

Celebrating Hope

FOR 25 YEARS! 1983–2008

Celebrating 25 years!



I was driving past the Dillsburg center in early May and noticed a strange looking sign in their front window. Upon closer examination I became convinced that it was an old sign from many years ago. Indeed, it proved to be one of the first signs identifying the Dillsburg New Hope Ministries center after it moved out of the Dillsburg Brethren In Christ Church.

Over the years, the logo has changed significantly, as is appropriate, but the need that drives New Hope has never been abandoned. New Hope demonstrates the love of Jesus Christ by providing “New Hope” in the physical and spiritual lives of everyone who comes to us!

Through it’s various stages of growth, the logo elements have remained consistent: 1) the cross of Jesus Christ as the central

source of new hope, 2) the butterfly symbolizing lives re-birthed and our mission.

By John Sentgeorge, Director of Development

Mission Statement:
New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts toward stability.



NOTE: Reprints of the last issue’s article detailing the history of New Hope Ministries are now available by calling the office at (717) 432-2087.

Children & Youth Ministries

By Joni Capone, Director of Children & Youth

As we finish the school year we celebrate a year that has seen an increase in the number of young people who are attending our after school programs. The total attendance for the three after school programs was 134 but at the end of April, the number has become 193. In Dover, every one of the young people from the North Salem school who attends our program had significant grade improvements, with two of them making the honor roll for the first time ever! We celebrated with an ice cream party. The Mechanicsburg program celebrated grade improvements with five of the young people by taking them to a 76er’s play off game.

In May, the homework load isn’t as strong so they created the table markers and favors for this year’s Appreciation banquet. This is also the first year the young people from our programs are providing the entertainment. Six young ladies from Cumberland Pointe learned

a flamenco dance, which they performed for us at the banquet and Christine Berger from Dover, had a presentation with her baton, which has won her many awards.

The Kid’s Klubhouse programs have also increased in their attendance numbers. Mechanicsburg has a significant increase bringing the totals for the three centers from 62 in January to 83 in April. The King’s Kids’ Camp has offered the use of their swimming pool for all of our programs and will feed the young people the first two weeks of our summer schedule for all three centers.

Bag lunches for the remaining five weeks for all of our programs will have to be provided by volunteers. We welcome any one to assist us in that endeavor as each center has two groups each to feed every week, which will require many lunches to be made. We need volunteers all year long so please help in this life changing work.

SUMMER 2008

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Calendar

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| Hoss’s Night | 7/14/2008 |
| New Hope Golf Tournament | 9/26/2008 |
| Isaac’s Night | 10/13/2008 |
| Fall Food Drive and Awareness Campaign | 10/20/2008 |
| Poinsettia Sale (approx date) | 11/7/08 |
| Hoss’s Night | 11/17/2008 |



Calling all golfers...

Friday, September 26, 2008

At Range End Golf Club, Dillsburg, PA
12 Noon Shotgun Start

More information coming soon!

Check us out at www.nhm-pa.org

Volunteering Takes Many Forms



Some even work for New Hope at HersheyPark!

Yup, that’s right! Volunteering at HersheyPark can produce needed ministry dollars for New Hope. Following is one volunteer’s actual story.

“My wife and I are volunteer workers at HersheyPark for the benefit of New Hope Ministries.

A young man, approximately 14 years of age, played the game which I was

operating. He returned several times during the day and chatted with me. He noticed the Volunteer worker identification that I was wearing and he asked what it was all about.

I explained that we do not get paid but a charity that we support receives the money that is generated by our work. He asked about New Hope and after I explained about it he offered the one dollar that is enclosed. He indicated that he wanted to support such a worthy charity.”

You can check out the volunteer jobs at www.hersheyjobs.com/volunteers. Hundreds of volunteers are needed every year at New Hope and every volunteer help us to help our neighbors.

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Our Mission

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Matthew 25:40
New Living Translation

And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'

From the Dillsburg Center: The Miracle Stroller

By Angie Plantz, Dillsburg Center Director

One day a new client came in ... everyone was racing around trying to control the two children she had with her. The 2-year-old boy was screaming his head off and no one could do anything to console him. ... I discovered that she was a single mother, and had fled an abusive relationship from several states away and just relocated here to the area, with very little except her car and a few clothes.

I asked the mother what her biggest need was and she said, "rent money". She said she thought she had found an apartment nearby that would work but she needed a little more money to satisfy the landlord's requirements. ... I praised her for her good planning, both with finding an apartment and already connecting with the school district. ... She seemed uncertain, saying she didn't know if she could make it. ... I asked about her transportation. She had walked to our administrative

office by mistake, was driven down to us by a staff member, and she now wondered how she would be able to get both a 2-year-old and an autistic child to stay close to her for 6 blocks and not wander out on the street. ... I prayed quickly for a solution. Instantly, my eyes were drawn to the corner of my office where a stroller was folded up and leaning against the wall. ...

I said to this mother, "Would a stroller help with the little one, and you could hold your girl's hand?" She said, "Yes" and we proceeded to unfold the stroller. We both gasped in surprise as it stretched out unbelievably into a DOUBLE sized stroller, and both the kids squealed with delight as they tried to be the first to climb into it. As they rolled out our door, the looks on all their faces were a sight to see. Instead of looking lost and anxious, they looked like they were ready for an adventure, all because of a forgotten stroller in my office. Indeed, a "miraculous" stroller!

From the Dover Center:

By Mike Rivera, Dover Center Director

May 1st was the official date for Dover to be open Monday through Friday from 9am-4pm. During this time everything will pretty much stay the same except Dover will answer phone calls and clients will be able to come and get the left over bread that is on the shelves as well as be able

to speak to the staff if needed.

We have been preparing the volunteers for this transition and we have received positive responses from them. We are having a tougher time finding volunteers who can come in on either Wednesday mornings or Wednesday afternoons for coverage. Also, for some volunteers, they cannot stay till 4pm, but we are making it work either way.

From the Mechanicsburg Center:

By Laurie Wentzell, Mechanicsburg Center Director

April sets the record—don't have final count yet but we will have worked with over 65 new households in the month of April alone. (You could say, we've been busy.)

Much, but certainly not all, of the extra load has been in connection with either utility shutoffs or shut-off notices. So far this year we have approved over \$16,860 of Operation Help/ Matching Credit grants. \$10,000 of this amount was accomplished in April.

There is simply tremendous need in our community.

Financial need though is far from all we see.

One client just clung to us seeming unable to let go after we had prayed that God would give her the strength and courage to deal with her family situation. She just said, "Pray for me. Pray for me. I don't know how I'll make it." And, thank the Lord, He does answer prayer for our clients. One client, right in the midst of what most of us would have perceived as a horrible financial crisis, excitedly shared how God had powerfully worked in her family—the whole family is now going to church together. And, rather than hanging out with the guys, her husband now comes home from work to spend time with the kids and to help out with the housework and childcare—total change.

Hallelujah!

Postal Food Drive "TON-ACIOUS" Success!

Picture a car filled up with food, then multiply that by 49—that's the amount of food New Hope Ministries received in May from the highly successful USPS Postal Food Drive!

The Mechanicsburg center alone received 10,890 lbs. of food. Eight volunteers worked Saturday evening and 35 worked Sunday afternoon to rough sort, weigh, and transport the food to the Center.

The Dillsburg center received 1,639 lbs. and Dover estimates they received 3,702 lbs as well! The grand total was 16,231 lbs (over 8 tons) of food to help our neighbors in need—certainly a "ton-acious" success!

If you happen to see your postal worker, please let them know how much we appreciate the work they accomplished to help feed our neighbors in need.

According to Eric Saunders, New Hope Executive Director, "This food comes in at a great time. During the spring and early summer, food donations—donations of all kinds actually—begin to slow down. Financial donations especially drop so we certainly appreciate all this food and help.



Thank you and "kudos" to the USPS!"

Saunders adds, "With the skyrocketing prices of food and fuel, several international disasters and a very shaky economy, many non-profits are seeing their donations decrease dramatically while the demand for their services is rapidly outstripping their capacity. We certainly appreciate all the help we get from our communities."

Biggest PENNEX Golf Tournament Ever Benefits New Hope Ministries

A check for \$3,500 was given to New Hope Ministries by President, Rick Merluzzi (picture includes Rick Merluzzi and Eric and Cathleen Saunders).

Although the May 18 tournament was plagued by torrential rain and cold weather, the PENNEX team came through for the largest tournament ever! Committee members Gil Palomino, Joe Golec, Harry Dillman, Bob

Roosa, Jeff Kelly and Joe McDade put many hours into the event with broad support from President Rick Merluzzi and a large group of PENNEX vendors.

New Hope thanks the PENNEX team and the many community businesses and organizations that support New Hope each year.



Spring Challenge Breaks Records!

With gifts and matching grants totalling more than \$40,000, the 2008 CHALLENGE campaign was a tremendous success because of YOU! Thank you!

Thank you for helping us and MULTIPLYING your gift through this CHALLENGE effort.

This CHALLENGE was proudly sponsored by ...



Because YOU care—we share. Please use the enclosed envelope to send your donation today! Thank you.

Real People—Real Thanks!

They have been a helpful source for miscellaneous food items on Tuesdays. I like the way things are handled. *Thom*

Without the help of the food bank at the New Hope Ministries I would have a very hard time making it from month to month since food stamps won't cover it all the time.

Michael

Support from Local Foundations & Organizations



John Sentgeorge, Director of Development receives check from Jack Panas of the West Shore Sertoma Club.

Special THANKS to these local organizations and foundations for YOUR 2008 support. And, THANKS to many businesses and groups without whom we could not meet the needs of our clients.

- Hall Foundation
- The Foundation for Enhancing Communities – Mechanicsburg Rotary
- Bon-Ton Foundation
- Eichelberger Family Foundation
- Simpson Foundation
- Dillsburg Lions
- Capital Blue Cross
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans
- Kiwanis – Upper Allen, Dillsburg
- West Shore Sertoma Club
- Dillsburg Jaycees
- Northern Middle School (NYCSD)

How Much Things Cost

Ever wonder how much things cost and where your donations go? Here is a chart depicting the cost of services from last year. We hope that these examples (approximations) help to place some real life activities (assists) behind our appeals and requests.

| New Hope Ministries Assists in 2007 | Number of Assists | Dollars Spent | Cost per Assist |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Gasoline Assistance | 467 | \$4,600 | \$10 |
| Heating Assistance | 70 | \$8,449 | \$121 |
| Prescription Assistance | 97 | \$2,944 | \$30 |
| Rent/Mortgage Assistance | 149 | \$52,967 | \$355 |
| Transportation Assistance | 124 | \$18,214 | \$147 |
| Utility Assistance | 65 | \$9,482 | \$146 |

Real People—From Dover:

A young girl came to the Dover office and while here asked if she could have some of the bread on our shelf. We recognized her as a client and asked if she needed food. She replied that her and her children had nothing to eat and had not had breakfast. The client went to the food pantry, received several bread/pastry items and her and her children's faces were truly beaming.

Before she left she told us she had called her sister that very morning and asked her to pray for her and her family. We are truly Gods' instruments and an answer to prayers.



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Executive Director's Message
by Eric Saunders



you are doing to help New Hope make a difference in their lives. Thanks to our supporting churches, businesses, volunteers, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, without whom none of this would be possible. Please keep New Hope's staff and clients in your prayers as they offer hope to those who need it most.

Partners in Hope:

In 2008, New Hope is beginning a new giving program called Partners in Hope. The needs of our clients are great. More than ever, we need those who are able to make a larger gift to the ministry to join us. If you have the ability to make a gift of \$500 or more that will change lives in this community through the work of New Hope Ministries, would you consider joining me in becoming a "Partner in Hope?" If you are considering such a gift I would value the opportunity to host you at one of our Centers for a tour and to share more about the serious needs we are trying to meet in this community. As always, for all donors who are able to give of their time, their resources, and gifts of any size, I am grateful for your faithful giving and partnership in the important work being done at New Hope to help our neighbors in need.

Auto Donations:

Did you know that you can donate your vehicle to New Hope and get a tax deduction? Imagine being a young single mom struggling to make ends meet. New Hope provides reliable used vehicles to carefully selected families in cases where it will facilitate them obtaining or maintaining employment and becoming self sufficient. Even vehicles that aren't in top running condition can be sold at auction, and the proceeds benefit services to our neighbors in need. If you have a vehicle you're thinking of donating, please contact executive

director, Eric Saunders, at 717-432-2087, or email him at execdirector@nhm-pa.net. ES

Clients Give Feedback to New Hope:

In February, New Hope's Crisis Center clients were asked to complete a survey about their needs and how New Hope has helped them out. There is one area church that is already using our survey results to help them plan their local ministries. Here are some highlights from our surveys:

- 100% of clients shared that food assistance was sometimes or always needed. The second highest need, at 89%, was heat and utility assistance. The third highest need, at 73% was spiritual guidance.
- When asked about the biggest unmet needs in our clients' lives, the highest response was vehicle repairs. The next highest was home repair. The third was budget counseling.
- 52% of clients said that in the past 3 months, at least one individual in their household cut the size of his/her meals or skipped meals because there wasn't enough money for food.
- 98% of clients rated their experience with New Hope as Good or Excellent, with excellent being that they were treated with respect at all times, their needs were met in a timely manner, and they were able to prevent a future crisis.

Churches or groups that would like copies of our complete survey results may contact executive director, Eric Saunders, at 717-432-2087, or email him at execdirector@nhm-pa.net. ES


As we finish Spring and head into Summer, we're surrounded by new life, beautiful flowers, and warm weather. We're so glad at New Hope to be through the Heating Season, but right now, our demands are coming from those who are facing utility shut offs. With record food and energy prices, people have less income to meet basic needs than ever. It really hurts our client families, especially those living on fixed incomes.

Nationwide, food pantries are facing increased costs and shortages. At New Hope, food donations have been strong through the winter and spring months. The balance has tipped, however, and we're now seeing more going out than coming in. Summer has traditionally been a lean time for us as people get busy and take time off. Please take time to help us with a food or financial donation and help us stock up for the summer months.

Our clients amaze us at how hard they are willing to work to provide for themselves and their families, how they overcome obstacles in their lives, and for their sincere appreciation for the help they receive. On their behalf, thank you for all

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