognized program from New York, to implement a “housing first” plan for 125 people now on the streets. Meanwhile, as we go to press, fifty of the promised safe haven units have been developed, with the remaining 25 to be added in the coming weeks.



H.O.M.E. BUILDERS – Working

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WORKING TOGETHER TOWARD A VISION

MANY OF THE articles in this edition of *Dwelling Place* talk about partnerships. For almost two decades, Project H.O.M.E. has benefited from numerous partnerships that have enabled us to build concrete and effective solutions to homelessness and poverty in Philadelphia. These partnerships are not simply a matter of donating resources, but of sharing a vision of a society and a community in which each person’s dignity is upheld and each person is given a chance to flourish. Thanks to all of you who share and nurture that vision. In particular, we want to thank some recent donors:

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- Lawrence and Christine Smith
- Mrs. Barbara Spiro-Ryan and Mr. Robert M. Ryan
- United Way of Southeastern PA
- Christina and John Webber

Our sincere gratitude to **Larry and Harriett Weiss and their staff at CRW Graphics Inc.** for donating their services to print our 2007 Annual Report. Their generosity saved us valuable resources that can now be dedicated to our work with homeless men, women, and families. Thanks to Larry and Harriett, this Report, which can be downloaded at www.projecthome.org, is our most beautiful one yet!

Special thanks also to Philadelphia restaurateur **Stephen Starr**, who recently celebrated his Old City eatery **Buddakan**’s 10th anniversary by donating a portion of lunch and dinner proceeds from August 25 through August 28 to Project H.O.M.E. The generosity of Starr Restaurants has created a wonderful new partnership for our community, and we are thankful for this growing relationship. Congratulations to Buddakan on ten amazing—and delicious—years!

Philadelphia’s own **Metropolitan Bakery**, a valued partner of the Project H.O.M.E. community, is celebrating its 15th anniversary in a very special—and generous—way. Learn the secrets and hear the tales of Metropolitan Bakery’s long, slow rise with the local institution’s new 15-month wall calendar, featuring customer stories, fun facts, and recipes—including those famous chocolate chip cookies! All proceeds benefit Project H.O.M.E. Calendars are \$12 each and are now available in all Metropolitan stores, in the H.O.M.E. Page Cafe (at the Free Library of Philadelphia), and at www.metropolitanbakery.com. Or call 1-877-41-BREAD. Many thanks to Metropolitan Bakery for its continued support. Happy baking!

This past summer saw the passing of two friends close to the Project H.O.M.E. community, who were also related. **Bob Reichlin**, the husband of our Board member and frequent volunteer Claire, had been involved in numerous civic causes for many years. **Elaine Garfinkel**, a prominent figure in the local art world (who was also Claire’s sister as well as the sister of our dear friends Harold and Lynne Honickman), was a supporter who partnered with us in raising issues of children affected by the civil war and strife in Uganda.

★ ★ TOP RATINGS AGAIN FOR FISCAL MANAGEMENT ★ ★

“We believe that the critical resources entrusted to us to achieve our mission must be managed honorably and professionally.”
(from the Project H.O.M.E. Mission Statement)

ALL OF US AT Project H.O.M.E. know that we cannot do any of our work without the support of thousands of friends and partners. This includes individual donors who generously share their resources with us—both small and large donations—because they believe in the vision of a just and compassionate society.

So we were deeply gratified to once again be honored with a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the nation’s premier independent charity evaluator. Project H.O.M.E. received the second-highest score among the 80 largest nonprofits in Philadelphia, and it ranks among the top 4 percent nationally of rated nonprofits. Charity Navigator scores nonprofits on efficiency and financial condition. Our high rating is a sign that we are successfully living out one of our primary organizational values: to utilize your donations with the greatest possible integrity and in ways that effectively meet needs and build real solutions to homelessness and poverty. Thanks not only for your generous support, but also for your trust. We will continue to work to earn your trust and ensure that your resources make a real difference in the lives of so many of our sisters and brothers.



MAKING AN IMPACT

PROJECT H.O.M.E. is honored to be receiving a generous investment from the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania's *Community Impact Fund*. This critical multi-year commitment will support the provision of high-quality, accessible basic human services. This past July, Emily Rosenberg and the UWSEPA Media and Communications team visited Project H.O.M.E. to interview three of our community members: our Executive Director Sister Mary Scullion; Reginald Cintron, a resident and member of our Development Department; and Raymond Wilkerson, a resident. All three will be featured on the UWSEPA's website www.uwsepa.org in the near future.



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Help Us Meet a \$25,000 Matching Grant Challenge



PROJECT H.O.M.E. HAS THE exciting opportunity to receive a generous challenge gift of \$25,000 from the Gene and Marlene Epstein Humanitarian Fund and their friends and family. To meet the challenge, we must match it by receiving \$25,000 in new gifts **before October 31**. This doubles the value of your gift! Any size gift will help toward this matching gift. Please make sure that you mark that your gift is for the Epstein challenge grant on your donation envelope or on our website if giving online. We are immensely grateful to the Epstein Fund for offering this challenge and to all of you in helping us meet it!



PAY ATTENTION—BUT DRIVE CAREFULLY!

You might have seen some members of the Project H.O.M.E. community if you were driving along I-95 in Philadelphia recently. Three billboards were displayed in full color, with our message of "ending poverty." Thanks to **IDR Media**, which donated the billboard space.



PROJECT H.O.M.E.'S YOUNG FRIENDS EVENT

Wednesday, October 29, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

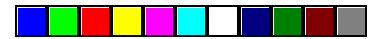
The University of the Arts, Dorrance Hamilton Hall - 320 South Broad Street - Philadelphia

Network with future local leaders while learning about Project H.O.M.E.'s work to build effective solutions to homelessness and poverty in Philadelphia. The evening will include light food and drinks, a huge silent auction, and a brief program emceed by **Pat Croce** and featuring members of the Project H.O.M.E. community.

Tickets: \$100 Young Friends of Project H.O.M.E. (special listing in the program)
\$50 General Admission—buy three, get one free!—or \$60 at the door

Sponsorship: Opportunities for businesses and individuals are also available!

For information, please contact Karen Brooks, Manager of Annual Giving and Special Events, at 215-232-7272, ext. 3045, or karenbrooks@projecthome.org. Buy tickets online at www.projecthome.org.



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Look for details in future editions of the Dwelling Place and on our website, www.projecthome.org

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