



# celebrating hope

Summer 2007—  
in review

Newsletter of  
New Hope Ministries

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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.*

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## Giving Bulletin:

### Matching gifts can double or triple your gift to New Hope.

#### Does your employer have a “Matching Gift” program?

Across America, employers encourage their employees to support local charities such as New Hope by matching their donations dollar for dollar or sometimes even two for one.

Here are a few local examples:

- ITW – Illinois Tool Works (3 for 1)
- Highmark
- Prudential
- Verizon
- Chase - J. P. Morgan Chase Foundation
- Tyco

donor, some funders require the match in order for them to give.

Characteristics of employee matching gifts include the following:

- Companies frequently match their employees’ monetary contributions to particular charities.
- Companies may also contribute financially to match employees’ volunteer efforts.
- Many corporations offer employee matching gift programs in higher education to stimulate their employees to give to the college or university of their choice (usually their alma mater).
- Many foundations have matching gift programs for their officers and directors.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What are employee matching gifts?

“Employee matching gifts” are contributions from a corporate employer that match contributions to a charitable organization by a corporate employee. Sometimes called “matching funds” and defined as grants that are made to match funds provided by another

Special thanks to the *Foundation Center* found online at [www.foundationcenter.org](http://www.foundationcenter.org).

Check with your employer’s human resources department or owner to see if you can double or even triple your gift and THANKS!

**We share because YOU care!**

## Real People—Real Stories

### Remember: We share because YOU care!

I had the opportunity to meet a client from Mechanicsburg.

Betty is an older woman with significant health problems and is going through ongoing medical treatments. She took time to share how much the staff and volunteers in the Center mean to her. Her heartfelt gratitude spoke of the kindness she has experienced through New Hope.

*Eric Saunders, Executive Director*

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# Foundation Thanks

With gratitude we acknowledge these special gifts that help to keep New Hope “Going and Growing!”

- The Foundation for Enhancing Communities: \$4,400 for the Transportation Assistance Program
- The Foundation for Enhancing Communities Mechanicsburg Area Foundation: \$3,000 in 2006 for Children and Youth programs



Representing MAF and standing in the back are Tita Eberly (left), current Board Chair, and Foster Berkheimer (right), Past Board Chair

- The Feinstein Foundation: \$1,347 to Fight Hunger
- Zonta Foundation—\$1,785 for a “Summer of Opportunity” in the Children and Youth Program
- Lions—both the Upper Allen, Weiglestown, and Dover
- Rotary Mechanicsburg North
- Kiwanis both the Dillsburg and Upper Allen
- The McCormick Tribune Foundation through Fox 43—\$10,000 for crisis services at all three centers
- The Horn Foundation—\$7,500 for crisis services in Dillsburg and Dover
- Anonymous donor—\$144,000 for scholarships
- The Greater Harrisburg Realtors Association—\$5,000 from their golf tournament
- IBM—computers

Plus dozens of schools, colleges, civic, community and business organizations and trusts that care enough to keep New Hope going and growing in 2007 – **THANK YOU!**

## Real People—Real Stories

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Several months ago, the local police donated some abandoned bikes, one of which was a very nice young adult’s model and size. One day two weeks ago, I was talking with a single mother of 4 kids and we were talking about the spring-like weather. ...Do any of your kids need a bike?” She looked startled and said, “Yes! I have been looking at yard sales and can’t find one.” ... When I showed her the largest bike, she exclaimed, “This would be perfect for my son!” ... “He has a birthday in 3 weeks. I wanted to give him a bike.” She is going to pick it up on May 13<sup>th</sup> and both of them are very excited. We both agreed that there are no coincidences, and that God orchestrated this for her son to have a new bike.

Angie Plantz, Dillsburg Center Director

My church, West Shore Evangelical Free, recently had an event called “Life Giving Saturday”. On that day approximately 900 members of the congregation went into the community to perform various tasks for those in need. I coordinated about 7 of the jobs for New Hope clients and actually worked on

two of the jobs. The joy that I saw in the eyes and the comments of those clients will never be forgotten. One particular client was moved to tears by our labors. She said that she had never felt so accepted in her life and could not believe all that had been done for her. I certainly will remember that experience for years to come.

Bill Rowley

A young girl, Sara, has shared her passions and goal of working with infants in her future. This all happened after she made honor roll for the first time and has gained self-worth and confidence. She is gaining belief in herself and how she can change her stars.

Jennifer Merrell, Children & Youth Director

A homeless man came to New Hope through a local church. His church helped him with rent and he got a job and we were able to help him with food and other expenses. He is now doing well and hopefully will continue to do well on his own. He has talked about counseling other people in his former circumstances.

Cheryl Chilcote, Dillsburg Admin Assistant

*Editor’s Note: When publishing a story like this, we change our client’s names to protect their privacy. Their testimonies are true and factual although we do edit for content and length. They are real people right here in our local community—they are our neighbors. Remember, we share because YOU care.*

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## A First for the After School Program

This is the first school year that all three of our ministry centers had a three day-a-week after school program to help middle and senior high schoolers with homework and studies. But through the homework grumbling came a time of celebration as two girls from Dover and one young man from Mechanicsburg made the honor roll for the first time. We not only celebrated their honor role achievements, but also the many young people who had improved their grades significantly and were excited about that.

Another first came for Dillsburg—every Friday afternoon the young people had an opportunity to travel to Harrisburg and participate in a variety of service activities at the Silence of Mary House. Planting a garden, landscaping, moving furniture, and visiting with the residents allowed for a caring relationship to develop and a chance to share the love of Jesus.

All of our elementary aged programs will meet once a week for a full day of activity and the after school programs will also meet as the Mechanicsburg After School Program enjoys a “Summer of Opportunity” with a grant from the Zonta Foundation. The grant is supporting a number of field trips for the young people to explore vocational and technical programs that they may like to pursue as they further their education.



These kids are our future: **We share because you care!**

## Ecumenical Choir sings for hope!

Twenty years ago, the Mechanicsburg Area Council of Churches organized an Ecumenical Choir to raise the seed money to start the Mechanicsburg center. They have chosen each year since to continue with the Ecumenical Choir and to continue to bless New Hope with the free will offering. Particularly moving is the advance donation (\$1,151 this year) that we receive from the choir members themselves. This year's concert took place on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with an offering of \$4,827. What a “note” worthy contribution to this great effort. Indeed, even musically, **we share because YOU care.**

## Wish List

### URGENT NEEDS

**URGENT ...** warehouse and storage space for food, furniture, etc.

**URGENT ...** a 1990 or better box truck for picking up larger food donations

### GENERAL NEEDS

- Toiletry and cleaning items for clients especially laundry soap, dish detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, shampoo, hand soap, cleaning products, etc
- Good quality adjustable desk chairs
- 2 and 3 drawer lateral files for offices
- digital cameras (4), 4 megapixel or better for each of the Centers, Children & Youth, and for development

### Dover

- Carpeting for lobby and offices

### Mechanicsburg

- Reception room chairs

### Dillsburg

- Updated multiple extension phone system
- Answering machine with remote access
- Children's Bibles in modern translation

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

- Volunteers to provide/pack bag lunches for each child
- Snack supplies including drink boxes, etc

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Drivers with trucks (pickups) to pick up donated food, furniture also make deliveries to client's home
- HVAC contractors willing to “help out” the ministry
- Auto mechanics willing to work on client's cars
- Lots of clerical needs
- Development assistant to file, organize and work with vendors

- Copywriter to help with newsletters
- Mailing volunteers to help us get the word out through assembling mailings
- Advisory Council volunteers for each center to help us minister to our community
- Volunteers to help with special projects and events
- Data Entry volunteer
- Office Volunteers to commit to 1/2 day each week
- Any group willing to sponsor a special benefit event – we'll help you make it successful



*2007 Volunteer Appreciation banquet and scholarship awards.*

## Upcoming 2007 Dates

<b>Event Name</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>
Mechanicsburg Bonus Book Sales	October	December
WS Chamber–Business & Industry Show	10/4/2007	
Isaac's Night	10/8/2007	
Dillsburg Farmers Fair	10/19/2007	10/21/2007
Fall Food Drive & Awareness Campaign	10/22/2007	12/16/2007
Poinsettia Sale at Fulton Bank Dillsburg	11/22/2007	11/27/2007
Dillsburg Thanksgiving Distribution	11/13/2007	
Mechanicsburg Thanksgiving Distribution	11/17/2007	
Hoss's Night	12/3/2007	
10,000 Villages Shopping Day	12/4/2007	
Isaac's Night	12/10/2007	
Mechanicsburg Christmas Distribution	12/13/2007	
Dillsburg Christmas Distribution	12/14/2007	

See our website for more dates!

[www.newhopeministries-pa.org](http://www.newhopeministries-pa.org)

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.

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## FALL FOOD DRIVE: 5 tons needed!



New Hope's fall food drive begins on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and runs through December 16<sup>th</sup>. This effort will utilize dozens of volunteers, drop-

off locations and financial sponsors.

For 25 years, New Hope Ministries has lived the motto "**neighbors helping neighbors**" and we invite you to participate in the most ambitious food drive yet to be undertaken. **Our 2007 goal is 5 tons** and with your help, we can accomplish this extraordinary feat of compassion. Let me extend an invitation for you to both individually and corporately participate in the 2007 New Hope Fall Food Drive.

To accomplish this ambitious undertaking, **we will need financial sponsors, drop-off locations and many volunteers** — sounds like a great youth group or small group project. Whether you want to be a **sponsoring organization**, a **food collection location** or a **pick-up volunteer**, please complete the intention sheet on our web site and return as soon as possible.

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