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The Care Center CHRONICLE

Changing Lives . . . One Family at a Time

How Your Investment in The Care Center Has Made a Lasting Impact on the Lives of Our Community Members

Your support of the Care Center continues to have a tremendous impact on the lives of our fellow community members. Our four core programs continue to provide services that are in direct response to the needs of the community. With your support, 3,801 individuals received assistance through Transitional Housing, Prevention & Intervention of Homelessness, Crisis Advocacy & Resource Education, and Financial Literacy.

Many exciting things are happening at the Care Center:

- The child care center opened for business last February. This was the result of a collaborative effort between Southern NH Services and the Care Center. A major barrier for our Transitional Housing Program clients has been successfully removed.
- As a result of a collaborative project with Southern NH Services, PSNH, and the Care Center, \$85,000 worth of energy upgrades were made to our Norwell Home, Phase I of Transitional Housing. This will result in a tremendous cost savings going forward.

Client Testimonial

"I was self-employed working for a number of different subcontractors and the work just wasn't there any more. Because I work for myself, I am ineligible for unemployment benefits. I fell behind 2 months in my rent and was facing eviction. Luckily I did land a job working for the City of Nashua, full time with benefits, but I wasn't going to start for two more weeks. City Welfare was able to help me with the current month's rent, and Jessica was able to help me with most of the back rent and made several phone calls on my behalf to gather the rest. I would have been homeless if it wasn't for the Care Center."

~ P & I Client

- An opportunity presented itself through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to purchase a property that would allow the Care Center to expand its Transitional Housing Program to include Phase III – permanent housing. This has been part of our strategic plan for quite some time.
- We are in the beginning stages of our next Strategic Planning process that will result in a three-year plan to be adopted in March 2011. The Care Center has actively engaged in the practice since its inception in 1987. After receiving a grant from the NH Charitable Foundation, we secured the services of the Matchbox Group to lead the process.
- The Care Center was very fortunate to be accepted into an 18-month training and education program centered on capacity building offered by the New Hampshire Center for Nonprofits. This timing was perfect as it ties directly into our Strategic Planning efforts.

Upcoming Events



**Dates: October 23, 24, 30, 31
November 6 & 7**
Call Mary Webb to volunteer—886-2866 or mwebb@nashuanpcc.org

"Create the Future"

November 8
1-4 pm
Harbor Homes
45 High Street
Nashua, NH

Join us as we celebrate the past, build on the best of who we are, and generate ideas for the future.



Interested in adopting or shopping for a family this Holiday Season? Call 886-2866 or email npaige@nashuanpcc.org



Save the Date!

Sunday
March 20, 2011

Gourmet
Festival &
Auction
at the Nashua
Country Club

Help the
Care Center go
Green!

Send your email to npaige@nashuanpcc.org to receive this newsletter electronically.



Changing Lives . . . One Penny at a Time

It is Penny Picker Time!

Join your community members as they volunteer to canvass neighborhoods asking for "spare change" to support the programs of the Care Center.

Saturday & Sunday, October 23 & 24
Saturday & Sunday, October 30 & 31
Saturday & Sunday, November 6 & 7

To Volunteer:

Call or email Mary Webb at the Care Center
886-2866 or mwebb@nashuanpcc.org



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Thank You for Playing, Sponsoring & Volunteering

The Care Center's Annual Golf Tournament was held on June 7, 2010, at the Nashua Country Club. It was a great day, and the tournament winners were: 1st place gross—Art Dunford, Chris Lambert, and Ray Lambert; 1st place net—Chuck Burns, Jay Kempton, Pat Kilbane, and Robert Streed. Closest to the Pin—Bob Dunlap, Jim Boothroyd, Steve Dixon, and Mark Richardson; Longest Drive Men's - Alex Ostrowski; Longest Drive Women's - Kathleen Porter. Thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers, and players!





Message from Maryse . . .



Maryse Wirbal, CEO

Fall is here, and we off and running at the Care Center—Penny Pickers, Holiday Program, Strategic Planning, Transitional Housing Program expansion . . . so many exciting activities.

It gives me great pleasure to share with you that after launching our Planned Giving Campaign last January, the Care Center now has six members of our **Legacy Society**—those who have pledged a planned gift. Thank you so much for your continued and committed support.

Legacy Society Members

- The Rev. Dr. Robert and Mrs. Heidi Odierna
- Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wirbal
- Ms. Denise Thompson
- Mr. and Mrs. Jay Connor
- Mr. and Mrs. Michael Woessner
- Anonymous

The Care Center will enter its 24th year of operation in January. Our contribution to the health and welfare of the Greater Nashua community has been very significant, and we will continue to be attentive and responsive to the needs of the community as we progress through our strategic planning process, which has just begun. All stakeholders in our Agency—clients, donors, staff, board members, and volunteers—will be consulted as we evaluate where we have been and determine the best direction for the future. We are holding a “Create the Future” event on Monday, November 8, at Harbor Homes on 45 High Street, from 1 to 4 pm. I personally invite anyone who is interested to join us as we celebrate the past, build on the best of who we are, and generate ideas for the future. This summit is an integral part of our strategic planning process, which is being led by the Matchbox Group. Please give us a call at 886-2866 if you would like to attend.

Lastly, I would like to share a little more with you about our very recent Transitional Housing Program expansion. We were very fortunate to have access to funding through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program to purchase a property on Amherst Street in Nashua that will allow us to provide 2 units of permanent housing. This will be the beginning of Phase III of our Transitional Housing Program, which has been part of our strategic plan for quite some time.

Once again, thank you for your continued support as we work together to help our neighbors in need become self-sufficient.

Please consider the Nashua Pastoral Care Center in your estate planning

NPCC Staff News



The Care Center bids farewell to Jessica Karwatske, Outreach Program Coordinator. After serving in this position for 3 1/2 years, Jessica is leaving to further her career goals. We wish Jessica the best of luck in her new endeavors.

New Staff at the Norwell Home Transitional Housing Program

Welcome to our three new Residential Aides in the Transitional Housing Program:

- Joanne Halvorsen
- Emily Madison
- Tricia Hindenach

NPCC Board Member News



The Care Center welcomes three new members to the Board of Directors. Pictured above from left to right are: Sue Beaubien, Bellwether Community Credit Union; Beth Needham, Eaton & Berube Insurance; and Carrie Poole, TD Bank. Each will be serving a three-year term.

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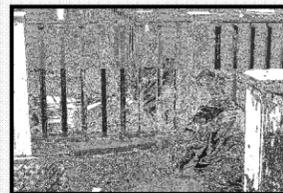


Volunteers Making a Difference . . .



A group of seniors from St. John's Prep School in Danvers, MA, volunteered for a day at the Norwell Home again this year as part of a leadership program they participate in at Rivier College. It was a beautiful summer day, and they helped to “beautify” the outside of our Norwell Home.

This volunteer youth group, part of a summer program through Community Council, spent quite a bit of time volunteering at all of the Care Center sites this summer. They worked on a number of different projects, including cleaning our basement—it never looked so good!



Quite a few community volunteers from the United Way's Day of Caring worked at our Vine Street property. They stained all of the porches and the railings.

A Special Thanks . . .

Tom Enright, a former Board Member of the Care Center and a Hollis resident, has been volunteering his time to assist with a variety of odd jobs that crop up with our residential sites. His “handyman” skills are very much appreciated.

Elaine Roy has been volunteering at Transitional Housing for several years as a babysitter while our women attend therapy and group meetings. That has been invaluable for our staff and clients.

Also—a group of **Hollis Brookline Rotarians** have been donating their time and talent one day a month painting the interior of our Norwell Home.

Friends of the Care Center

Changing lives ... one family at a time



The Care Center held its first meeting of the “Friends of the Care Center” in September. This is an independent group of volunteers who support the Care Center's programs, raise funds for special purposes, volunteer to do projects, and promote community awareness of the Care Center.

We are very fortunate to have the following members: Joan Ford, Jane Metcalf, Joanne Young, Joyce McGrath, Betty Gollihue, Bernice Burgoyne, JoAnne St. John, and Wendy de Penasse.

The Friends of the Care Center will be manning an informational booth at the Pheasant Lane Mall on October 11 and 12 to help raise awareness for the Care Center. Also planned is gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble on DW Highway on Decmeber 20, from 9 am to 3 pm.

Please call Mary Webb at 886-2866 or email mwebb@nashuanpcc.org to join the group or just learn a little more about their mission. All are welcome!

An Easy Way to support the Care Center

TD Bank's Affinity Program

Don't forget to join if you are a TD Bank customer. TD Bank will make an annual contribution to the Care Center based on the average balance of our members' accounts. Just let the bank know you want to participate. Our account number is BH.

Thank You!

The following grants were received from April 1—October 1, 2010

- Agnes M. Lindsay Trust
- Allstate Foundation
- Amherst Junior Women's Club
- Ann DeNicola Foundation
- Arthur Getz Charitable Foundation
- Citizens Bank Foundation
- City of Nashua
- Conway Arena
- Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation
- Hollis Brookline Rotary Club
- Rotary Club of Nashua
- Stabile Family Foundation
- State of New Hampshire
- TD Banknorth Foundation
- Town of Hudson
- Town of Merrimack
- United Way of Greater Nashua

Thank you to all of our donors!



Maryse Wirbal, CEO, accepting a \$10,000 check from Carrie Poole, representing TD Bank, in support of our Transitional Housing Program.