



SPECIAL ELECTION 2003 EDITION

Dwelling Place

OCTOBER 2003

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; housing and community development; employment training and opportunities; adult and youth education; health care; environmental enhancement; and political advocacy.

RESIDENCES

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

SUPPORT SERVICES/PROGRAMS

Adult Education, Employment & Arts
Community Development Corporation
Education and Advocacy
Outreach Coordination Center
St. Elizabeth's/Diamond Street Community
Centers and After-school Programs
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

215-232-1983

HUMAN RESOURCES HOTLINE

215-232-7219 x5200

FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT

www.projecthome.org

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Elections And Why They Matter

WE ARE IN THE FINAL DAYS of another frantic, dramatic, and important political campaign. In a few days, hundreds of thousands of us have the opportunity and the obligation to impact the future of our city.

AS IN YEARS PAST, Project H.O.M.E. has collaborated with many others to take a leadership role in mobilizing and educating citizens during the election season. Working with residents, neighbors, partners, colleagues, and supporters, we identify the issues that impact our communities, with particular emphasis on the needs of low-income and homeless people and families – housing, jobs, and support services. Drawing on a range of experience and expertise, we propose constructive policies and engage in dialogue with candidates. We lead non-partisan voter registration campaigns, reaching out especially to folks in shelters and programs and in struggling neighborhoods who often feel alienated from the political system.

WE DO THIS BECAUSE WE RECOGNIZE that it isn't enough to provide quality services to persons and families in need – we must also address the structures, systems, and policies that aggravate situations of poverty and homelessness. We do this because we believe that all citizens must act responsibly through the political process to try to better our community.

AND WE DO IT BECAUSE IT WORKS. In the 2002 Governor's election, we advocated for an increase in the Housing and Redevelopment Assistance line item in the State's budget. As a candidate, now-Governor Rendell committed to increasing this line item. And this year, when almost across-the-board cuts viscerated so many programs, HRA in-

creased by \$10 million. Rendell also recently honored the commitment he made to us as a candidate by appointing Larry Segal to the cabinet-level position of Director of Housing and Community Revitalization to oversee housing matters for the state. During the 1999 election season, the Eastern Pennsylvania Organizing Project made towing of abandoned cars a critical part of its platform, and the elected Mayor saw to it that this was part of his priorities.

THESE DEVELOPMENTS SHOW WHAT CAN HAPPEN when we take seriously our democratic rights and responsibilities – and when we claim our power as individuals and as communities working together. But we also need

to realize that these successes happened *only* because folks organized and acted together.

IN THE WEEKS BEFORE the city's mayoral and City Council elections, we urge all of our friends and supporters to get involved. Educate yourselves about what is at stake in this election. Find out about the issues and the candidates. Talk with friends and colleagues. Encourage folks to get out and vote – and do so yourself. Because we know you have a special concern for issues of homelessness and poverty, we especially encourage you to use our Voters' Guide, available from our office or online at www.projecthome.org/vote

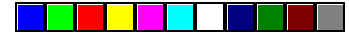
The opportunity is at hand. Together, we can make a difference – just as we have in the past.

For specific ideas about how you can get involved in the election, contact Jennine Miller at 215-232-7272, ext. 3042.



Voters' Guide on Affordable Housing and Homelessness available online at www.projecthome.org/vote





NORTH PHILADELPHIA METROPOLIS INAUGURATED

Teens from our St. Elizabeth's Community Center have developed and published two editions of a new neighborhood newspaper, the *North Philly Metropolis*. The second edition is enclosed.

NINTH "ANNUAL DAY" CELEBRATED



On Saturday, August 23, the neighbors of St. Elizabeth's/Diamond Street and Project H.O.M.E. held our "Annual Day" celebration with amazing performances from area drill teams (including Project H.O.M.E.'s own North Philly Footstompers) as well as a great summer street fair. Mayor John F. Street and Councilman Darrell Clarke addressed the crowd. We look forward to an even better 10th year celebration in 2004!

KATE'S PLACE GROUNDBREAKING

On October 15, Project H.O.M.E. will formally break ground for Kate's Place, a new 144-unit affordable housing development at 20th and Sansom Streets. Kate's Place will address the shortage of affordable housing in Philadelphia, opening in 2004. Project H.O.M.E. is developing Kate's Place in partnership with PNC Bank, the Sisters of Mercy, the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh, and the Redevelopment Authority.



HONICKMAN LEARNING CENTER AND COMCAST TECHNOLOGY LABS (HLC/CTL) SET TO OPEN

In December 2003, Project H.O.M.E. and the surrounding neighborhood will welcome the HLC/CTL. This 38,000 sq. ft. comprehensive learning center will be the keystone of Project H.O.M.E.'s community revitalization strategy. The Center will offer programs for children from kindergarten through 12th grade, adult learning, and workforce development. These activities will be tailored to help residents of the community move towards greater prosperity by increasing their educational and employment opportunities through comprehensive technology and literacy instruction. It is our hope that these opportunities will enable participants to break the cycle of homelessness and poverty for good.



SENATORS SPECTER AND SANTORUM VISIT PROJECT H.O.M.E.

On October 3, Pennsylvania's two senators chose Project H.O.M.E. as the site for a press conference announcing the annual allocation of federal housing and community development funds (including Community Development Block Grant, Emergency Shelter Grant, HOME Investment Partnership, and Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS funds) to the City of Philadelphia. The Senators toured 1515 Fairmount and heard from residents about their experiences. Special thanks to Karen Benedetti, Richard Bogue, and Hyacinth King who showed great courage in talking with the Senators and audience.



IF I HAD A FEW MINUTES WITH THE MAYOR...

Adult Learners Respond

If I could spend five minutes with the mayor, what would I say to him? That you need to do more for Philadelphia than just talk about what to do and just do it. What I would say is that education, housing, and being tough on criminals are the important issues. Education is important to me because it helps me to be a better person in life, as well as gives me a new outlook on life. We need more affordable housing for the homeless and low-income families and kids, as well. And finally, be tough on crime and get rid of guns on the streets of Philadelphia and put the criminals behind bars where they belong.

That's what I would say to the mayor – that Philadelphia needs more action than talk.

-Robert Ace Henry

Project H.O.M.E.'s Adult Learning Programs include GED, computer skills, assertiveness and life skills training, and other educational activities. For more information, please call Molly Kimmel, Adult Learning Instructor, at 215-232-7272 ext. 3035.

I would like the next mayor of Philly to focus on education, health, aging, housing, finances, and taxes. I feel that as mayor, he should also say what he means and then commit to what he says. I believe that the few items I wrote are very important not just to me, but to others too. I also believe that the mayor should really keep his focus on the people who put him in that office in the first place – don't forget how you got there.

Remember that housing, education, health, aging, finances, and taxes are things that people in the city are concerned about. The mayor should try to keep the issues sort of personal for the people in the city.

-David Campbell

PHENOMENAL FRIENDS



Name: Bonnie Hahn

Volunteer Since: 1994

Volunteer Position: Kairos House Mentor and Friend

Nature of Activities: Bonnie started volunteering at Kairos House doing general household chores and then established a Women's Club, which met weekly to discuss street safety, good health habits, and the news of the day. The group also enjoyed snacks and Bonnie read chapters from *Charlotte's Web* and the *Harry Potter* books. Today, she enjoys getting together with her friends at Kairos House every Sunday for a drive to Fairmount Park, South Street, or where ever the spirit takes them. According to Bonnie, "the people at Kairos House are very special to me." And she tells us that as the people at Kairos House's lives evolved, so did hers. Presently, Bonnie is getting close to finishing coursework for a master's degree in social work and looks forward to many more years watching her friends make progress and participating in the lives of Kairos House residents.

Project H.O.M.E. salutes the dedicated volunteers who work every day in our community. Thanks, Bonnie!

For more information about Project H.O.M.E.'s Volunteer Program, please call Robin Bonfield, Volunteer Coordinator, at 215-232-7272 ext. 3015.



H.O.M.E. BUILDERS

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THE BACK HOME CAFÉ AND CATERING

Monday - Friday • 8 am - 2 pm

Try our new "Grab 'n Go" offerings and baked goods—convenient, quick lunches on the run!

Or have the Café cater your holiday party...

Check out the on-line catering menu at www.projecthome.org. Call Dave Fortune to place an order.

215-232-6311

OUR DAILY THREADS THRIFT BOUTIQUE

Monday, Tuesday, Friday • 9 am - 3 pm
Thursday, Wednesday • 10 am - 5 pm

Come in and check out the latest fashions at ridiculously low prices.

The boutique has extended its mission across borders to send extras overseas!

Thank you to the generous individuals who donated clothing last month.

215-232-6322



Self-taught / Outsider Art Exchange Exhibit

Artwork from the Kailo Mantua Art Center, Coalition Ingenu, and Project H.O.M.E.

Sept. 22 – Nov. 19, 2003

The Kailo Mantua Art Center at the Coalition Ingenu-managed Back Space Gallery at Project H.O.M.E. 1515 Fairmount Avenue

For more information contact Robert Bullock @ 215-878-1825 or Cingenu@earthlink.net/www.coalitioningenu.org or Kailo Mantua Art Center @ 215-382-5686 or Lmnop4art@aol.com



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**"We ourselves feel that what we
are doing is just a drop in the
ocean. But the ocean
would be less because of that
missing drop."**

- Mother Theresa

Upcoming Events

October 22 - Mayoral Candidates' Forum on Affordable Housing and Homelessness - Hear about what mayoral candidates Sam Katz and John F. Street plan to do about our issues - 7 pm (Arch Street United Methodist Church, Broad and Arch Streets)

November 22 - Project H.O.M.E. Thanksgiving Ceremony - Come celebrate all of the reasons we have to be thankful. (Backspace, 1515 Fairmount Avenue, 10 am)

December 25 - Project H.O.M.E. Christmas Service - Join Project H.O.M.E. community members in our annual Christmas Mass. (Backspace, 1515 Fairmount Avenue, Time TBA)

Stay tuned for the Honickman Learning Center and Comcast Technology Labs Opening Early 2004!

For more information on all events, call 215-232-7272 or visit www.projectwww.projecthome.org.

A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.