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The newsletter of New Hope Ministries

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Growing to Serve a Region in Need, *by Eric Saunders*



In January, New Hope began serving the communities of Enola, East Pennsboro Township, Wormleysburg, Camp Hill, Lemoyne and New Cumberland, because of a shortage of basic needs services in these communities. Response to this expansion has been very strong, as has church and local support from these communities. This year, we have already served 730 individuals from 254 West Shore families.

As we were planning for this expansion, we knew we would need new facilities that would accommodate increased food storage, offer more space for our expanding program, and provide better accessibility to all of the communities served in Eastern Cumberland County. At the same time, our York County centers are also struggling with lack of food storage space for their growing programs. We knew that a building with a large warehouse area, centrally located to the area we serve, would be an ideal solution to our problems. The challenge we faced, however, was not being able to afford the facilities we really needed, without drawing needed resources from our client assistance programs.

In 2008, we were introduced to an area foundation that has the resources to help with our problem, who told us to go and find a facility that would meet our needs. Thanks to the generous donation of

time by real estate and development professionals and our volunteer facilities committee, we found a 15,000 square foot property located at 5228 East Trindle Road in Mechanicsburg. The building will cost \$1,500,000 to purchase, remodel, and equip to serve our needs.

The foundation told us that they would make a \$1 million gift if New Hope was able to raise the

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Ronny Powley Center Joins New Hope

With the recent expansion into the West Shore communities, New Hope Ministries has begun collaborating with a sister organization located



in Enola at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church that serves people in need. Since February 1, 1993, The Ronny Powley Center for Social Ministries has provided basic services to families living in East Pennsboro Township, Hampden Township, and the Boroughs of Camp Hill, Summerdale, West Fairview and Wormleysburg. The Ronny Powley Center has been supported over the years by member churches of the Upper West Shore Ecumenical Ministerium, by individuals, organizations, and businesses.

The center is named in memory of Ronny Powley, a child from Enola who died July 16, 1992 at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia of

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Our Mission

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.

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additional funds needed to complete the project. To date, we have collected commitments of almost \$400,000 in donated funds, equipment, and services toward our \$500,000 goal. Our hope is to finish this campaign and purchase our building by the end of summer, and complete construction and be ready to move in by the end of 2009.

We have been very careful not to take any funds away from our hunger prevention, basic needs, and youth programs for this project. We are very grateful for those

who have already helped make this project a reality. We would love to hear from you if you can help us complete our goal and take advantage of this million dollar gift. We are also looking for volunteer groups that would have time and skills to help us with landscaping, painting, and other repair projects once we take possession of the building.

For more information, please contact Molly Helmstetter our Director of Development at 717-432-2087, or email her at mhelmstetter@nhm-pa.net

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complications from a bone marrow transplant that was performed to cure his leukemia. Ronny received much support spiritually and monetarily from the community. His dream was to be cured of this devastating disease, to come home, and give something back to the people who rallied to help him. Money remaining in his transplant fund was donated to the Four Diamonds Fund, and to the establishment of the Ronny Powley Center to serve those in need.

In July 2009, New Hope Ministries and The Ronny Powley Center joined forces to serve the Enola and East Pennsboro Township Community. Services will cease at the Our Lady of Lourdes location, and now be provided at New Hope Ministries Mechanicsburg West Shore Center. We are blessed to be bringing the Ronny Powley Center mission and name into the New Hope family, and look forward to keeping Ronny's wishes alive.

***Interested in making a significant difference during your lifetime?
Take the next step and consider becoming a Partner in Hope.
Contact our director of development, Molly Helmstetter, at
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Services are available to people regardless of race, age, gender or religious affiliation.

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From the Dillsburg Center, *by Angie Plantz*

A Modern Definition of Homelessness

In the last 6-9 months I have redefined my idea of what “homelessness” is; it is not necessarily seeing an unkempt street person pushing a cart of belongings, or a “bag lady” sitting on a sidewalk staring vacantly at nothing. Although this still occurs in bigger cities, there is a new “look” to homelessness here in central PA in the semi-rural and rural areas where we think that there is not a problem. Homelessness occurs

when someone bounces from home to home, usually “crashing” with a friend or family member who allows them to use their sofa or air mattress for a few days or weeks until that person gets in trouble with their own landlord, and then the “visitor” is asked to leave. In several situations in the last few months, the people I have met who are homeless actually had income and were struggling to respond to either a job lay off or transportation problem that interfered with paying their rent and they got evicted. At this time of year, housing funds

are limited with larger agencies since the winter is now over, and people are expected to make do with their vehicles and temporary housing in hotels. The shelters are usually full, and family units are hard pressed to stay together in one location. In several situations, I helped pay camping fees and provided camping supplies for those families who could not afford to stay in a hotel or had no other place to lay their heads. In most cases, they were happy to at least have some camping shelter and decent bathroom facilities.

From the Mechanicsburg West Shore Center, *by Laurie Wentzell*

A crisis center during an economic downturn is a difficult place to serve. Over and over and over again this year, we have heard the heart-breaking stories of precious people whose jobs have been eliminated and whose meager unemployment checks fall far short of covering their household’s basic survival needs, and of precious people whose hours have been cut, likewise leaving them unable to pay even the most basic of bills. **A crisis center during an economic downturn is a fantastic place to serve when so wonderfully supported by such a caring com-**

munity! Donations have come in from so many faithful donors – individuals, churches, businesses, and organizations, as well as from some special programs, fundraisers, and events – West Shore Wood Carvers, the Hamden Fire Department’s Touch-A-Truck Event, the Mechanicsburg Area Postal Food Drive, United Way’s Neighbors Helping Neighbors Basic Needs Grant, Cumberland Valley School District’s 11th Annual 11th Grade Badminton Tournament – to name a few. You all are the ones who should be hearing what we hear – ‘but for you we would have been homeless,’

‘but for you we would have gone hungry,’ ‘but for you we would be without electricity or water.’ You are the ones who should be hearing the thank you’s, receiving the hugs. You all are the ones who should have experienced the excitement of a client who came back a couple of days after we initially meet with him, providing him with utility assistance, information about other sources of assistance and some suggestions. He came back in bursting with joy – he had gotten a new job, a chance for something more than just survival – new hope. Thank you all so much for your part!

From the Dover Center, *by Sue Fornicola*

There are always so many great things going on here at Dover. I just wanted to share that we have seen an increase in the many needs of our community mostly due to the unemployment and people having such a hard time finding work. We have a testimony of a former client who now

comes in on a regular basis and gives back to New Hope. New Hope was here to help him in his time of need and now he is giving back so that others can be blessed. I also wanted to share that the Food Bank is now open 2 nights a month to help our working clients that still may need the support .

This has been a real blessing. We are always looking for ways to bless our clients and to help them during difficult times they may be going through. We rejoice with them when they call and give us a good report, such as finding a job or another need being met quicker than they expected. God is so good!!!

Seeds Planted in Garden of Hope

Thanks to a grant through Thrivent Financial, and the support of the community and local businesses, the Garden of Hope is a reality. Faith United Lutheran Church in Dillsburg received the grant in order to purchase supplies to plant the garden. With the generous donation of a plot of land on the Swivel farm, and discount-



ed supplies purchased through Ace Hardware in Dillsburg and Ashcombe's, the volunteers who tend the garden will harvest fresh produce for clients in need this summer. Local youth and parishioners from area churches are tending to the garden by weeding and harvesting the rotating crops which include lettuce,

beets, squash, corn, cucumbers, carrots, potatoes, onions, cabbage, tomatoes, peppers and pumpkins. Volunteers are led by Sandy Holmes, a 40-year organic gardener, and David Holmes, who helps address insect management and planting practices with the volunteers. Ninety percent of the harvest will be donated to New Hope Ministries, while ten percent of the harvest will be divided among the volunteers who work the garden. New Hope clients are invited to assist with the garden, too, in this community-driven and family-friendly project. Anyone with unwanted fresh produce can donate it to the center in your area.

Everyday Angels Soar at Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

On Tuesday, June 2, 2009, more than 350 volunteers, supporters and staff attended the annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner held at Messiah College. The "Everyday Angels" themed evening was filled with thanks, inspiration and encouragement

for all those who support New Hope through their gift of time. The Walk the Faith Quintet performed several songs of praise, and a group from the Mechanicsburg Children & Youth Program entertained with a dance routine prepared specifically for the din-

ner. In addition, the seventeen recipients of this year's scholarship program were announced and presented at the dinner. Overall, it was a blessed evening of celebration and thanks for all those who support New Hope.

New Hope Awards Record 17 Scholarships

New Hope Ministries presented scholarships to seventeen local students at New Hope's annual Appreciation Banquet on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at Messiah College, where the students were honored and recognized as part of the evening's program. The scholarship program is facilitated by a special committee of New Hope volunteers and made possible by the support of donors whose passion is to help low income individuals become self supporting through education and job training. The deadline for the scholarship application is April 30th each year. For more information, please visit our web site at www.nhm-pa.org



Children & Youth Update,

by Joni Capone

The summer provides special opportunities in the New Hope Children & Youth Program. We partner with church-sponsored camps, and are able to send 50 young people to camp this year. For a number of our kids, this is a first time experience. In July, I transported eight young people to camp. Six of my passengers were

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Walking and Playing Ball Benefits New Hope



Walk for Hope took place on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at three different locations in the central Pennsylvania region: Logan Park in Dillsburg, Lehr Park in Dover, and at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg. More than 150 people walked and raised donations for the event, while sponsors supported the Walk with contributions, all to benefit the clients served at New Hope Ministries. Thanks to all those who volunteered at the event, and supported this year's Walk, including the following sponsors:

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New Hope's 11th annual **Hoops for Hope** basketball tournament took place on Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Giant Food Center in Dillsburg, PA. More than 400 players, spectators, and volunteers attended this year's tournament which was presented by Platinum Sponsor Giant Food Stores. More than \$26,000 was raised for New Hope's Children & Youth Program which takes place in the local communities of Dillsburg, Dover and Mechanicsburg. Thanks to all those involved this year, especially the following sponsors:



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first time campers. Fears about bugs, what the cabins were like, who was rooming with who, made up the conversation as we rode for an hour and a half.

When we arrived, we discovered that the assigned bunk-mates were not what the group had expected. Their desire to be bunk-mates for their week at camp caused much anxiety as they realized the assignments only allowed

two of them to be together in the various cabins. We discussed the available options and nothing seemed to satisfy them. When it was eventually time for me to leave, I went to settle the last of the bunking concerns. However, I was told to go, that they had changed their minds and would stay the week.

I waited all week for a phone call from the camp asking me to come and pick-up an unhappy camper. The call never came. In

fact, when I went to pick everyone up at the end of the week, we were the last to leave the camp! Everyone had an outstanding time and was busy giving hugs, exchanging phone numbers and talking about coming back next year. The ride home was full of laughter and singing as they talked about their camp experience. These first time campers are now looking forward to going back next year, and I can't wait to take them.

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THE 11TH ANNUAL NEW HOPE MINISTRIES GOLF TOURNAMENT

Friday,
September 25,
2009



HOSS'S NIGHT

Monday, October 12, 2009

FALL FOOD DRIVE

October 1 - November 15, 2009

For more info on any of these events, please visit our website at www.nhm-pa.org

Feinstein Foundation Grant Update

Thanks to the incredible support of the community, New Hope collected a record \$281,000 worth of financial gifts and in-kind donations during the months of March and April for the Feinstein Foundation Challenge Grant. Our

share of the \$1 million grant will not be distributed until later this year, however, we want to share our heartfelt thanks with you today for keeping the needs of New Hope's clients in the forefront of your charitable giving. Thank you!

Thank You!

Special thanks to these organizations and foundations for financial support during the first half of 2009. And, thanks to the many businesses and groups without whom we could not meet the needs of our clients.

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Foundation**

**Christian Life Assembly
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**Highmark Blue Shield
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**Mechanicsburg Rotary Club
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