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Our Mission

New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope found in Christ by meeting the needs of families and individuals in our local communities.



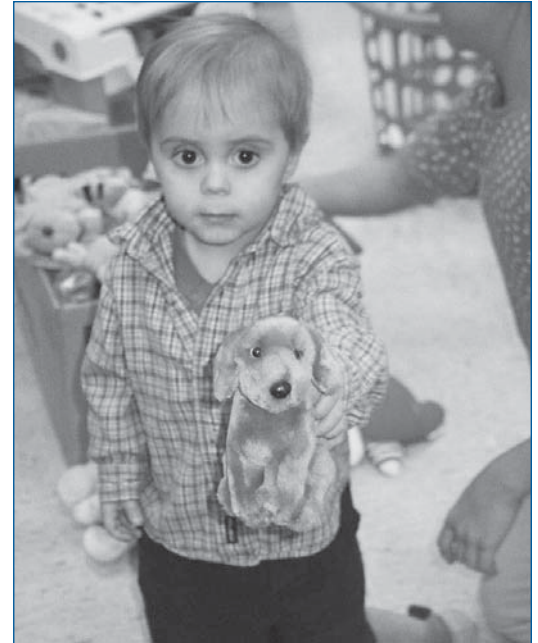
In a Word... "More"

If pressed to describe this year at New Hope in one word, the word would probably be "More"—more clients, more needs, more assists.

As the prices for basic needs such as food, gasoline, utilities and housing have been steadily increasing, it's certainly not difficult to see how the budgets of low-income families have been negatively impacted, and how there are no quick fix solutions.

A recent sampling of over 900 New Hope client families showed an average annual household income of just \$13,834 per family, which doesn't go far in meeting obligations and putting food on the table. "Many times during an initial interview with a client, I am amazed at their resourcefulness," says Kathleen Wilson, Dover Center Director, "I look at their income and situation and can't believe they've held it together for as long as they have. When they arrive at New Hope, they are often quite desperate."

Kathleen shares the story of one such family. "A few years ago, the father's car was hit by a drunk driver, leaving him totally disabled and unable to drive ever again. His disability income, combined with his wife's income as a home health



aide, gives them less than \$1,400 per month to live on. With a mortgage, increasing utility and transportation bills and two children to feed, that doesn't go far. My heart breaks for them. Before the accident, they were a middle-class family, doing just fine. But now they are in a difficult situation, through no fault of their own."

The holiday season is fast approaching, when our schedules will be filled with "More" – more events, more parties, more things to do. As you enjoy the season with family and friends, please take a moment to think more about the blessings you have received and how you can share more of those blessings with your neighbors in need.

12 Months of Christmas?!

When listening to the popular song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," have you ever thought about extending the spirit of the holiday season for 12 days – or even 12 months? Now you can provide *12 Months of Christmas* to New Hope families in need through our On-Line Giving program. Simply visit the New Hope web site at www.newhopeministries-pa.org. Click on the "Donate Now" tab, and your gift can be automatically charged to the credit card of your choice. You can also select the frequency of your gift to New Hope such as monthly, quarterly or annually – without the hassle, inconvenience and expense of personal checks and postage. All on-line gifts will be receipted and acknowledged by New Hope similar to a cash contribution. If you have any questions regarding the On-Line Giving opportunity, contact the Development Office at 432-2087 ext. 203.

Message from the Executive Director



As the new Executive Director, I am so excited to be a part of New Hope Ministries and the communities of Dover, Dillsburg, Mechanicsburg, and surrounding areas. When I first found out about New Hope, I was amazed at the dedication of the churches, volunteers, individuals, and community organizations in their support of local neighbors in need. I knew that this was a unique organization. Everywhere I go, I meet people who love and support New Hope.

Shortly after moving to Pennsylvania, I was meeting with a professional woman. When she found out I was going to be working for New Hope, she told me, "That's a wonderful place." She went on to say that over ten years ago, New Hope came to her aid when she needed it most. Her husband had left her and her children. Despite working several jobs, she was in danger of losing her home. She told me how kind the people at New Hope were to her, and that they helped her get through the hard times. To this day, she supports New Hope so we can continue to help other families.

I want to say thank you to her, and invite all of you to introduce yourselves when you see me, and share your New Hope stories. As the new Executive Director, one of the things for which I am most grateful is the leadership of my predecessor, Nancy Moran. I couldn't have come into a stronger, more stable organization, and appreciate her service to New Hope and our community. I hope to fill her shoes, and live up to the tradition of excellence she has shown. Thanks to everyone who has supported New Hope this year, and for your continuing faithfulness to this important work.

Blessings,
Eric Saunders

Hoops & Golf Raise \$60,000

Each year, New Hope hosts two major fundraising events to benefit emergency crisis programs and children and youth programs – *Hoops for Hope* in May and the *New Hope Ministries' Golf Tournament* in September. In 2006, these events combined to raise almost \$60,000 to benefit New Hope programs in Dillsburg, Dover and Mechanicsburg.



The level of support and involvement in these events each year is truly amazing as over 500 participants, 175 sponsors and 110 volunteers come together, under the banner of New Hope Ministries, to support our neighbors in need. Thank you to everyone who participated in these events in 2006 and a special thank you to our *Hoops Platinum sponsor, Giant Foods* and to our *Golf Main Event sponsor, Bobby Rahal Automotive Group*. When visiting Giant, Bobby Rahal and the following event sponsors, be sure to thank them for their support of New Hope:

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After-School Program Opens in Mechanicsburg



In October, a New Hope After-School Program was opened to serve the needs of junior-high age youth in Mechanicsburg. Support from the local community made the project a reality. The Mechanicsburg North Rotary Club, its members and other supporters provided funding for the purchase of a van to transport the students directly from school to the program, while First United Methodist Church is donating the use of its facilities for the After-School Program.

“God has truly blessed us,” says Joni Capone, New Hope Director of Children & Youth, “and we are excited to serve the kids in Mechanicsburg in this manner.” The structured program will emphasize homework help to encourage success in school, life skills instruction, Biblical morals and values. As with all New Hope youth clubs, the ultimate goal of the program is to help financially disadvantaged, at-risk young people break the cycle of poverty.

“We intend to target three groups as participants in the program—the age-

eligible children of our New Hope crisis clients, seventh graders who have ‘graduated’ from our Kid’s Klubhouse program, and young people currently involved in our weekly Cumberland Pointe program,” says Joni Capone. “The Cumberland Pointe program is a great example of the effectiveness of our New Hope youth programs,” continues Joni, “Cumberland Pointe is a low-income housing complex where over 300 children live. Managers of the complex have told me that they have seen a noticeable difference in the behavior of the kids who attend our New Hope youth club versus those who don’t. It thrills my heart to know that we are making a difference—and that it’s visible to others.”

If you would like more information on how you can help with New Hope children and youth programs in Mechanicsburg, Dillsburg or Dover, contact Joni Capone at 349-0420. Volunteers are needed to assist during club time or to provide a snack or meal once a month—a great service opportunity for church and civic groups.



New Faces

New Hope is pleased to welcome **Eric Saunders** as Executive Director. In August, Eric and his family relocated to Central Pennsylvania from Marion, Indiana, where he served as Program Director at New Horizons Academy, a residential youth facility. Eric has a B.A. in Communications from The Master’s College and a Master of Social Work degree from Indiana University School of Social Work.

In June, **Angela Plantz** joined New Hope as Dillsburg Center Director. Angie has a B.S. in Criminal Justice and Psychology and a M.Ed. in Counseling from Shippensburg University. She brings almost 20 years of counseling and social work experience to the Dillsburg Center.

Gail Schaliski’s smiling face has been seen at the Dover Center since May. Gail is the Administrative Assistant in Dover and assists clients with the CAP utility program. She has a B.S. degree in Mathematics from Towson State University.

A recent graduate of Messiah College, **Logan Jones** joined the Children & Youth staff in September after working at the Tressler Wilderness School for at-risk youth. Logan will be based in the Mechanicsburg Center, primarily responsible for Mechanicsburg youth programs. Be sure to welcome these new staff members to the New Hope family!

Our Christmas Wish List

Executive Office – Digital camera; office supply store gift cards; volunteers (especially a group) to assist with mailings throughout the year

Mechanicsburg Center – Office supply store gift cards; new fax machine; new computer printer; grocery carts; volunteer crew to clean the center or monthly cleaning service; Food pantry and receptionist volunteers (part-time shift once a week)

Dillsburg Center – Volunteers to help with food pantry; volunteers to help with receptionist duties (3-4 hour shift once a week); toiletries, laundry detergent and household cleaning supplies for food pantry

Dover Center – Office supply store gift cards; Carpeting for lobby and offices; color printer; volunteers for receptionist duties and special events; Children & Youth program volunteers; grocery store gift cards for youth program; volunteer to share cooking skills with youth club kids

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Emergency Crisis Program Purpose Statement

This program provides emergency aid and encourages and supports efforts toward stability.

Children & Youth Program Purpose Statement

This program reaches out through relationships with children and youth to share the hope and love of Jesus Christ.

As required by the Pennsylvania Solicitation of Funds for Charitable Purposes Act, a copy of the official registration and financial information for New Hope Ministries, Inc. may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling toll-free, within Pennsylvania, 1-800-732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.



Upcoming Events

Christmas Adopt-a-Family

Going on now. It's not too late to get involved! Call a New Hope center to help.

Mon, Dec. 11– Hoss's Steak & Sea House

Enjoy lunch or dinner at Hoss's in Mbg. or West York. 20% of meal check goes to NH. To participate, you must have a "Community Night Card," available at a New Hope office.

Tue, Dec. 12 – Ten Thousand Villages Shopping

10% of purchases benefit NH; Store located at 701 Gettysburg Pike, Mbg; Hours: 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 29, 2007 – "Walk for Hope"

Mark the date on your calendar now and invite your family, friends, church or community group to get involved. Individuals and teams encouraged to participate.

Saturday, May 5, 2007 – "Hoops for Hope"

Annual 3-on-3 Basketball tournament to benefit NH children & youth programs.



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