

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Beginning in October 2008, New Hope shopping carts began appearing all around town. Word spread of our annual Fall Food and Toy Drive in the communities we serve, and our neighbors fulfilled the call to provide for those who truly needed help in the last months of the year. With Thanksgiving in November and Christmas in December, many people came to New Hope for help, some for the very first time. Thanks to the incredible generosity and spirit within the community, the Fall Food and Toy Drive was a huge success! We are thankful to the many churches, organizations, businesses and individuals who took the need to heart, and provided so much for so many neighbors in need. **We are especially thankful to Fry Commu-**

nications who sponsored this year's drive.

Special thanks to the following businesses that collected food and toys at their locations to support the drive:

- Denny's Restaurant, Mechanicsburg**
- M&T Bank, Dillsburg**
- PNC Bank, Dillsburg**
- University of Phoenix, Harrisburg Campus**
- Zimmerman's Automotive**

You are making our mission possible - THANK YOU!!



Hunters Share Their Harvest With New Hope

On November 24, 2008, four hundred pounds of commercially processed venison was delivered to New Hope

Ministries through a state of Pennsylvania donation program called Hunters Sharing the Harvest (HSH). Rick Watts, York County Volunteer Coordinator with HSH, personally delivered the donation to the Dillsburg Center, which was donated by local hunters and processed by Butcher Block Meat & Seafood in Biglerville, PA.

Since 1991, Pennsylvania's Hunters Sharing the Harvest has channeled hunter's donations of venison to local food banks, soup kitchens, and needy families, via an integrated network of local contacts and cooperating butcher shops. You can learn more about this unique program by visiting www.sharedeer.org.



Left to right: Rick Watts, Eric Saunders

Barnes & Noble Book Drive

Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Camp Hill conducted a book drive in November and December to benefit New Hope Ministries. Customers had the opportunity to purchase a book for a child and donate it to New Hope. More than 700 books were received at the store, and then given to children who participate in our Children and Youth Program, as well as to clients during Adopt-a-Family and our Toy Room distribution in December. **Thanks to Barnes & Noble for their partnership!**



Barnes & Noble Community Relations Manager Shawn Lutz (left) and Store Manager Kristi Fisher (right) display just a handful of the more than 700 books collected and donated by customers in November and December 2008.



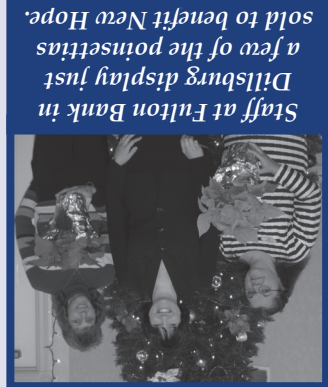
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Staff at Fulton Bank in Dillsburg display just a few of the poinsettias sold to benefit New Hope.

Fulton Bank of Dillsburg held a Poinsettia Sale Fundraiser for New Hope in November and December 2008. It was a huge success, with 478 plants sold to customers, raising over \$1,200 for New Hope. Thanks to Fulton Bank and the community for supporting this festive Christmas sale!

Poinsettia Sale 2008

New Hope Ministries' 10th Annual Golf Tournament took place on Friday, September 26, 2008. More than 120 golfers enjoyed a great day and volunteered to make this another wonderful outing to benefit New Hope. Because of the support of so many community partners, over \$28,000 was raised to benefit families in need in Dillsburg. Thanks to the date for this year's tournament: **Friday, September 25, 2009!**

Golf Tournament Drives Funds to

Calendar of Events	
Hoss's Night	Monday, February 16, 2009
Geranium Sale	Spring 2009
Walk for Hope	Sunday, April 19, 2009
Hoops for Hope	Saturday, May 2, 2009 (rain date: May 3)
Isaac's Night	Tuesday, May 5, 2009
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner	Tuesday, June 16, 2009
New Hope Golf Tournament	Friday, September 25, 2009

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

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The newsletter of New Hope Ministries



Message from the Executive Director

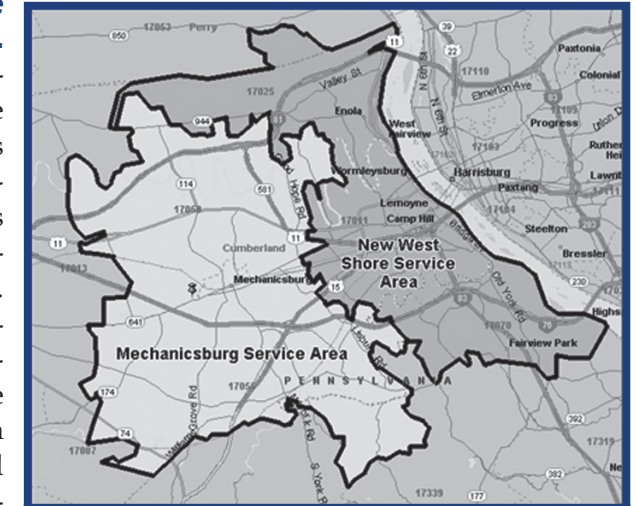
A local pastor preached at a holiday service, "We have been blessed to be a blessing." If you had hot water this morning for your shower, food to feed your family, a warm place to live, a car that runs, and health insurance, you have been blessed! Here at New Hope, we count our blessings every day. When we have food to share, funds to help prevent eviction, faithful volunteers and staff, and the support of a community that cares, we are blessed! Thanks to those who so faithfully support our mission, we have been able to serve and care for people in need.

Since January, we have served people from these new communities from our Mechanicsburg office. New Hope has already begun planning for a new facility to replace our current Mechanicsburg office. Our plans are to remain in our Mechanicsburg service area, but move to a location that would be more accessible to our new West Shore neighbors. This new facility would also provide needed space for our food pantry and better access to public transportation.

New West Shore Service Area

2009 brings some big changes at New Hope. Starting in January, New Hope began serving our neighbors from the communities of Camp Hill, East Pennsboro Township, Enola, Lemoyne, New Cumberland, and Wormleysburg. **There are over 50,000 people living in these communities, of whom over 3,000 live below the poverty line.** Many more would be considered low income. There are no other organizations serving this area that provide help with basic needs like housing, heat, utilities, and transportation. New Hope will be working with several local organizations that provide food to those in need in these communities, and look forward to partnering with any organization from this area working to prevent hunger and provide for basic needs.

New Hope has made a commitment that this expansion would not reduce the services already being provided to our Dillsburg, Dover, and Mechanicsburg neighbors. New Hope was blessed to receive a \$30,000 grant from the United Way of the Capital Region along with an additional \$25,000 in grants to help us serve this new area. We are looking forward to building strong community relationships with churches, individuals, businesses, and community organizations



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that will help support this effort. Please help us share the good news about what New Hope is doing to serve our Communities.

Christ tells us, "In as much as you have done for the least of these, you have done it for me." Thanks again for sharing Christ's love by your support.



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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New Hope Updates, by Eric Saunders

I am pleased to announce that New Hope has hired some wonderful **new staff**. In the fall, we welcomed Molly Helmstetter as our Director of Development and Gina Staton as our Development Department Assistant. Sue Fornicola began in December as our Dover Center Director.

Thanks for those who have remembered New Hope recently, with **donations of your used automobiles**. These are wonderful gifts that provide needed transportation to families in crisis and support the programs of New Hope.

I continue to be grateful to our **Partners in Hope** and all those who gave their support in 2008. Lives are being changed as a result of your faithfulness!

Plans are being put in place for expanded **home repair service projects** in 2009. We are looking for local groups who know how to swing a hammer to help low income families and seniors with home repair needs. If your group has an interest in volunteering for this, please contact me at 432-2087 or at exccdirector@nhm-pa.net.

Dining Out for New Hope

Since June 2008, just over \$1,100 has been raised through the Community Nights fundraisers held at local Isaac's and Hoss's Restaurants. Thank you to everyone who attends! These fun evenings give current and new supporters of New Hope the opportunity to meet with each other and support the ministry over a meal. Two new dates have been set for 2009: **Monday, February 16** at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg and West York; and **Tuesday, May 5** at Isaac's in Rossmoyne, Silver Spring, West Shore and West York. We hope you and your neighbors can join us at one of these nights. Contact your local New Hope center for more details.



Thanks for your support!



Do you have a will? You can make a difference in the lives that follow by including New Hope Ministries in your estate plans. It's a simple way to remember the families we serve every day at New Hope. Contact your financial advisor for more information on how to make New Hope a part of your legacy.

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 (717) 432-2087 x203 or mhelmstetter@nhm-pa.net for more details.

Services are available to people regardless of race, age, gender or religious affiliation.

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. New Hope Ministries is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization - contributions to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Reflections, by Laurie Wentzell, Mechanicsburg West Shore Center Director

December 11th, 2008 - There was nothing unusual about the roads as I drove to work - yet today was to be anything but usual. Tears threatened to blind my eyes as emotion overwhelmed me. Eight years ago on a similar day I was forever changed as I experienced my first "New Hope Christmas Distribution." My heart was broken as I saw before me the poverty and neediness of what seemed like a huge multitude of my own neighbors. Today though I would be equally moved by the tremendous outpouring of love and care by the Mechanicsburg area community as they came together to take care of their needy in a powerful way.

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One church donated the use of their facility for the four days it took to accomplish the Christmas 2008 Extravaganza, another their entire staff for a day, many con-

tributed food to go in the Christmas "baskets." One business had a couple of groups donate their time, others donated food for the baskets, toys for the toy room, gifts for "adopted families." One hundred two (unduplicated) volunteers, 722 hours of time - not counting the volunteers and hours that went into the finding

and wrapping of gifts for the adopted families. Only God knows how many people and how many hours were really involved in making this day happen - a day that the poor could really sense the love and concern that their neighbors had for them and that God had for them, a day that would touch over 175 different

households, 278 different children. What better way could there be to celebrate God's "Christmas" and every day gift to us?

As I took one last look at the various rooms filled with gifts for all ages, I tried to brace myself for what I knew would be a very emotional day. I thought I was ready, but then... I saw her, out in the cold, almost two hours before our Christmas distribution was to begin. Who knows how long she had been there - crouched down in the corner by the door, somehow trying to keep warm and dry. A mother - waiting. And all over again I was overwhelmed by the incredible needs of our neighbors.

Just another Christmas Distribution Day that would soon be over? I don't think so. In the words of a volunteer, "I think this was my best Christmas ever."

A New Opportunity at New Hope

by Joni Capone, Children and Youth Director

A particular young man came to the New Hope After-School program at a time in his life where he was searching. He came with a friend who was also invited by a young lady who has been a part of the program for a couple of years. The two boys had drifted into a lifestyle of disobedience, smoking, and not caring about school. The young man who was searching had run away from home a few times. By attending our program, he discovered he no longer needed to feel lost. He began to share his time and gifts with us, and participated in our celebration of students doing well in school. He was invited to play the drums at the church where we meet. Since that invitation, he has practiced the drums, joined the church's youth group and now plays drums for their time of worship. He loves coming to the New Hope After-School program, and has often told us that he is a new and different young man. His mom is so proud of him, and he is looking forward to graduation next year and new opportunities.

Are You Up for the Challenge?

Each spring, New Hope has received challenge matching funds from The Feinstein Family Foundation. Last year, more than \$40,000 was raised through this fund drive, and we are currently getting ready for the 2008 spring appeal.

We are trying to match every dollar donated with a matching grant gift multiplying every donor's gift. Every donation that New Hope receives from March 1st to April 30th, 2009 qualifies for the match.

Please keep your eyes open for our annual challenge appeal which will be mailed in February. Remember, that your gift will be multiplied by the challenge grant from The Feinstein Family Foundation. The more you give, the more New Hope receives for families in need.

Never Too Young to Give, by Angie Plantz, Dillsburg Center Director

One Saturday evening, I was ringing the bell for our Salvation Army kettle in front of the Hallmark store at the Giant strip mall in Dillsburg. I noticed a young girl about 9 years old who came walking up alone with a big smile on her face. She held out some money to me, and I smiled and.. She said "I have ten dollars to give to you". I sensed she wanted to talk further, so I asked "Do you know what the Salvation Army does?" She said hesitantly "It helps the poor?" I responded "Yes, because of people like you, the Salvation Army can give food and help with things like heat so no one is hungry or cold!" She nodded and smiled as I thanked her, and she walked away. A moment later, I glanced down the sidewalk and she was skipping and bouncing all along the sidewalk back to her family who was waiting for her.

In a few minutes, another person came along, this time a man I know from New Hope. He said, "Hey, you know that little girl who just stopped by? I overheard her family talking with her down the street, and I heard her mother ask her - are you sure you want to do this?" He went on to explain that the little girl said she wanted to give some money to the Salvation Army kettle. It was her own birthday money, given to her by her grandpa, and she wanted to give it all to help someone else. He relayed all this to me with a smile, and it blessed us both, knowing that sometimes the greatest givers of all are the youngest!

Children are never too young to understand what it means to give, and I have been blessed to have many parents come in to New Hope Ministries, with

young children who are giving food or money to us, and when we talk to them, they seem to truly understand what they are doing when they give. They give toys at Christmas, and make cookies for food baskets. This year, a local

day care center gathered much needed personal and paper products from children and happily brought them over to us bringing the whole group of 30! It is never too young for kids to understand charity and generosity!



Thank You

Special thanks to these local organizations and foundations for financial support during the final months of 2008. And, thanks to the many businesses and groups without whom we could not meet the needs of our clients.

AFR Foundation	Horn Foundation
Borough of Mechanicsburg	Kiwanis Club, Dillsburg
Browning Audio-Visual Trust	The Mechanicsburg Area Foundation
Carroll Township	Metzler Family Foundation
Dillsburg American Legion Auxiliary	Mt. Olivet Ladies Aide
Dillsburg Borough	Order of the Eastern Star, Trio Chapter
Dillsburg Lions Club	Prowell Trust
Farm Women #17 (Dillsburg)	Rotary Club of Mechanicsburg
Feinstein Family Fund	Saunders Family Trust
Franklin Township	Shiloh American Legion 791, Auxiliary
General Federation of Women's Clubs, Mechanicsburg	Simpson Foundation
Greater Harrisburg Realtors	