



Project H.O.M.E.'s

Dwelling Place

JANUARY 2005

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 Store, 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

www.projecthome.org

CHANGING THE CONVERSATION: CAN WE PUT SOLUTIONS TO POVERTY BACK ON THE NATIONAL AGENDA?

THE VOTES ARE LONG SINCE COUNTED, elected officials old and new are taking their places in various halls of power, and with a new year at hand, the business of governing these United States continues.

It was, as we all recall, an extremely polarized campaign. Issues, values, and personal character were all highly charged and hotly debated. The electorate was torn between very different views about the direction of our country and our communities.

Just a few weeks before the November election, government statistics showed that for the first time in eight years, the poverty rate in the United States was increasing. Aside from a day or two of sound bytes, this news made scarcely a blip in the campaign from either of the major parties.

AT PROJECT H.O.M.E., WE BELIEVE IN enhancing the quality of life for all persons. But our primary mission has been to attend specifically to people who are at the margins — those on the streets, those in broken and disenfranchised neighborhoods, those whose survival hangs on thin threads of poor education and minimal economic opportunity.

So we are deeply distressed when issues of poverty and homelessness barely seem important in the political consciousness of elected officials, candidates, or even voters. Solutions to poverty do not seem to be on the agenda of elected officials.

JUST OVER A GENERATION AGO, NATIONAL political candidates spoke to the electorate boldly promising to end poverty. Such a message was largely received with approval. Most Americans at that time believed that a national commitment to alleviating poverty was a worthy goal; we would be proud to live in a nation with such a commitment.

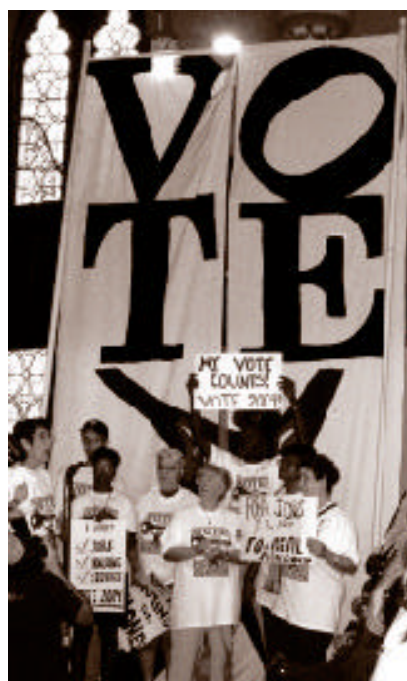
The achievements and shortcomings of the 1960s "War on Poverty" are, of course, a matter of intense historical debate. Our point is not to romanticize or rehash the past. Nor is it to assert the superiority of either a liberal or a conservative vision. The important point for us today is to recall that not long ago, poverty was a central

concern for the American people, even those not directly affected by it.

We will not make genuine social progress to end poverty until there is a national commitment. Certainly, the United States seems distressingly far from any such commitment — in fact, such a goal seems scarcely imaginable.

BUT WE MUST NOT SUCCUMB TO DESPAIR. At Project H.O.M.E., we dare to believe that this nation and its people have the resources, the energy, and the talent to make serious strides toward ending poverty and ensuring basic quality of life for all our citizens. We also dare to believe that deep in our historical tradition there stirs a powerful vision of

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The Vote for Homes! Coalition shows its power at a get-out-the-vote rally.



LIGHTS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Irving Gerber and Robin Shuntich are recipients of this year’s 181 Points of Light Award, presented by the Greater Philadelphia Urban Affairs Coalition. Each has made an indelible mark on the Project H.O.M.E. community through generous donations of clothing and time to Our Daily Threads thrift store, helping to provide low-cost, high-end clothes to the Project H.O.M.E. community and surrounding neighborhood. Thank you and congratulations!

MAKE IT A MITZVAH

Jon Weinrott, owner of Peachtree & Ward Catering, writes, “My wife, Lori, recently wrote a book called The Ultimate Bar/Bat Mitzvah Celebration Book. When a child is studying for bar/bat mitzvah s/he often undertakes an act of service known as a mitzvah project. A dozen 11-13 year olds who have worked with us for several months prepared a meal that they served at Saint Columba.” We hope that Jon and Lori will inspire other service projects.

KATE’S PLACE RESIDENTS

ARRIVE GRATEFULLY

Seventy residents of Kate’s Place have moved into their new homes at 1929 Sansom Street. Brian Kane, a former resident of St. Elizabeth’s Recovery Residence, is thrilled with his new apartment. “I live in the center of town where I’ve always wanted to live but could never afford it. I can walk to work and enjoy living with people from so many different backgrounds, ages, ethnicities...” Welcome, Kate’s Place residents!

PREPARING FOR WORK

This fall, the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs co-hosted *Getting the Job: Learn from the Experts*, a roundtable for neighborhood residents. We are grateful to the hiring managers from Temple University Hospital, Citizens Bank, Cisco Systems, PNC Bank, and Project H.O.M.E., who offered valuable suggestions on approaching the job search, preparing for an interview, and presenting yourself to employers.

A GENEROUS THANKSGIVING

Women of Change had the scrumptious pleasure of making a connection with the Culinary Arts School of the Art Institute of Philadelphia and receiving healthy and delicious food donations for Thanksgiving. We are deeply grateful to Dave Logan, Chef Bill Tillinghast, and Chef Colleen McDonough and her talented students for being such giving neighbors!

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS 2004

- ◆ With the generous support of our corporate partner, Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg, & Ellers, LLP, Project H.O.M.E. has expanded its economic development activities and celebrates the arrival of three new businesses on the Ridge Avenue corridor.
- ◆ Our Affordable Housing Program reports that the 1900 block of Judson Street, once the most blighted in the St. Elizabeth’s neighborhood, is now fully occupied and one of the most economically diverse blocks in the community.
- ◆ Thanks to the Tierney Foundation for its innovative and charitable support of our Homeownership Incentive Savings Program, which assists participants in attaining the goal of homeownership by matching their personal savings.
- ◆ Nine homes are under construction in the Diamond Street neighborhood — the first homeownership development project in this community in 30 years.
- ◆ Congratulations to all 22 graduates of our first Homebuyers’ Club (a partnership with PNC Bank)!

2005 promises to be equally exciting as we celebrate our tenth year of neighborhood revitalization. Project H.O.M.E. will start its largest homeownership project to date — the renovation of 17 homes — and expand efforts on Ridge Avenue, including façade improvement and district signage programs.

AN ECONOMY OF MISMATCHED MITTENS

One cold winter day, Joyce, a woman with a severe mental illness, came into Mercy Hospice where I was working. She was wearing mismatched mittens and I said, “Joyce, your mittens are two different colors.” She gave me what I now realize was a look of great pity and said, “So?” Then she continued my education: “What is the point in wearing mittens?” Me: “To keep our hands warm.” Joyce: “Do hands stay any warmer because the mittens are the same color?”

Once again I had been taken from my “this-is-the-way-it’s-supposed-to-be” world to a truer reality by a woman who was perceived by society as not “normal,” “healthy,” or “like us.” It was a trip I made often in my years of being among people who were homeless. Joyce had a matter-of-factness about her that any really honest compulsive would have envied. I knew I didn’t have the humility, simplicity, or inner freedom to wear mismatched *anything* in our consumerist society.

That encounter with Joyce got me to thinking that there is an Empire economy and a humane and inclusive economy, and they

don’t seem to have much in common. In an Empire economy, Wall Street and Madison Avenue tell us what is acceptable: what to wear, what to drive, what to live in, what to look like, how to prepare for the future. It is an economy characterized by built-in obsolescence. An entire thrift shop industry rests on the fact that Empire people discard material goods not because they are worn out but because they are no longer “in.” The goal of an Empire economy seems to be affluence: more is better; most is best. In the Empire, we presume we are free because we can buy what we want whenever we want, in an attempt to fill up the emptiness that never seems to get filled.

A humane and inclusive economy is characterized by sharing, not by hoarding. The goal is sufficiency, not affluence or poverty. In such an economy, people are free *not* to buy what they do not need. Imagine what such an economy would do to the Dow Jones!

— Josephine McGrory, RSM, Caseworker, Women of Change

NATIONAL HOMELESS PERSONS' MEMORIAL DAY 2004

On the first day of winter, Project H.O.M.E. joined other organizations to remember the 40 homeless and formerly homeless men, women, and children who died in this year in Philadelphia. Among them we honored the Project H.O.M.E. community members including Carmen DeMarco, Jimmy Elder, Russell Farrington, Robert Henry, Joe McCafferty, Albert Moten, Niels Rahbek, Charles Regusters, Patrice Spivey, Janet West, and Bobby Williams. Former Kairos House caseworker Sebastian Petsu wrote this poem for Niels Rahbek, who died while living at Kairos House:

CAPTAIN NIELS

*He reminded me of a sea captain:
A bristly-bearded and burly figure,
his exotic name that everyone misspelled,
his bright blue eyes themselves like an ocean,
his roots – miles across the water in Denmark.*

*Quiet and calm,
I imagined him out on a ship's deck,
charting a course back home,
staring out at the water
and smoking a pipe,
instead of the cigarettes
that were his close and hurtful friends.*

*Now he is sailing
celestial seas,
smiling and free of his broken body.
His ship's white sails full
in triumph, not surrender;
smiling,
because he's finally found his home.*



LOOKING BACK: SHELTER FROM THE COLD

The cold weather reminds us that winter is dangerous and lonely for the men, women, and children living on the streets of Philadelphia. This column looks back at some of the creative ways we have responded to the chill of the season while keeping our focus on providing and advocating for permanent housing.

MARIAN ANDERSON RECREATION CENTER – 1989

Joan Dawson McConnon, Co-founder of Project H.O.M.E., reflects on the first winter: *“The reason why we opened it [the Mother Katherine Drexel Residence] was because the city wouldn’t allow folks smelling of alcohol in the city shelter system. So there were people dying out on the street, many of whom were older alcoholics, many of whom were veterans. And so the State came and asked Mary if she would be willing to open up a shelter for these guys. If you could imagine there were 50 men in the building — 25 in each locker room — with showers in the back. The guys had the same bed every night. We’d save it for them. The guys would create their own little space and it would be theirs.”*

BELL ATLANTIC BUILDING SHELTER – 1990

The Bell Atlantic shelter was housed in space at 18th and Arch Streets Marion Hall, who celebrated 15 years with Project H.O.M.E. this year, remembers when he came off the street into shelter: *“I came in on New Year’s Day, paranoid and in need of medical and psychiatric treatment. I found a home with Project H.O.M.E. and I’m not going back to the streets.”*

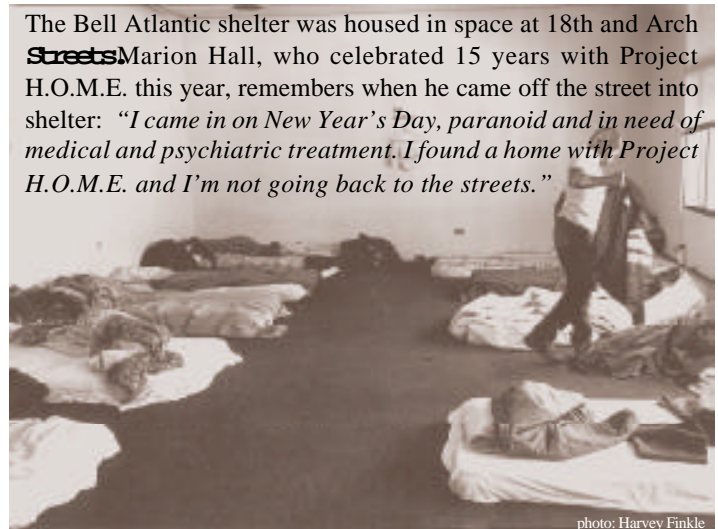


photo: Harvey Finkle

BACKSPACE AT 1515 FAIRMOUNT – 1999

Jennine Miller, Coordinator of Advocacy and Education, served as *ad hoc* coordinator during the blizzard of 1999: *“Outreach started bringing in women — some of the most vulnerable who hadn’t been in for years. At our peak we had 25 women living on cots. There was a creative chaos that went with trying to turn our makeshift space into a safe and dignified place for the women. What struck me the most was the acceptance that the women had for each other, the community that was formed so quickly, and the way people looked out for each other.”*

Thanks to all in the Project H.O.M.E community who continually strives to ensure that everyone has a warm, safe, and affordable place to live.

CHANGING THE CONVERSATION

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generosity, justice, and equal opportunity. Perhaps the most crucial task we face right now is to tap into that vision, to unleash it, to spark a new kind of political discourse.

Project H.O.M.E. played a major role in nonpartisan election-year efforts to raise issues and educate voters. The work did not end on election day (see page 5). In the coming months, Project H.O.M.E. will sponsor community forums where we can reflect on how to transform the public discourse and how to put poverty and homelessness back on the political map. We invite you to be part of this crucial conversation. For more information, see our website, www.projecthome.org, or call Jennine Miller at 215-232-7272, ext. 3042.

POLICY BRIEFS

FEDERAL ADVOCACY SUCCESSES

In another significant advocacy victory, the Services to End Long-Term Homelessness Act (SELHA) was introduced in October by Senators DeWine (R-OH) and Reed (D-RI). The bill calls for the establishment of a federal grant program for services in supportive housing. SELHA is the first legislation to emerge from the Ending Long-Term Homelessness Services Initiative developed by a broad national coalition of advocates. The House counterpart to SELHA was introduced in late July by Representative Burr (R-NC); to date, that bill has garnered support from 24 bipartisan co-sponsors. If enacted, SELHA would provide funding for physical and mental health services, substance abuse treatment, health education, money management, and other programs to help end homelessness.

PLANNING TO END HOMELESSNESS

Through the Mayor's Task Force on Homeless Services, the City has begun developing a Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness. At public hearings about the plan called by



Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell, Project H.O.M.E. provided testimony through Ed Speedling, Outreach Coordination Center Interim Director; Anthony Gindraw, and

Ocie Laurel, residents of St. Elizabeth's Recovery Residence; and Jim Womer, Project H.O.M.E. volunteer and former Ridge Avenue Center resident. Testimonies described the approaches, services, and housing options needed to end homelessness in Philadelphia.

ADVOCACY VICTORY! PHILADELPHIA PROMISES TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND



Together with the Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations and the Philadelphia Affordable Housing Coalition, Project H.O.M.E. has succeeded in winning a commitment from the City to create a \$14 million per year Housing Trust Fund — a permanent, dedicated method of supporting neighborhood revitalization and affordable housing in Philadelphia.

The Housing Trust Fund will help our neighborhoods by building new housing and rehabbing vacant buildings, helping homeowners repair their properties, preventing homelessness, and spurring neighborhood renewal. Philadelphia needs a Housing Trust Fund because:

- ♦ City affordable housing production has fallen to its lowest level in at least seven years.
- ♦ There is a shortage of 60,000 affordable homes in Philadelphia.
- ♦ The Trust Fund will fund approximately 300 new homes and 850 more home repairs, prevent 900 families from becoming homeless, leverage \$35 million, and have an economic impact of more than \$80 million; all of this *each and every year*.

What's the next step? City Council needs to pass the Housing Trust Fund legislation that will be introduced early in 2005. Contact your City Councilmember through www.hallwatch.org/faxbank/affordablehousing and ask them to support the Housing Trust Fund! For more information, contact Laura Weinbaum, Director of Public Policy, at 215-232-7272, ext. 3037.

The things that will destroy us are: politics without principle; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without sacrifice.

—Mahatma Gandhi

WE MATTER! WE VOTED! ELECTION COALITION TURNS OUT THE VOTE

Election 2004: *Vote for Homes!* is a non-partisan coalition of organizations concerned about housing, jobs, and services for people and families living on low incomes. Each year, *Vote for Homes!* volunteers register, educate, and mobilize voters about issues of housing, jobs, and services.

This year, we are especially proud of our accomplishments:

- ☑ 1,002 new registrations in 2004 and 8,500 registrations since 1999
- ☑ 120 volunteers on Election Day; 180 volunteers trained throughout the campaign at eight trainings; 100 voter registration and education events
- ☑ 1,000 postcards sent to remind voters about rights and polling sites
- ☑ 40,000 non-partisan affordable housing voters guides distributed statewide
- ☑ Increases in all divisions where we mobilized voters, including these highlights:
 - ◆ 24% increase in voters at polling site for Project H.O.M.E.'s St. Columba's
 - ◆ 23% increase in voters at site for Ridge Avenue Center and Red Shield
 - ◆ 59% increase at site for Our Brother's Place, Gaudenzia, SELF Inc., Eliza Shirley, St. John's Hospice, and Sunday Breakfast Association
 - ◆ 51% increase at site for YMCA-Germantown



STORIES FROM THE FIELD

"I followed up to make sure they [shelter residents] were aware of not just the importance of registering, but also actually getting out to vote. I did a lot of work speaking to groups at other organizations, reminding them their vote does count and does mean something. A lot of people have this idea that it doesn't matter, that even if they vote it doesn't make a difference, but that's just a myth. There comes a time when we have to take action, to take a chance anyway. It could make a big impact on what things can be like for us in the future."

Anthony Gindraw is a resident of St. Elizabeth's Recovery Residence and an advocacy volunteer. See page 6 for Anthony's volunteer profile.

"Since April, I have volunteered with the *Vote for Homes!* Coalition. I have spoken to men and women in shelters and encouraged and helped them to register to vote. I was active on Election Day in helping to get residents to polling places throughout the City. Have I made a contribution? I hope so, and I take a little pride in that."

Jim Womer is a former resident of the Ridge Avenue Center, now residing in West Philadelphia, who provided vital assistance.

"At 7:20 pm, we got one of the final calls of the night. We had to drive a first-time voter living at Covenant House in the far Northwest all the way to deep South Philly. It was an amazing ride. I felt like one of Blues Brothers when they were on a mission from God. We literally arrived at 7:58. [The polls close at 8:00.] It was better than fiction."

Bridget Lessner, a concerned citizen, participated in voter education and registration throughout the campaign.

"My favorite story was from Gary, a Ridge Avenue Center resident, who had participated in the voter mobilization training. When he went to vote, the woman in front of him asked for assistance with voting. The poll worker refused her assistance stating, "You can't have assistance unless you are illiterate." Gary stepped in and helped explain the rules to the poll worker, who eventually allowed the woman to vote with the assistance that she requested. It illustrates the community that Project H.O.M.E. is fostering."

Ethan Evans took time off from his work on affordable housing issues in California to volunteer with Vote for Homes! and manage our Election Day legal team.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL THE COALITION PARTNERS WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE...

ACT UP Philadelphia—Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.—Omega Omega Chapter—A New Life Consumer Center—ACORN—American Friends Service Committee—Bethesda Project—Blueprint To End Homelessness/GPUAC—Bread And Roses Community Fund—Brotherhood Mission Ministries—Catholic Social Services—Center for Community Change—Center for Progressive Leadership—Centro Pedro Claver—Citizens for Consumer Justice—Civic House/University of Pennsylvania—Coalition Ingenue—Colours Organization, Inc.—Dignity Housing—Eastern Pennsylvania Organizing Project—The Episcopal Church at Penn—Episcopal Community Services—First United Methodist Church of Germantown—Galloway and Son—Greater Philadelphia Food Bank—Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia—Homeless Advocacy Project—Horizon House, Inc.—Housing Alliance of PA—Housing Assoc. of Delaware Valley—Impact Services Corporation—Institute for the Study of Civic Values—Journey Home—Kailo Haven/RHD—Kensington Action NOW/Kensington Area Revitalization Project—Lutheran Settlement House—Mental Health Association of Southeast PA—National Association of Social Workers/PA Chapter—Northwest Interfaith Movement Voter Project—Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network—Oasis/RHD—Old First Reformed Church—Overington House—PathWaysPA—People's Emergency Center—Philadelphia Association of Community Development Corporations—Philadelphia Health Management Corp.—Philadelphia Higher Education Network for Neighborhood Development—Philadelphia Unemployment Project—Philadelphia Urban Missions Board—Philadelphia Voter Mobilization Coalition—Point Breeze Federation, Inc.—Prevention Point Philadelphia—Project H.O.M.E.—Ready, Willing & Able—Resources for Human Development (RHD)—Ridge Center/RHD—Self Inc.—Southwest Community Services—St. John's Hospice—St. Mary's Church, Hamilton Village—Tenants Action Group of Philadelphia—Trevor's Place—United Pennsylvanians—Visitation Homes/Catholic Social Services—Women of Hope-Lombard—Women's Community Revitalization Project—WOMENS WAY—Women's Law Project—WomenVote PA—Youth Service, Inc.



H.O.M.E. BUILDERS

Working Together to Provide Solutions to Homelessness

PHENOMENAL FRIENDS



Who: Anthony Gindraw

Volunteer Since: 2004

Volunteer Position: *Vote for Homes!* Leader

Nature of Activities: Anthony has participated in advocacy activities ranging from registering, educating, and mobilizing voters, to attending a focus group and testifying before City Council on the Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness, to rallying in Harrisburg against harmful SEPTA budget cuts.

Since moving into St. Elizabeth's Recovery Residence, Anthony has taken advantage of all that Project H.O.M.E. has to offer and has given back abundantly. Anthony is one of a varied group of residents who live, work, and volunteer at Project H.O.M.E.. Anthony says his involvement in advocacy is important to him because, "Volunteering with *Vote for Homes!* was something I loved doing because I was giving something without expecting anything in return. My reward was caring for others like myself, some who were homeless. The experience has helped me maintain employment. I'm doing some work over at Ridge Avenue Shelter, and receptionist work for Project H.O.M.E.. So part of my reward was finding a job in the same field, doing the same sort of thing I was doing in my volunteer work with the campaign. I feel real good about it. I'm a people person. I like to greet people with a smile. I like to be looked at as a problem solver."

We salute Anthony, who in addition to taking care of himself is taking care of others.

We extend our deepest appreciation to the following groups and individuals for their generous contributions to Project H.O.M.E. this fall. Their wonderful gifts allow us to continue implementing innovative solutions to the crisis of homelessness.

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Thank you also to all of our holiday donors and volunteers. Look for special holiday acknowledgments in the next Dwelling Place.



...Imagine a gala that brought together 800 people from all walks of life towards the same goal. On November 1, 2004, Project H.O.M.E. held a fundraising event honoring Lynne and Harold Honickman and Aileen and Brian Roberts. It raised critical dollars for the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs.



L to R: Stephen Burke (Co-Chair), Brian Roberts (Honoree), Gretchen Burke (Co-Chair), Bob Costas (Keynote Speaker), Aileen Roberts (Honoree), Lynne and Harold Honickman (Honorees), Marjorie and Jeffrey Honickman (Co-Chairs)

Special thanks to Co-Chairs (shown above) and Gala Committee who made this night possible: Donna Boscia, Josephine Mandeville, Claire Reichlin, Sheri Cozen Resnik, Emily Riley, Susan Sherman, Diane Tuppeny-Hess, and Bill Wilson.

CREATIVE WAYS TO SUPPORT PROJECT H.O.M.E.

Looking for a Valentine’s Day gift for someone special? Consider Schopenhauer’s Porcupines, a book about relationships written by long-time Project H.O.M.E. supporter and Women of Change volunteer Dr. Deborah Anna Luepnitz. Proceeds from

“A group of porcupines was milling about on a cold winter’s day. To keep from freezing, they huddled together until their quills began to cause each other pain. They spread out for comfort, until too much distance made them shiver again. The cycle continued endlessly as they sought a balance between total privacy and total fusion,”
 — excerpt from Schopenhauer’s Porcupines

the book have generated more than \$12,000 in profit for Project H.O.M.E. since 2002. Thanks to all who have purchased the book to support us. It is available at amazon.com and bookstores including the Penn Bookstore — or anytime by contacting Deborah at 215-387-0233.

UNTIL ALL OF US ARE HOME

Maybe you’ve recently seen slides of Project H.O.M.E. before a Ritz movie? As many of you know, in 2002 Project H.O.M.E. founders S. Mary Scullion and Joan Dawson McConnon were honored with the *Leadership for a Changing World Award*. Last year, we had the incredible fortune to receive support from *Leadership* partners — the Ford Foundation and New

York University Wagner School of Public Service. This support enabled us to work on an ethnographic study (an analysis of the daily life of a group told from the point of view of its participants) of the



Project H.O.M.E. community. Partnering with Anthropologist Kathleen Hall of the University of Pennsylvania and activist photographer Harvey Finkle, we created a series of photographs and narratives for display in Project H.O.M.E. facilities. The show, titled *Until All Of Us Are Home*, runs in the Backspace at 1515 Fairmount and Ritz Movies through January, and the photos will hang in Project H.O.M.E. buildings after the show is over.

Photographs are available for sale at \$300 each. See www.projecthome.org or call Laura Weinbaum at 215-232-7272 ext. 3037 for more information.



photo: Harvey Finkle

MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE: PRAISE FROM AN OUTREACH CLIENT

The text below was excerpted from a letter to Sam Santiago, an outreach response worker who was recently recognized by the Philadelphia 76ers as a “Hometown Hero.”

I would like to thank you and [former Outreach Coordination Center Director] Ms. Genny for all y’all help and support over the years of being homeless! I am truly grateful to the core of my heart and soul for all I have watched over the years of Project H.O.M.E.’s helping the homeless. Just the thoughts of

the days of you bringing us clean water and checking on us in time could never be forgotten or replaced. Deep down within me, I knew Project H.O.M.E. was pure help!

I came across a newspaper dated 8/16/04 and saw you in it. It lifted my spirits in a place like this. It made me reflect back on my lifestyle and the people who truly helped me in life... Sam, I can’t say that I have cherished a lot of things on this earth, but I will cherish this newspaper. That’s because it’s the truth about you and your co-workers. I know you and your team all work very hard to save a life and may God Bless you all at Project H.O.M.E.. Nothing is more pure than the help y’all have to offer. I too want to be a role model like you one day and give back to the crisis of being homeless or stuck in addiction.

— excerpt of letter from Nathan Brown, who used to live under a bridge in the Art Museum area and is currently in prison



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215-232-6322

Monday - Friday • 9 am - 5 pm

These businesses, located at 1515 Fairmount Avenue, provide employment and job training for formerly homeless men and women.

WISH LIST



- ♦ Cleaning supplies: sponges, trash bags, laundry detergent, dish soap, and disinfectants
- ♦ Bottled water
- ♦ New twin bed sheet sets, blankets, comforters, pillows, washcloths, and towels
- ♦ SEPTA tokens
- ♦ New underwear and socks for adults
- ♦ Art/office supplies: construction paper, binders, markers, scissors, and fabric
- ♦ Toiletries: deodorant, shaving cream, and razors
- ♦ Houseplants and framed art/posters

For health reasons, Project H.O.M.E. cannot accept used linens, toys, or dishes. Please contact Calinda Lytton at 215-232-7272 ext. 3045 for information about donating items to Project H.O.M.E..

Our Daily Threads thrift store is looking for:

- ♦ New or next-to-new clothing, especially men's M-XXL or women's 10 to 26
- ♦ Jewelry
- ♦ Household items: toasters, blenders, radios, etc.

For information about Our Daily Threads or to make a clothing donation, please contact RJ Supa at 215-232-6322.