



Project H.O.M.E.'s

Dwelling Place

MAY 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 Homes I, 2729-A W. Diamond St.
Rowan Homes 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, 215-232-6311
H.O.M.E. Page Café, 215-320-6191

ADMINISTRATION

215-232-7272

HOMELESS OUTREACH HOTLINE

215-232-1984

HUMAN RESOURCES HOTLINE

215-232-7219 x5200

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THE PROMISE OF AMERICA

On April 21, the eve of the Pennsylvania primary election, Project H.O.M.E. and several partner organizations held a press conference and rally outside the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, urging the presidential candidates to address the issue of homelessness. Project H.O.M.E.'s Executive Director Sister Mary Scullion made the following remarks at that press conference:

WE GATHER HERE today outside the National Constitution Center, which stands as a symbol of this nation's remarkable legacy as we the American people and the governmental institutions that serve us have journeyed for over two centuries toward the full realization of the promise of freedom, democracy, and a society of dignity and opportunity for all its citizens. In this building are the many stories of our accomplishments, our shortfalls, our struggles, and our unquenchable passion as a people for the dream of all that America can be.

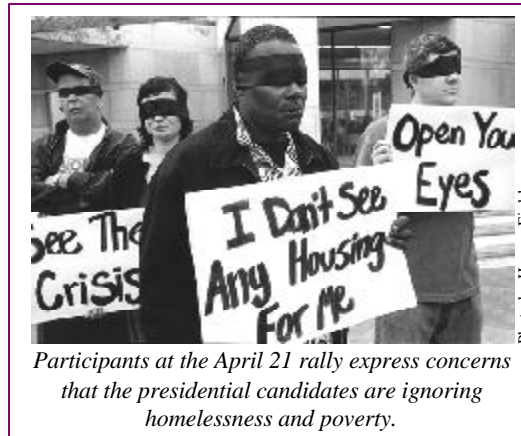
We gather here today on the eve of the Pennsylvania primary, which is part of the exercise of one of our great freedoms, that of choosing our leaders. Tomorrow, millions of Pennsylvanians will be casting ballots in this year's critical presidential election. These voters are expressing their hopes for the future of our nation. They are making choices that they believe can help create a stronger, healthier, more prosperous, and more secure society for them, for their families, and for their communities.

Yet in this historic city, with its legacy of freedom, hundreds of chronically homeless men and women find themselves on the streets, while thousands more – including children – languish in shelters. With resources shrinking and affordable housing more and more out of reach, they have little hope.

Tomorrow, when we go to the polls, we will select among several candidates. They

all have made stirring statements about hope and opportunity for all Americans. We are deeply concerned that hundreds of thousands of Americans have been invisible during this election campaign: those men, women, and children who are homeless. We have not heard from any of the presidential candidates any hopeful message about how their Administration would address this plight and help our communities provide

solutions to homelessness. Many of us, formerly and currently homeless persons and friends, gathered to watch the Democratic candidates' debate. While they made some statements about important issues of jobs, education, and health care, we heard nothing that specifically addressed the needs of those millions of Americans who are struggling with poverty, including those who are forced to live in shelters and on the streets. Thousands of homeless persons in Philadelphia have registered to vote and gotten politically active – and they are waiting for some positive and hopeful message from the candidates. And so far, they have heard nothing. We cannot allow homeless persons to be invisible during this campaign. We cannot allow our politicians to add to the dehumanization of homelessness by casting a blind eye toward our sisters and brothers struggling with disabilities, addictions, and severe poverty. We can't allow our fellow



Participants at the April 21 rally express concerns that the presidential candidates are ignoring homelessness and poverty.

Photo by Harvey Finkle

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citizens to be cut out of the promise of America because of their situation of homelessness.

WE ARE HERE to call on the Presidential candidates to honestly confront the crisis of homelessness and to offer constructive policies to resolve the crisis.

During the 1990s, with significant support from the federal government, the City of Philadelphia was able to dramatically decrease the number of homeless persons. Between 2000 and 2005, Philadelphia lost \$62 million for programs related to affordable housing, community development, and homelessness. In the same period the City lost an additional \$225 million in education, law enforcement, job training, and other services. During that time, the numbers of poor and homeless persons in Philadelphia increased. It is clear that effective, well-resourced federal programs play a pivotal role in empowering cities like Philadelphia to solve crises such as homelessness. We need commitments from our national leaders to enhance federal funding so that every American – including those with disabilities and those with very low incomes – can have a place to call home.

We know what kinds of programs and services work to meet the needs of some of our most vulnerable citizens. But we also know that the City of Philadelphia cannot bear the burden alone. Without a meaningful commitment from the federal government, Philadelphia, like other cities, simply cannot make serious progress in addressing this human and social tragedy.

That's why we have contacted Democratic candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama and Republican John McCain expressing our profound concern about the lack of attention to the plight of homeless persons in the election. We are urging each of them to spend time on the streets in an effort to better understand the realities of homelessness. We believe such a personal experience can be a dynamic basis for developing effective policies that can help us as a

country meet the needs of our most vulnerable citizens and solve one of our most vexing social problems.

THE PROMISE OF what America can be still beckons. Part of that promise is that we become

a truly just and compassionate society, where every person is treated with dignity and respect, where every person is valued and provided access to affordable housing, quality education and health care, and the chance to use his or her gifts to make a decent living and contribute to society. We are still far from that promise, but like our forebears who refused to give up on this society, who struggled to end slavery, to enfranchise women, to open up economic opportunity, to dignify labor, to extend political participation – we too will continue to struggle. We will insist that part of the promise of America is that we commit to ending the scourge of poverty in this land of plenty.

If the Presidential candidates wish to lead our nation, they must join us in this commitment. They must join us on the journey home – and help us build a land where everyone has a place to call home.

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A Living Example

Hyacinth King, a resident and staff member of Project H.O.M.E., gave these remarks at the April 21 press conference and rally.

I'VE BEEN A resident of 1515 Fairmount, Project H.O.M.E. for a little over nine years. I am formerly homeless, and I'm sure each of you who has been on the streets knows how dehumanized and hopeless your fellow man can make you feel. Thanks to having the right supports, I have been stable mentally and substance-free for a little more than eleven years. I am employed by Project H.O.M.E., which makes me able to help others who are currently homeless.

Living at 1515 Fairmount is so important to myself and 47 other formerly homeless men and women. My support system, which I still need from time to time, would not be possible without Section 8 funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

1515 Fairmount is an example of what giant steps can be made with partnership with the federal government. The very same policies and programs, including Shelter Plus Care, have made an enormous difference in helping cities like Philadelphia make progress in addressing homelessness. I present myself to you today to show what can happen when federal resources are well invested. These investments empower thousands of persons like myself to leave the streets and make positive contributions to our community.

This is why we need clear answers about increased affordable housing from our presidential candidates. Senator Obama, Senator Clinton, Senator McCain, I must have made a trip to the ladies' room when you guys discussed affordable housing, because I didn't hear it! As President, you can act to help transform lives and communities, or you can worsen the problem by being neglectful. I ask each of you to help us on the journey home.



Photo by Aaron Couch

Responding to a Crisis

ADVOCATES PRESENT NUTTER ADMINISTRATION WITH A COMMON SENSE PLAN TO REDUCE STREET HOMELESSNESS

FOR THE THIRD WINTER in a row, Project H.O.M.E. partnered with Arch Street United Methodist Church to operate the Grace Café, an overnight drop-in center for chronically homeless persons. Grace Café was one of three drop-in centers open during the winter to provide a place of welcome and engagement for some of the 600 persons who are chronically homeless on the streets, mostly in Center City. “In past years, the main goal of the cafés was to offer a safe haven for persons to get out of the elements,” said Sarah Erdo of Project H.O.M.E.’s Outreach Coordination Center (OCC), who oversees the Café. “This year, the Café has acted as a catalyst for change by highlighting the critical need for housing for the guests.” Several guests were connected to treatment and recovery houses, and the City of Philadelphia’s Department of Behavioral Health provided on-site services, but appropriate placements are severely limited. The crisis was further dramatized by the tragic death on February 18 of Jeffrey Williams, a homeless man in a wheelchair who was looking for shelter when he was struck by a car on the Vine Street Expressway, and Joseph Kelly, a passerby who was also killed while trying to help Williams.

With the numbers of homeless persons on the streets rising, Project H.O.M.E., along with other providers, advo-

cates, and religious leaders, have developed a comprehensive list of recommendations, entitled *The City United*, which we have presented to Mayor Michael Nutter. We believe that these recommendations, which represent best practices and proven solutions, can lead to a sub-

stantial decline in street homelessness. We need to raise our voices together to carry the message to Mayor Nutter, City Council, and our federal and state partners: Homelessness is a problem that we can fix. Effective solutions exist, and if we can muster the collective will to achieve them, we will improve the quality of life for all Philadelphians.

For more information on *City United* and our efforts to bring about solutions to homelessness in Philadelphia, see www.projecthome.org/advocacy/news.php?id=83.



Then-candidate Michael Nutter speaks at Vote For Homes! rally last October 25. Homeless persons, service providers, and advocates are looking to his Administration for leadership to bring about real solutions.

Knowledge is Power

GET INFORMED ABOUT HOMELESSNESS!

TO BE EFFECTIVE advocates, we are constantly working to better understand the personal and systemic issues of homelessness and poverty. The Project H.O.M.E. website contains helpful information and link that can give readers some basic information about homelessness in Philadelphia and the United States. We are regularly updating the information.

- **Dr. Martha Burt** answers five probing questions on homelessness and housing in the United States today. Martha Burt, is a Principal Researcher at the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C., and is generally regarded as one of the nation’s foremost analysts on homelessness in the United States. Her insights have been very helpful as we refine our programs and mission at Project H.O.M.E. See www.projecthome.org.
- **Facts on Homelessness:** How do we define homelessness? Who is homeless in Philadelphia? What causes homelessness? How do we end homelessness? Answers to these questions as well as other resources and links. See www.projecthome.org/advocacy/facts.php.

ALL OF US CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, one of our staff members received a call from an acquaintance, who wanted to share this story: She lives on the Main Line but was in Center City on a Sunday afternoon having coffee. She saw a woman on the streets who was obviously homeless and needed help. She called Project H.O.M.E.’s Outreach Coordination Center hotline. Fairly soon, an outreach team came to engage the homeless woman. She and her friends could not get over how the Project H.O.M.E. team interacted and worked with this woman. She was so impressed by both the professionalism and the compassionate concern for the woman’s dignity that she wanted to begin volunteering for Project H.O.M.E.

If you see a person on the streets who is homeless and needs help, please call our

Homeless Outreach Hotline 215-232-1984

We all can make a difference in helping our sisters and brothers get off the streets and overcome homelessness.



TASTY SOLUTIONS

More than 150 persons, from former mayors to former street dwellers, came together at the Central Branch of the Free Library on April 16 to celebrate the grand opening of the H.O.M.E. Page Café, a wireless internet café housed in the Library. The Café provides customers with fresh-brewed coffee from Starbucks and top-quality baked goods from Metropolitan Bakery while providing jobs and job training to formerly homeless residents of Project H.O.M.E. and teenagers in our Harold A. Honickman Entrepreneurial Program. Among the guests were former Mayor (and Library Board member) Wilson Goode and current Mayor Michael Nutter. Ronald Wimes, a former resident of Project H.O.M.E.'s St. Elizabeth's Recovery Residence, spoke with great emotion of how his new job as Lead Host of the H.O.M.E. Page Café was a tremendous employment opportunity that would empower him "on my road to recovery. I could not be more grateful." (For more information on the Café and its sponsors and supporters, see page 6.)

BREAKING GROUND

On May 9, Project H.O.M.E. and many of our supporters gathered to celebrate the renovations of St. Elizabeth's Recovery Residence and the founding of Project H.O.M.E.'s first program for veterans of U.S.

News from H.O.M.E.



Mayor Michael Nutter cuts the ribbon to mark the Grand Opening of the H.O.M.E. Page Cafe on April 16.

military service. The newly renovated St. E's will provide supportive housing for twenty-four homeless men in recovery, twelve of whom will be veterans. The residence will be more comfortable and functional, creating a positive environment for recovery.

MUSIC AND FRIENDSHIP

A decade ago, then-columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer* Steve Lopez wrote several beautiful articles about the residents of Project H.O.M.E. and of Women of Hope, an earlier program started by Sister Mary Scullion. Lopez, who moved west to write for the *Los Angeles Times*, has a remarkable new book entitled *The Soloist*, about his friendship with a mentally ill homeless man who is a classically trained violinist. Sister Mary and her work in Philadelphia are included in the book's early pages.

RE-TOOLING

Project H.O.M.E.'s social enterprise businesses, the Back Home Café and Our Daily Threads Thrift Shop, are closing temporarily for the month of May. Staff and residents are redesigning these businesses with a stronger focus on resident employment and job training. We will reopen in June, and the hours of operation will be 8:30 a.m. through 1:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The Back Home Café will no longer provide catering to external groups but will continue to be open to the public for breakfast and lunch. We look forward to seeing you in the businesses for our reopening in June! Please contact Joyce Sacco, Associate Director of Employment Initiatives, at 215-232-7272, ext. 3003, for more information.

HONORS GALORE

Congratulations to several staff members who were recently honored: **Laura Weinbaum**, Project H.O.M.E.'s Director of Public Policy, was honored by the *Philadelphia Business Journal* with its 40 Under 40 Award, which recognizes forty "dynamic up-and-comers who have shaped our community in ways that have made greater Philadelphia a better place to do business and live." **Jeannine Lopez**, our Vice President of Operations, was honored with the 2008 Impact Award at the "Women of Courage, Women of Inspiration" ceremony sponsored by Lutheran Settlement House. Our co-founder and Chief Financial Officer **Joan McConnon** was honored by her alma mater, Drexel University, with its Service to the Community Award, for "a graduate who, through voluntary or paid work, has significantly contributed to civic and/or community life." And **Caroline Horstmann**, our Operations Specialist, was honored by the Catholic Archdiocese with the Blessed Frassati award, which is given to a young adult who exemplifies the best attributes of ministry and Catholic teaching in young adult ministry. All of these remarkable women enrich Project H.O.M.E. as well as the larger Philadelphia community.



Some of the sixty Vote For Homes! volunteers help to organize the "get out the vote" effort on Primary Election day. Project H.O.M.E. facilitated the Vote For Homes! coalition, which registered 1,100 homeless and formerly homeless persons and ex-offenders this year, and helped 120 people get to the polls.

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

By Alyssa Bowers

AT PROJECT H.O.M.E., we know a lot of things. We know how important advocacy and commitment are. We know how to make connections with people who don't feel connected to anything at all. We know that we're fighting an uphill battle, but we do it anyway.

What we often don't know are the intimate details of the lives of the people we serve. We don't always know where they came from, or what transpired in their lives that left them on the streets or in a shelter or abandoned building.

We knew a lot of things about Sarae Moore, who moved into 1523 Fairmount when it opened in 1995. We knew that she was a sweet, quiet woman who worked hard at her jobs at Our Daily Threads and the Back H.O.M.E. Café. We know that when she passed away last June, we grieved the loss of such a wonderful life, but were comforted by the fact that during her illness, Sarae was surrounded by people who loved her.

"We cried over the phone, remembering how much we both loved Sarae."

On February 20, I had the distinct privilege of learning even more about Sarae, a woman who touched so many lives. I received a call from a woman named Claire Spodobalski, who currently lives in Washington state. She had been searching for a cousin whom she had lost

track of more than twenty years ago. Through the internet, she had come across an article in the September 2007 edition of *Dwelling Place* entitled "Remembering Sarae." Upon comparing notes over the phone, we established that Claire is Sarae's first cousin. Apparently, Sarae visited Claire and her family years ago, but decided on her first night in Washington that she wanted to return to Philadelphia immediately. Claire's husband put Sarae on a plane the next morning. No one in her family saw her again. They didn't believe a Philadelphia police officer friend who had contacted them to tell them that Sarae was living on the street. It didn't seem possible to them that quiet Sarae, who was so meticulous about the way she looked and carried herself, could be homeless and hungry.

Claire and I shared stories and details about Sarae's life – much she didn't know, and much I never learned about her. Claire deeply regretted that she hadn't been able to make contact with Sarae before she passed away. But she was grateful to learn that her cousin had so many friends around her as she made the transition from illness to peace. We cried over the phone, remembering how much we both loved Sarae and thinking about how blessed we were to know her.

I feel incredibly lucky to have spoken with Claire and hope to meet her when she comes to Philadelphia. Since that conversation, I've been thinking a lot about the things we don't and can't know. I'm reminded that despite our passion and desire to see people succeed, our willingness to "meet people where they are," sometimes we never really know where they came from, or how they got to where they are now. All we can do is keep working to make sure that, some day, all of us, regardless of where we started, are home.

— Alyssa Bowers is the Program Manager at 1515-1523 Fairmount Avenue.

FORGIVING TO FORGET

By Katrina Delancey

walking through life
feeling no pain
killed many years ago
can't cry... can't smile
a zombie... accepting fate
occasional illusions
fantasizing about change

chasing relationships
wondering about love
yet... know too well
feelings of hate
it's in a mirror
that reality sets in
no winners... nor losers

a robot that bleeds
buried inside... a child
wanting a hug
needing to be understood
energy is spent
efforts to try... gone
just waiting

waiting... for a Promise
where life is rewarded
with warmth... comfort
peace... and love
then a zombie
will smile... will cry
and realize that...
the reality was an illusion

and a child will emerge
ready to experience
Life... for the first time
and understand...
forgiveness... helps to forget

— Katrina Delancey lives at
Project H.O.M.E.'s Women of
Change Residence.



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

HEALING THE WOUNDS OF VIOLENCE: A FORUM WITH DR. JOHN RICH

Wednesday, May 28 - 7:00 p.m.

Honickman Learning Center & Comcast Technology Labs - 1936 N. Judson Street

Urban violence is not simply a criminal justice problem, but one that is often related to deep trauma – particularly among young African American men. This forum will explore how a community can respond to trauma as a way of healing and building peace. **Dr. John Rich** is the Chair of the Department of Health Management and Policy at Drexel University. He has extensive experience in working on issues of community health and inner-city youth.

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



PHENOMENAL FRIENDS



Who: Mothers Club of St. Joseph's Preparatory School
Volunteering since: 2007
Volunteer activities: Weekly art and walking groups at Kairos House

Tuesday mornings are full of activity at Project H.O.M.E.'s Kairos House residence with the help of Cyrilla, Carmen, Joan, Rosemary, Anna, and Mary Grace. Every week, this dedicated group of mothers facilitates a range of goings-on, from arts and crafts to holiday theme parties to walking outdoors.

The Mothers Club connected with Project H.O.M.E. after a volunteer day organized by St. Joseph's Prep as an effort to be a good neighbor in their urban neighborhood. The energy and spirit of mission of that day inspired a few mothers to continue their connection. Kairos House is just a short walk from the school, so the placement was ideal.

When they started a year ago, they met with residents and staff to determine what activities would be most interesting and helpful. While they initially intended to volunteer only during the school year, the St. Joe's Mothers have continued – the relationships with the residents keep them coming back. On a recent rainy Tuesday, residents greeted the volunteers upon their arrival with umbrellas in hand. One volunteer was impressed by the residents' generosity. Another volunteer admitted that she had long harbored negative stereotypes of people suffering from mental illness and homelessness – but her time at Kairos House has expelled those stereotypes.

In addition to their connection with the residents, the Mothers feel connected to each other, since they have incorporated reflection into their work. Each week they discuss their experience and brainstorm ways they can make it better.

For their dedication, reflection, flexibility, and support to the community of Project H.O.M.E., we are grateful to the Mothers Club of St. Joseph's Prep.

BRINGING OUR MISSION TO LIFE

ENDING HOMELESSNESS WILL require commitment and involvement from all sectors of society. While we advocate for leadership from public officials and policy-makers at both the national and local levels (see pages 1-3), we are also aware of the critical role played by numerous friends and supporters in the private sector – individual donors, foundations, and corporations. Your generosity enables us to develop effective programs that help reduce homelessness and poverty and enhance the quality of life for our community. We would like to especially thank the following recent donors:

- Ms. Joanne M. Albus
- Clayman Family Foundation
- Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare
- James and Mignon Groch
- John and Chara Haas
- Larry and Korin Korman
- Thomas and Helen Krug
- James and Katherine Ledwith
- Lincoln Financial Group Foundation
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- Mrs. Elizabeth R. Moran
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- J. Patrick and Alicia O'Grady
- PECO Energy Company
- Penn Stainless Products, Inc.
- Philadelphia Health Management Corporation
- PNC Bank
- Anne and Bruce Robinson
- Sts. Peter and Paul Rectory
- Supportive Older Women's Network, Inc.
- United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania
- Wilt Chamberlain Memorial Fund
- WP Realty

A HEALING CUP

MANY THANKS TO our partners who have made possible the H.O.M.E. Page Café, now open in the Central Branch of the Free Library in Center City (see story on page 4). **Bank of America's** financial support was instrumental in helping us develop the Café. **The Free Library of Philadelphia** shared the vision and is hosting the Café. **Starbucks** is generously supplying equipment. **Metropolitan Bakery**, in addition to providing baked goods, trained ten formerly homeless men and women and five students from the **Harold A. Honickman Entrepreneurial Program**. **The Back Home Café** provides delicious salads and sandwiches. All of these partners are helping provide a positive future for formerly homeless men and women and talented teens from low-income neighborhoods.

WISH LIST

We can use donations of the following items for our residents and our street outreach efforts:

- Deodorant; Soap; Razors; Toothpaste
- New twin-sized sheets and blankets; New towels and washcloths
- New *larger*-sized socks and underwear
- Cases of bottled water

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.



CONGRATS TO DEBORAH FRETZ

PROJECT H.O.M.E. congratulates **Deborah Fretz** for her well-deserved honor of the 2008 Paradigm Award, conferred by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce for outstanding professional and personal achievement by a woman in the Greater Philadelphia area. Deborah is the CEO of Sunoco Logistics and sits on the boards of many local organizations including Project H.O.M.E.

FOUL WEATHER FRIENDS

PROJECT H.O.M.E.'s Outreach Coordination Center is grateful to the following partners who provided services this winter (see the article on page 4): Access to Alternative Services • Amtrak Police Department • Arch Street United Methodist Church • Bethesda Project • Broad Street Ministry • Center City District • City of Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health Addiction Services • City of Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health Homeless Services • City of Philadelphia Office of Supportive Housing • Community Behavioral Health • Gaudenzia • Hall Mercer • Holy Communion Church • Homeless Advocacy Project • Horizon House • Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania/ACCESS-West Philly • One Day At A Time • Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness • Philadelphia Health Management Corporation/Mary Howard Health Center • Philadelphia Police Department • Ready, Willing & Able • Resources for Human Development • Salvation Army • SELF, Inc. • SEPTA Police Department • Somerset • St. John's Hospice • St. Vincent's Face-to-Face • Travelers Aid Philadelphia • Veterans Administration



Residents, staff, and friends gather around a new mural in a conference room at 1515 Fairmount Avenue. The mural was painted by local artist Renee Daily (fifth from left), who graciously donated her talent and time to add some beauty to our facility.

IMAGES FROM AFAR

ON APRIL 3, Project H.O.M.E. hosted a fundraiser at the Gershman Y in Center City Philadelphia featuring a special cocktail preview of a photo exhibit by acclaimed photo-journalist Stephen Shames.

Proceeds from the event went to support educational programs for children and teens at our Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs in North Central Philadelphia and The Stephen Shames Foundation, which supports educational programs for the children of Northern Uganda. We would like to thank the generous supporters of this event, including **The Borowsky Gallery at the Gershman Y** for hosting; **Susanna Foo Chinese Cuisine** for their superb catering; **Canada Dry Delaware Valley Bottling Company** for providing beverages; and **The Honickman Foundation** for making the exhibit possible. And thanks to co-chairs **Kathy Anderson** and **Leigh Middleton** for their leadership in making the event a success.



Special thanks to the following agencies and organizations, whose funding is making possible the **renovations of St. Elizabeth's Recovery Residence**, which will include supportive housing for homeless and recovering veterans (see page 4): State Representative John Perzel • Jon Bon Jovi and The Philadelphia Soul Charitable Foundation • Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare • U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs • Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency • Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh • City of Philadelphia's Redevelopment Authority and Housing Trust Fund.



We were saddened to hear of the death of **Tom McCabe**, a long-time friend and supporter of Project H.O.M.E., since our earliest years. Tom was a devoted Catholic and family man with a passion for social justice and a heart for persons who were poor and homeless.



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Can we make good on the
promise of America for all its
people in this election year?

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FOOD & DRINK FOR THOUGHT

Located at the Central Branch of
the Free Library of Philadelphia -
1901 Vine Street in Center City

Stop by for a freshly brewed cup of Starbucks coffee, delicious baked goods from Metropolitan Bakery, and great sandwiches and salads from the Back Home Café. This innovative partnership between the Free Library of Philadelphia and Project H.O.M.E. provides jobs in a lovely and comfortable setting. Also on sale: T-Shirts designed by participants in Project H.O.M.E.'s Teen Program with great messages about stopping violence and ending homelessness.

Café hours: Monday- Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. / Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

For more information call 215-320-6191.

Read more about the Café inside on pages 4 and 7.



"Hope is a state of mind, not of the world. Hope, in this deep and powerful sense, is not the same as joy that things are going well, or willingness to invest in enterprises that are obviously heading for success, but rather an ability to work for something because it is good."

-- Vaclav Havel

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