



Project H.O.M.E.'s

# Dwelling Place

SEPTEMBER 2007

NONE OF US ARE HOME UNTIL ALL OF US ARE HOME

## PROJECT H.O.M.E.

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

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

### RESIDENCES

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

### SUPPORT SERVICES & PROGRAMS

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

### BUSINESSES

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

ADMINISTRATION  
215-232-7272

HOMELESS OUTREACH HOTLINE  
215-232-1984

HUMAN RESOURCES HOTLINE  
215-232-7219 x5200

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## THE ROAD TO RECOVERY

### *New Hope in the Struggle Against Addiction*

DANIEL WAS DOING great. He logged several months clean at our St. Elizabeth's Recovery Residence. He was diligent in working his program, going to treatment, and attending meetings. He demonstrated great leadership in the house, supporting many of the other residents. Soon he was working part-time in one of our businesses, and taking to his work with energy and responsibility. He gave a few talks at Project H.O.M.E. events, eloquently sharing his story of homelessness, addiction, and recovery.

One day, without a word, Daniel (not a real name) didn't show up for work. He didn't come back to St. E's that night. He was absent again the next day – and the next. A week later, outreach teams spotted him on the streets, disheveled, discouraged – and high.

It's a painful story that we have lived through many times. We witness the beginning of an amazing transformation – only to have the demon of addiction rear up and seem to crush all progress and all hope.

Addiction is one of the most debilitating diseases that our society faces, with many destructive manifestations. The majority of homeless persons on the streets suffer from addictions, threatening their health as well as the vitality of our City.

Families across the economic spectrum watch their adolescents spiral down a destructive path. Drugs fuel much of the shocking rates of homicide in our city. Over 80 percent of inmates in Philadelphia's jails

have drug or alcohol problems. Addiction costs our economy billions of dollars annually in lost productivity and accidents on the job.

At Project H.O.M.E., we have confronted addiction from our earliest days. Our services and programs for recovery have evolved over the years – often as we have learned from the recovering men and women themselves. Our St. Elizabeth's

Recovery Residence offers a comprehensive program for homeless men struggling with addiction. A full-time Addictions Counselor works to meet the recovery needs of residents in all our programs. The majority of our residents make tremendous progress in breaking free from the clutches of drugs or alcohol. But addiction continues to be one of the greatest challenges we face – and we are constantly learning more about how to understand the disease, what kinds of programs are most effective, and what we can do to foster recovery in our society.

NOT LONG AGO, drug or alcohol abuse was largely viewed as sin, moral failure, or  
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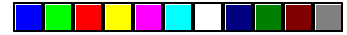
## DONATE TO PROJECT H.O.M.E.

THROUGH YOUR COMPANY'S UNITEDWAY DONOR CHOICE CAMPAIGN!

### Project H.O.M.E. United Way Donor Choice #09843

We will *only* receive United Way funds if you designate Project H.O.M.E. as the recipient of your gift. For more information, contact Callie Lytton, Project H.O.M.E.'s Manager of Annual Giving, at 215-232-7272, ext. 3045. To make the biggest impact, donate directly to Project H.O.M.E. online at

[www.projecthome.org](http://www.projecthome.org).



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weakness of character. Attitudes were harshly judgmental, and addicts faced enormous social stigma that usually aggravated their struggle. Thankfully, we have come a long way in understanding that addiction is a disease. Much of society – though not all – has shifted toward a more supportive approach, moving from blame to treatment.

But myths and misconceptions persist. Recent public debate over the growing numbers of homeless persons in Center City and recent incidents of community opposition to proposed programs for homeless persons in different Philadelphia neighborhoods reveal that

negative and punitive attitudes have not entirely gone away. Even in more progressive circles, understandings of addiction are incomplete or distorted: that with greater willpower or better behavior, the addict should be able to straighten out his or her life, or that treatment is ineffective until an addict has hit rock bottom.

Scientific research is shedding important new light on addiction. While we have been able to reframe addiction as a chronic and even fatal disease, we are learning more about the role of the brain in addiction. Through remarkable new technologies of brain imaging, we are learning how specific drug- or alcohol-induced changes in the brain result in an incapacity of the addicted person to control cravings and impulses, despite will power and regardless of profound negative consequences. We are learning more about the dynamics of relapse and its role in the recovery process.

This new research brings with it exciting new possibilities for treatment. In recent years, we have seen great success in the use of medications in assisting people with addiction to control cravings and make progress on recovery. While no single pill will ever “cure” addiction, new models that combine medication with cognitive and/ or behavioral therapies (depending on the particular addiction) hold tremendous promise. New psychological theories and techniques such as motivational enhancement interventions help people with addiction make the transition to abstinence and lasting behavioral change.

Unfortunately, many persons who desperately need treatment face yet another obstacle: the insurance industry. In recent years, because of managed-care policies, coverage of treatment services has declined dramatically. Many insurance policies limit inpatient stays or simply don't cover long-term treatment. The insurance industry must understand that addiction, like diabetes, is chronic, and anything less than long-term care can be futile.

**WE MUST CONFRONT** and rebut the myths about addiction that continue to stigmatize and dehumanize addicts while blocking real solutions. We need to support ongoing research into the many dynamics of addiction – brain functioning, genetics, social environment, trauma, and connection to various mental disorders. We need to strengthen, revise, and expand treatment programs to utilize the latest research and best practices. We need to develop treatment



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programs that are long-term, not simply acute, and ensure ongoing social and community supports for persons in recovery. We also need vigorous advocacy to ensure that health care and treatment resources are available for all addicts and their families. Finally, we need to recognize that while drugs and alcohol are the most visible, we cannot overlook other forms of addiction that likewise plague our society – including gambling, shopping, and eating, among others. This is all the more reason all of us need to be committed to fostering a community of recovery.

We cannot settle for short-term or inadequate solutions. The costs of addiction are catastrophic – for individuals, for families, for neighborhoods, and for society as a whole. Nor can we see recovery as simply an individual process – our society as a whole must foster a culture of recovery. We must neither ignore nor enable addicts, but offer them support and resources that can be truly transformative.

The good news is that though people with addiction like Daniel do relapse, the hope for recovery is palpable. We have witnessed the courage and perseverance of community members with an addiction in overcoming numerous relapses and obstacles. And we have learned that ultimately, all of us are in recovery from something and on the road towards wellness and healing.



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

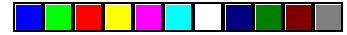
### **The Road to Recovery: New Hope in the Struggle Against Addictions**

**Wednesday, October 17 - 7:00 p.m.  
Honickman Learning Center and Comcast  
Technology Labs - 1936 N. Judson Street**

Addiction is one of our most prevalent social crises, wreaking havoc on individuals, families, communities, and society as a whole. But there is new hope in understanding and treating addiction. This forum will feature segments from HBO's powerful documentary, *Addiction*, which blends commentary from leading experts with personal stories to shed light on the ravages of addiction but also the promise offered by new research and medical advances. The forum will include perspectives from a panel of local experts and persons in recovery from addiction.

***THIS EVENT IS FREE.***

*For information, contact Will O'Brien, 215-232-7272,  
ext. 3047 or willobrien@projecthome.org.*



## LIVING PROOF

### RAY PARKER'S RECOVERY DISPELS THE LIES ABOUT ADDICTION

**RAY PARKER** (not his real name) had struggled for over a decade with a drug addiction. He was unable to hold down a job. He had cycled in and out of several programs. Finally, he recalls, he felt beaten, at the end of his road, and ready to do whatever it took to stop using drugs.

That's when he found Project H.O.M.E.'s St. Elizabeth's Recovery Residence. He even remembers the date: February 18, 1999. For the next fifteen months, Ray participated in a rigorous recovery program – it was, he says, “a great turning point in my life.” Project H.O.M.E. provided Ray both with stability and with an opportunity to change his life and pursue his goals. As he made progress in recovery, he took first part-time and later full-time employment with Project H.O.M.E. When he was ready to leave St. Elizabeth's, Project H.O.M.E. assisted Ray in finding subsidized housing.

Continuing his commitment to recovery and determined to move on to even better opportunities, Ray eventually landed a job with SEPTA. He has been with SEPTA for almost five years, currently as a bus driver. He was also able to reunite with his son and daughter. A year ago, he became a homeowner.

Ray knows that recovery is a life-long process. He continues to attend 12-step programs and participates in counseling. He is committed to “working the program.” “Nobody should try to do it on their own. You need some kind of spiritual program to help you.”

“I've learned that I'm not a bad person,” Ray says, reflecting on his experience of addiction and his continuing recovery. “I just made some bad decisions. I learned that I'm capable of doing just about anything any other person could do.”

“People need to understand that addiction is basically a three-pronged disease,” Ray says. “It affects the spiritual aspect of a person, the mental aspect -- which is obsession -- and the physical aspect which is the compulsive inability to stop.” Recovery, he says, can help a person come to a deep self-understanding of their inner pain and what drove them to substance abuse.

“I'm living proof that the old lie – once an addict, always an addict – is dead,” Ray says. “Recovery is real and it works.”

### Be Part of the Solution!

Project H.O.M.E. is currently seeking an experienced **Drug and Alcohol Counselor** to provide supportive, therapeutic counseling and consultative services to our residents and staff. If you are interested or know anyone who may be, please visit our website for additional information on this or other positions at Project H.O.M.E.

[www.projecthome.org/jobs](http://www.projecthome.org/jobs)

The website of **Philadelphia's Department of Behavioral Health** provides a comprehensive listing of addiction services in Philadelphia. Go to [www.philadelphia.pa.networkofcare.org](http://www.philadelphia.pa.networkofcare.org), click on “Services,” then click “Substance Abuse Services.”

**PRO-ACT** is a grassroots recovery initiative working to reduce the stigma of addiction, ensure the availability of adequate treatment and recovery support services, and influence public opinion and policy regarding the value of recovery. [www.proact.org](http://www.proact.org); 215-923-1661.

**Sobriety Online** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting alcoholics and people with addictions in their recovery.

Their website offers information and resources for people recovering from alcoholism and addiction (and their families), including listings of AA, NA, Al-Anon meetings, and treatment centers. [www.sobrietyonline.com](http://www.sobrietyonline.com)

### TOOLS FOR TRANSFORMATION RESOURCES ON ADDICTION AND RECOVERY

The **HBO website on the documentary film *Addiction*** features not only information on the film but also a wealth of information on the nature of addiction, relapse, research, treatment, and related issues. [www.hbo.com/addiction](http://www.hbo.com/addiction)

The **National Institute on Drug Abuse** seeks to bring the power of science to bear on drug abuse and addiction. NIDA supports research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. Their website includes a vast array of educational materials about specific drugs as well as prevention and treatment. [www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov); 301-443-1124

The **National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism** provides leadership in the national effort to reduce alcohol-related problems. The website has extensive resources including fact sheets about a wide range of alcohol-related topics, as well as a variety of publications for researchers and health professionals. [www.niaaa.nih.gov](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov); 301-443-3860

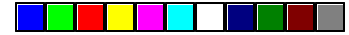
The **Treatment Research Institute** is a nonprofit research and development organization dedicated to reducing the devastating effects of alcohol and drug abuse on individuals, families, and communities by employing scientific methods and disseminating evidence-based information to impact both practices and policies. [www.tresearch.org](http://www.tresearch.org); 215-399-0980

#### Support Groups:

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**, 215-923-7900; [www.alcoholics-anonymous.org](http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org)
- **Narcotics Anonymous**, 215-629-6757; [www.na.org](http://www.na.org)
- **Ala-non/Ala-teen**, 215-222-5244; [www.al-anon.alateen.org](http://www.al-anon.alateen.org)



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### GOING GREEN

As we seek to create homes for persons in need, Project H.O.M.E. is also trying to make our planet a more healthy home for all of us. We have committed to be a more environmentally responsible organization. A staff Conservation Team is developing a range of environmentally sound practices, from comprehensive recycling programs at all our facilities to purchasing “green-friendly” products. Thanks to grants from the Saturn Corporation and the Philadelphia Soul Foundation, our St. Elizabeth’s Phase V Homeownership Development in North Philadelphia will be eco-friendly, with green building materials and maximum energy efficiency.

### FOUR STARS

We work hard to ensure that our resources, including donations, are efficiently used. So we were gratified to learn that for the fourth consecutive year, Project H.O.M.E. has earned Charity Navigator’s 4-star rating for sound fiscal management. Only 4% of organizations rated by Charity Navigator have received at least four consecutive 4-star evaluations, “indicating that Project H.O.M.E. outperforms most charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way possible” and “demonstrates to the public [Project H.O.M.E.] is worthy of their trust.”

### HONORS AND MORE HONORS

Meanwhile, several members of the Project H.O.M.E. community have received recent honors. **Julia Galetti**, a resident of our 1515 Fairmount Avenue residence, was the recipient of a grant for the second year in a row from the Leeway Foundation, which funds women artists involved in social change. **Ed Speedling**, our Outreach

## News from H.O.M.E.



*August 25 was a celebration of a community on the rise – the thirteenth Annual Day in Project H.O.M.E.’s St. Elizabeth’s neighborhood. Over five hundred community residents participated in such events as line dancing, karaoke, a health fair, voter registration, and lots of good food. Drill teams from around the state performed. Several elected officials were on hand, including Senator Shirley Kitchen and Councilman Darrell Clarke, as was Police Commissioner Sylvester Johnson.*

Coordination Center’s Community Liaison, was profiled in a recent book, *Encore* by Marc Freedman, which highlights high-powered professionals who made career moves to “work that matters.” You can read an excerpt of Ed’s story on-line at [www.encore.org/find/stories/speedling](http://www.encore.org/find/stories/speedling). Our long-time supporter and former Board member **Dr. Lara Carson Weinstein** was awarded the Jefferson Medical College Class of 2007 Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award “in recognition of exemplary compassion, competence and respect in the delivery of care.” Dr. Lara has been instrumental in developing healthcare programs for Project H.O.M.E. residents and community members.

### STRIVING FOR SUCCESS

This past June 20, Project H.O.M.E. honored this year’s graduates from the Adult Learning and Workforce Development program at our Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs. Over 120 participants in our education and employment training programs received certificates. We also recognized our valuable training partners: the Urban League of Philadelphia, Smith & Solomon, the

Center for Literacy, and the Supportive Older Women’s Network. A highlight of the evening was keynote speaker Wade Colclough, Corporate Contributions Manager for PECO. Colclough, a North Philadelphia native, inspired the crowd with his remarks about striving for success and giving back to the community. Our thanks to Colclough and to PECO for their partnership in our education and employment efforts, and to our other corporate partners, Comcast and PGW.

### WORDS OF PEACE

As part of our anti-violence efforts in North Philadelphia, Project H.O.M.E. and the Cecil B.

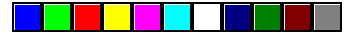
Moore Ridge Avenue Business Association undertook a stencil campaign to promote positive messages of peace. Shelli Pennick-Howard, our Commercial Corridor Liaison, and a group of volunteers “decorated” vacant properties in the St. Elizabeth neighborhood with such messages as “Stop the violence,” “Increase the peace,” and “Love your neighbor.” If you are driving through the St. Elizabeth neighborhood, take time to notice the bright yellow messages of hope for our community.

### TALKING ABOUT HOUSING

Project H.O.M.E. staff member Lynne Collins was featured on National Public Radio’s “Justice Talking,” in an episode focused on low-income housing. Lynne, who works at our Outreach Coordination Center, shared her experience of being homeless and making the transition to self-sufficiency. Lynne and her three children, who originally were residents of our sister program Dignity Housing, are working toward homeownership, and plan to purchase a Project H.O.M.E.-developed home in our North Philadelphia community. You can listen to the show on-line at [www.justicetalking.org/programarchive.asp](http://www.justicetalking.org/programarchive.asp).



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## PRODUCING GOOD

### JIM HASHIEAN SPARKS CREATIVITY AT PROJECT H.O.M.E.

EVERY FRIDAY AT 4:00 pm, the community room at In Community, Project H.O.M.E.'s independent living program for formerly homeless persons, is filled with the sound of music. Jim Hashiean leads a group of fellow residents on his keyboard. Several residents add to the mix, with trombone, flutaphone, piano, bongos, or tambourine, sometimes even an electric guitar. Jim provides the main vocals in his deep bass voice, while other residents add an occasional harmony. They cover songs from the 1940's through the 80's, and often play original pieces written by Jim.

In addition to the music group, Jim coordinates a weekly art group and book group at In Community (they've even read works by Toni Morrison). He also organizes "Fun & Games" nights, where residents get together to play cards and board games, as well as Saturday Night Dance Parties.

Jim's passion for music is lifelong. A member of his high school band and orchestra, Jim went on to study music at Edinboro and Rowan Universities. He played in college bands and two different rock bands, sang in the college choir, and worked several years as a street musician playing the trombone.

Shortly after college, Jim escaped familial and personal troubles by taking a bus to Philadelphia. He spent time in

the city's shelter system until he was connected to Hall-Mercer Mental Health Center. Eventually, Jim was placed at Project H.O.M.E.'s Kairos House residence, where he lived for two years before moving to In Community in 2002.

Since first coming to Project H.O.M.E., Jim has been eager to share his love of the arts with other residents. Early on, he organized music groups at his own initiative. Eventually he was offered the position of Activities Coordinator. Jim currently travels between several of our residences, offering music groups and other activities.

Jim hopes to continue facilitating creative activities for Project H.O.M.E. residents at our various sites. He envisions the day when the residents' music groups perform at Project H.O.M.E. celebrations and public events. Meanwhile, he continues to hone his personal musical skills by tuning in and

belting it out. A prolific songwriter, Jim has produced 25 albums, which he has recorded on CD since living at In Community.

"If you expect that a man is good, he will do and produce good," Jim says. He wants to encourage people to believe that they can do more, regardless of circumstances. And, every day, he's showing them that they can.



Photo by Harvey Finkle



## DEAR NEXT MAYOR:

### HELP END HOMELESSNESS AND POVERTY IN PHILADELPHIA!

THE *VOTE FOR HOMES!* coalition continues its work to ensure that issues of housing, jobs, and services play a prominent role in the race for Mayor of Philadelphia. Through communication with mayoral candidates and their staffs, we have been able to ensure commitments to some of our core strategies, as identified by the sixty cosponsoring organizations who make up *Vote for Homes!* You can read our policy prescriptions for Philadelphia's next Mayor online at [www.projecthome.org/pdf/news/46.pdf](http://www.projecthome.org/pdf/news/46.pdf).

In the coming weeks, we will deliver thousands of postcards to both mayoral candidates' offices with a simple message that we need to work together to solve issues of homelessness and poverty in Philadelphia and that homeless and low-income voters will vote on their issues this November. You can help the effort by signing the postcard on-line by going to [www.voteforhome.org](http://www.voteforhome.org).



## REMEMBERING SARA E



Photo by Harvey Finkle

We were saddened by the recent passing of Sara E Moore, who was one of the first residents to move into 1523 Fairmount after it opened in 1995. Her quiet, gentle presence was a staple of our lives at Project H.O.M.E. She always had a kind greeting for everyone, including her customers when she worked at our Back Home Café and Our Daily Threads Thrift Store. We are grateful for her life, and we are grateful that she was able to move into a home of dignity and security and that she passed away surrounded by a loving community.



# H.O.M.E. BUILDERS - Working

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## TOGETHER, BUILDING SOLUTIONS

**REAL AND LASTING** solutions to homelessness and poverty require people from all walks of life and all sectors of society to come together to pool their vision, their passion, their talents, and their resources. We have seen this happen constantly at Project H.O.M.E. over the years. It is only with your support and commitment that we have been able to develop housing, provide services, transform lives, and rebuild communities. We would like to especially thank the following donors, whose financial gifts during these past summer months have empowered and enabled our work.

- ACME Markets, Inc.
  - The Barra Foundation
  - Clayman Family Foundation
  - Denenberg Charitable Trust
  - Department of Community & Economic Development
  - Robert and Valerie Downing
  - Lee and Carole Gravagno
- The Hamilton Family Foundation
  - Independence Foundation
  - Mrs. Diane Jackson
  - Ms. E. Ann Matter
  - MercyAction
  - Music Lives Foundation
  - The Nelson Foundation
  - New Century Trust
- NortheastAutoOutlet
  - The Pew Charitable Trusts
  - PNC Bank
  - Public/Private Ventures
  - Aileen and Brian Roberts
  - James and Marie Seward
  - WMMR
  - Robert F. and Mary Gene Woods

Significant gifts were made in memory of long-time friends **Mrs. Christine Herling** and **Mr. Frank E. Kubicek**.

Project H.O.M.E. would also like to remember **Mr. Michael Grogan** who passed away recently. He was a faithful and generous supporter of our work for many, many years. He will be dearly missed. We thank his family and friends for the outpouring of generosity in his memory.

## Dedication of the David Peter Stafford Educational Fund

On **JUNE 27**, Project H.O.M.E. community members joined **Joanne Albus** for the dedication of the **David Peter Stafford Educational Fund** at Project H.O.M.E.'s Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs. It was a joyous occasion, where Joanne gave witness to the life of her late husband, Pete Stafford, to whom the fund is dedicated. Pete lived life full of love, intellectual curiosity, and the continual care for others. Together with "Joannie", Pete always strove for what was most important: loving the Lord, loving all humans, loving his wife, and remembering the big picture. Joanne, a full-time volunteer at Project H.O.M.E.'s St. Columba's residence, shared stories during the ceremony of how she was inspired by her husband's love and generosity, and residents and staff shared how her love and generosity have inspired them.



PROJECT H.O.M.E.  
HOMELESSNESS AND HOPE THROUGH COMMUNITY

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

**Thursday, November 1, 5:30-8:00 p.m.**

**The University of the Arts - 320 South Broad Street - Philadelphia**

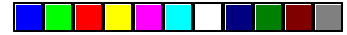
Network with Philadelphia's future leaders from the public and private sectors while learning about Project H.O.M.E.'s work with low-income and homeless men, women, and families. The evening will include:

- Light food and drinks
- Amazing silent auction
- Artwork and performances by Project H.O.M.E. community members

**Tickets:** \$100 Young Friends of Project H.O.M.E. (listed in the program)  
\$40 General Admission in advance or \$50 at the door

**Sponsorship:** Opportunities for businesses and individuals are also available (\$500, \$1,000, \$2,500 and \$5,000)

*For information or to RSVP, please contact Callie Lytton, Manager of Annual Giving, at 215-232-7272, ext. 3045, or [clytton@projecthome.org](mailto:clytton@projecthome.org). Buy tickets online at [www.projecthome.org/events](http://www.projecthome.org/events).*



# Together to Provide Solutions to Homelessness



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## A LIFE-CHANGING COMMITMENT

### LONG-TERM VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS ENHANCE THE WORK OF PROJECT H.O.M.E.

SINCE OUR BEGINNING, volunteers have been part of the life blood of Project H.O.M.E. Whether it's a group that comes to clean out a property, a faithful volunteer who comes each week to tutor, or a lawyer offering technical support in zoning regulations, volunteers are a critical component of our mission.

One very special part of our history of volunteers is our relationship with several long-term volunteer programs. Project H.O.M.E. has benefited from year-long volunteer placements from a range of programs, including Servant Year, Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Mercy Corps, Mission Year, and others. We have even had German volunteers from the program Action Reconciliation/Service for Peace. Some of these programs are faith-based, others not. Consistent with our values, most of these programs have a component of living in community, and all have a mission which promotes better social conditions for marginalized people.

*"I still carry much of the experience in my heart and mind."*

Chelsea Hersch is one of our newest long-term volunteers. She comes to Project H.O.M.E. through the Servant Year program, a ministry of the Episcopal Church which places volunteers in full-time positions at nonprofit organization in Philadelphia while living in community with other volunteers and focusing on developing their spiritual life. After graduating from college, Chelsea looked at several programs, including Peace Corps. She was drawn towards Servant Year because she wanted to live "in an intentional community with religious undertones." A course on social justice inspired her to work with homeless people. She is now working in our Occupational Services Program, assisting residents as they transition back into the work force.

Amy Porterfield was a Servant Year volunteer in 2004-2005. Reflecting back on her year, she says, "It allowed me to truly develop skills and experience what it was like to work in social work. Working at Project H.O.M.E. gave me a new insight into the Gospel. I was able to see a lot throughout my year, and I still carry much of the experience in my heart and mind." Amy went on to attend Virginia Theological Seminary, where she volunteers at a nearby shelter.

The Jesuit Volunteer Corps and Mercy Corps are similar faith-based programs with national and international locations. In addition to living in community and developing their spirituality, volunteers also live simply and work towards social justice. Jesuit volunteers worked for many years in the Activities Coordinator position at Kairos House. Many former volunteers have stayed on as employees of Project H.O.M.E.

The values of these organizations fit well with Project H.O.M.E.'s conviction that every person is entitled to dignity. Additionally, given that they are building community, it fits that volunteers would have the mindset to assist with the part of the Project H.O.M.E. mission "to nurture a spirit of community among persons from all walks of life, all of whom have a role to play in making this a more just and compassionate society."

## MAKE A DIFFERENCE,...

As the autumn air chills, it won't be long before the Holiday season begins. Remember that a donation to Project H.O.M.E. can make a memorable gift for someone special on your holiday list.



## OUR WISH LIST

- Deodorant, soap, and travel-size toothpaste
- SEPTA tokens
- New twin bed sheet, pillows, bath linens, and washcloths
- New socks and underwear for adult men and women (larger sizes)
- Food and restaurant gift certificates

For more 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](mailto:lindseygiblin@projecthome.org).

## REACHING OUT

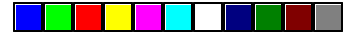
If you see a homeless person living on the streets who needs help, please call our **Homeless Outreach Hotline at 215-232-1984**.

## Project H.O.M.E.'s Jeannine Lopez to be Honored at CFR's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

**Saturday, November 10, 2007, 7:00 p.m.  
Philadelphia Museum of Art**

Council for Relationships, the nation's oldest and largest relationship counseling center, celebrates 75 years of service with a grand gala, at which they will honor several community leaders. Jeannine Lopez and Project H.O.M.E. will be honored for their dedication to our community and their tremendous impact on many of our fellow Philadelphians. The evening promises to be an unforgettable event, with beautiful art (including a private viewing of the Renior exhibit) and a keynote program by Dr. Martin Seligman, father of positive psychology and author of the best-selling book *Authentic Happiness*.

For more information, please visit [www.councilforrelationships.org](http://www.councilforrelationships.org) or call 215-382-6680.



*As part of providing employment for formerly homeless persons, Project H.O.M.E. operates two businesses at 1515 Fairmount Avenue. Your patronage of these businesses helps us to create real solutions to homelessness.*

<p>Fresh, tasty <b>community conscious</b> sandwiches &amp; salads.</p>	 <p>Pre-loved clothing for ladies and gents. Project HOME's Thrift Store at 1515 Fairmount Ave. Open Monday to Friday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM</p>
<p><b>BACK HOME</b> ☛ CAFE &amp; CATERING ☛</p> <p>215.292.6911 1515 Fairmount Ave. PHILADELPHIA, 19130 <a href="http://www.backhome.org">www.backhome.org</a></p> <p>Serving breakfast and lunch; Monday through Friday</p>	

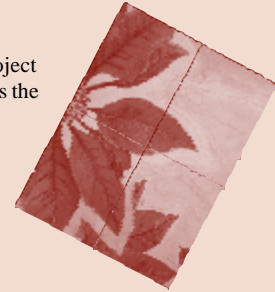
## Project H.O.M.E. Holiday Cards

'Tis the season – almost. But it's not too early to order Holiday Cards featuring art work by Project H.O.M.E. residents. Cards will go on sale beginning November 1. A non-religious card features the message:

*We celebrate the light that shines in the darkness, The hope that defines all odds,  
And the power within us to build a world of peace and justice*

A religious card says:

*Christ comes into our world of darkness  
to bring us the light of healing, of hope, and of peace.  
May that light shine in your life during this holy season and throughout the year.*



Cards will be \$10 per set of 10. Sales from cards will support the Art Program and the work of Project H.O.M.E. to end homelessness and poverty. Reserve your order now by calling Our Daily Threads Thrift Store at 215-232-727, ext. 3028. Or check out our website at [www.projecthome.org](http://www.projecthome.org).

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