



*Important Message from HEARTH'S President of the Board
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Annual Report Edition - Fall 2010*

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A NOTE FROM JUDY EAKIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HEARTH



I am proud to say that I have been the Executive Director for 14 of the 15 years HEARTH has existed. Though times have changed, some things remain the same, like our quest to achieve our vision that every individual and family should live in safe, affordable housing. It's been a bumpy road at times but we still managed to expand our programs last year, more than doubling the families we serve.

In 15 years, we have helped 190 homeless women with children become independent and economically self-sufficient. Although 190 families may not sound like a lot, when you realize that is 4,734,912 hours of support, you understand the significant service we provide to these families - housing 24/7, food, utilities, clothing, supportive services, educational support, community referrals - a complete blanket of physical, emotional, and mental health support. This shows the significant need of transitional housing in our community. Without HEARTH, where would these 190 families be?

These triumphs would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers and donors. Your perseverance over the years has allowed HEARTH to become the agency we are today – and allow us to continue to grow and become the agency we plan to be in the future.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

The Holidays are fast approaching and we are already gearing up for a festive season! HEARTH is looking for:

- Adopt a Family ~ Adopt one of our families at Benedictine Place or a family in our P.R.I.D.E. program. Groups, families or individuals themselves can adopt a family and make their Holiday wishes come true.
- Sponsor an Angel Tree ~ Angel Trees are put up at local businesses or churches and employees or parishioners pick an item off the tree to buy for an individual at HEARTH. This is a great way to get into the Holiday Spirit!

There are other ways you can help HEARTH over the Holidays. If you've supported our families in the past or are interested in supporting our families this year, call Cherie Hugh, HEARTH's Development Manager at 412-939-2302 x12 and sign up for this year.

A NOTE FROM RAYMOND HERRON BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRESIDENT



For 15 years, HEARTH has been meeting the needs of homeless women and children in need of supportive services and housing, and during that time, we have doubled the number of families we serve. So change and growth are familiar to us. The first few months of my tenure as President of the Board of Directors has been no different and with change comes great opportunity.

HEARTH has leased our transitional housing space, Benedictine Place, from the Benedictine Sisters of Pittsburgh for the last 15 years and has enjoyed a supportive relationship with them during that time. Recently, the sisters put their property on the market and we have been informed they have found a prospective buyer. Hence, we are now actively searching for a new location.

Though this is a challenging time for HEARTH, we see this as a great opportunity. The Board of Directors and staff remain committed to our core mission of providing transitional and permanent affordable housing for families in need. We see this as a time to expand our programs and enable more families to move toward self-sufficiency.

We know you will continue to support the mission and our programs as donors, volunteers and community advocates. We will continue to provide you with updated information as it becomes available through our website and newsletters.

Since 1995, HEARTH has assisted 542 women and children in becoming self-sufficient by providing 4,734,912 hours of support. Last fiscal year, 94% of the program participants who left our program secured employment and 94% left with permanent housing. Our transitional housing program at Benedictine Place has demonstrated unparalleled success.

Be assured, we are committed to meeting the needs of our program participants and their families. They are always at the forefront of our planning. We are excited about this new adventure and the opportunities it presents. Please feel free to contact our Executive Director, Judy Eakin, if you have further questions.

GRANT UPDATE

The Cahouet Family Foundation.....	HEARTH
Citizens Bank Foundation	Benedictine Place
East End Food Coop	5% Wednesday Partner
ESG - County	HEARTH
Homeless Children's Education Fund.....	Benedictine Place Learning Center
Pitt Student Philanthropy Project	Volunteer Management
SallyCares.....	Benedictine Place
Snee-Reinhardt Charitable Foundation	Medicine
Zonta Pittsburgh North Foundation.....	Educational Expenses

HEARTH HAPPENINGS

We wish the best to volunteer **Katie Waronek** as she attends Westminster College this fall. Katie began supporting HEARTH in 2001 at just 9 years old, when she recruited three of her neighborhood friends to organize a children's garage sale and donate the proceeds to HEARTH. Over the years, she has volunteered in child care, served as our Book Buddies Coordinator, and donated various homemade items to the families at the holidays. Good luck Katie, and we'll miss you!

HEARTH welcomed **Shannon Miller** to the staff family this past April. Shannon has a degree in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh. Previously, she worked at the Women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh advocating on the behalf of victims of domestic violence. In her spare time she likes to take road trips and travel. Welcome Shannon!

New Volunteers - HEARTH would like to welcome our new Child Care Volunteers: **Michael Andalora, Taylor Chess, Shannon Kubala, Kristen Schwemmer and Jasmine Wheeler**. HEARTH also welcomes **Ian Klipa** our new Food Bank Order Coordinator as well as **Heather Andrews** who helps our program participants discover which schooling program best suits them and their interview skills and **Jean Grogan**, our new Volunteer Management Assistant, along with **Carol Brenneisen**, our new HEARTH Store Volunteer.

HEARTH would like to welcome new members to the Board of Directors: **Dani Kazienko** of CresaPartners and **Jane Pompe** of Alcoa. HEARTH would also like to welcome new Associate Board Members: **Erica Held** of the Omni Bedford Springs Resort and Spa and **Matt Ruzic** of Sisterson & Co. LLP. **Victor Siclari** of The Bank of New York Mellon Corporation joined the Benet Woods Housing Corporation Board of Directors.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANT UPDATES

BENEDICTINE PLACE

- **Angela** moved out of Benedictine Place into permanent housing.
- **Nancy** is enrolled at CCAC for Paralegal Studies.
- **Brenda** is enrolled at Bidwell for their January Medical Assistant Program.
- **Jamie** is attending classes at Kaplan Institute in the Medical Assistant Program.
- **Donna** is attending classes at Slippery Rock University's Medical Assistant Career Track Program.

P.R.I.D.E.

- **Jamie** found full time employment working in security.
- **Mary Beth** is enjoying her internship at the 311 call center.
- **Kendra** continues to work full time.

EDITORIAL INFORMATION

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Opening Doors, issued in the spring and fall of each year, is written and managed by Victoria Gill. Comments? Call HEARTH at 412-939-2302.

www.hearth-bp.org.

15 Years of Opening Doors . . .

Where are they Now? Here's Cindy's Story

Cindy's comfortable, some might say luxurious, lifestyle came to a screeching halt when her husband's business failed. She was blamed when illegal business activity was discovered and spent a night in jail. The life of private schools for her children and self-indulgence was over. The failed business and problems with the law didn't leave them with any money. Cindy and her children came to HEARTH, where she was able to go back to school to get re-certified in nursing. She has since gone on to get her bachelor's and master's degrees also.

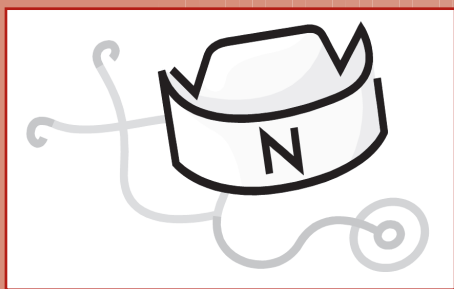
Cindy's husband owned his own business but when times got tough he left some of the accounting work to her, including writing checks. Cindy had been a registered nurse (RN) 16 years ago but had given it up to raise her children. She was not qualified to do accounting work but was loyal to her husband and wanted to help in any way she could. She was unaware that the checks she was writing were fraudulent. Eventually, it was discovered, and Cindy was arrested, spending 18 hours in jail.



She left her husband and moved herself and her four children in with her parents. Her world felt like it was crashing around her. The crowded, uncomfortable space at her parent's made Cindy realize she needed a fresh start. After her divorce was finalized, her sister's friend recommended HEARTH. She knew this was the opportunity of a lifetime and called immediately. Cindy entered the program in 1997. She brought three of her children with her to Benedictine Place.

Benedictine Place was an adjustment for Cindy and her children. Her kids were now enrolled in a public school and no longer had luxuries like long vacations and big shopping trips. "HEARTH taught me how to be humble," said Cindy.

Cindy decided she wanted to get back into the field of nursing. While at HEARTH she enrolled in a RN refresher course at Community College of Allegheny County and worked as a nurses' aid at Windsor Place, an assisted living facility.



She finished her RN refresher course in December 1997 and left Benedictine Place in early 1998. Because of HEARTH's support and her employment as a floor nurse she felt ready to leave. Cindy moved in to a townhouse in the North Hills and continued working at Windsor Place.

"Making ends meet and being a single mother were the hardest parts of being independent," says Cindy. HEARTH helped her get the right foundation to succeed on her own.

Cindy is now working as a nurse for Kane Regional Centers of Allegheny County and has her master's degree in nursing. She remarried in 2004 and resides in the North Hills with her husband. Her children went to college and are working now. Cindy is very proud of their independence and success in their chosen careers.

"I'm most proud of mine and my children's educational successes." Cindy hopes that her children take away independence and strength from her experience. She wouldn't want them to take anything for granted. She feels that life is wonderful and looks forward to continuing her work. I don't know where I would be without HEARTH. Once I came there everything fell right into place."



PARKVALE BANK

PRESENTS

The Art of Wine and Food to benefit HEARTH

Thursday, September 23, 2010

6 to 9 PM at The Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

Enjoy a variety of wines, great food from exceptional restaurants, a silent auction, and musical entertainment while freeing your inner child in the museum's exhibits.

Regular Tickets: \$60 • VIP Tickets: \$85

VIP includes admission at 5:30 PM and preferred parking in the museum's gated lot

For tickets, call 412-939-2302 ext. 14 or visit www.hearth-bp.org.

Sponsors include:

Parkvale Bank - Guardian Construction Management Services, Inc. -
Buck Consultants - Precision Endodontics - Savinis, D'Amico and Kane LLC -
Software Specialists - TBROOKS Financial Services - Anonymous - CresaPartners -
Northwest Savings Bank - TriState Capital Bank - Alpern Rosenthal - Philip Brenckle -
Debbie Flinner - Dunbar, Bender, Zapf, Inc. - James & Mary MacPherson -
John & Becky Piocquidio - Sisterson & Co. LLP - Specialists in Cardiovascular Medicine, P.C. -
North Hills Monthly Magazine - 3WS and FM NewsTalk 104.7

Participants include:

Bella Vista - Breadworks - The Camelot - The Capital Grille - Chipotle Mexican Grill -
Cotton Candy Plus - Crested Duck Charcuterie - D'Andrea Wine and Liquor Imports, Inc. -
Erin's Fine Foods - The Finishing Touch Catering and Party Service - Gateway Clipper Fleet -
Jimmy Wan's Restaurant & Lounge - Monte Cello's Italian Restaurant -
The Pittsburgh Melting Pot - Pretzel Crazy - Siba Cucina - Smokin' Memphis Style BBQ LLC -
Stoke's Grill - Sweet House Bake Shop - Vecenie Distributing Company -
Washington County Winemakers Society - W.J. Deutsch & Sons - Woodside's Grille



**Join us for an evening of
Beer Tastings, Appetizers
& an Auction!**

Saturday, October 16, 2010 at the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. **Regular tickets** are \$20 and doors will open at 7:00 p.m. **VIP tickets** are \$35 doors open for VIP ticket holders at 6:00 p.m. (*VIP's enjoy 8 exclusive beers available to the VIP only*)

Sponsors Include:

American Eagle, Aspen Dental, Bellvue Beer, Giant Eagle, PNC Bank, Tucker Arensberg
For tickets, call 412-939-2302 x 10

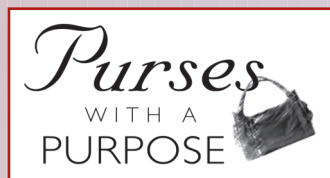
Pittsburgh Gives ~ October 13, 2010

The Pittsburgh Foundation has set aside \$500,000 for Pittsburgh Gives this year. Once again, a couple hundred other non-profits will be competing with HEARTH to take advantage of these limited matching funds. This year, the funds will be distributed over a 24 hour period.

We cannot continue to fulfill our mission and expand our programs without the generous support of donors like you. Please make your donation on **October 13th** by visiting www.pittsburghgives.org and make your donation go that much further.

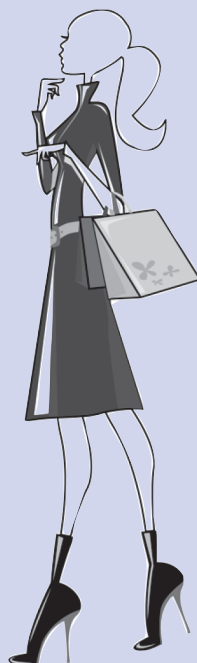
Raising Efforts

Guardian Construction Management Services, Inc. *Presents*



December 4, 2010
Doors open at 11 am

Where:
LeMont Restaurant,
Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh



Ladies (and very brave men!) are invited to hang out with friends, enjoy **brunch**, and celebrate the **Holiday Season** while bidding on a **Silent Auction** of purses.

The donated purses contain a wide variety of items with themes such as wine, babies, candles, Steelers, jewelry, gardening, working women, dogs and a lot more. Enjoy a terrific day with a view of Pittsburgh from a beautiful vantage point.

Last year the event sold out quickly, and we auctioned off over 100 purses! So purchase your tickets early and please consider making a purse donation.

All of the proceeds go a long way to raise awareness and funds for HEARTH.

Individual Tickets: \$30 Table of 10: \$250

Call 412-939-2302 x 14 for tickets.

Sponsors Include: Citizens Bank - Northwest Savings Bank



The 15th Annual Tee & Green Golf Event presented by Fort Pitt Capital Group was held on Monday, June 21, 2010. Sewickley Heights Golf Club was again the setting for this incredibly successful event. More than 100 golfers battled the 90 degree heat finishing 18 holes in record time. After golfing, guests enjoyed a delicious dinner in the ballroom while Dreammaker Awards were presented to CIBER and West View Savings Bank.

HEARTH would like to thank our generous sponsors: Fort Pitt Capital Group - Precision Endodontics - The Brenckle Family - Guardian

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**Mark your calendar for next year's event
on Monday, June 20, 2011**

Swing Fore HEARTH was also held that morning. The participants of the morning event had a great time playing nine holes of golf before enjoying lunch in the ballroom where they heard an inspirational speech from Honorary Chairperson Carol Semple Thompson. This first time event brought out an additional 54 golfers that day.



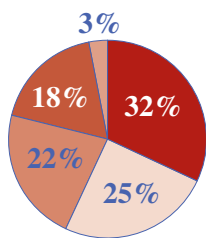
VOLUNTEER EFFORTS AND SPECIAL DONATIONS

Thanks to the following individuals and groups for their contributions and on-going partnerships:

- **State Farm Insurance** and **UPMC** for painting an apartment at Benedictine Place
- **Judy Robertson and volunteers** for continuing to provide an extra evening of child care once a month so our program participants can enjoy a night “off”
- Anne Mlecko organized a summer collection at **Saints John and Paul** for various items needed
- **Katherine Fehl and Crossroads Church** did a collection of cleaning supplies in July
- **American Association of University Women, The Thrivent Foundation, Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon, Twelve Apostles Lutheran Church and the Ginocchi Family** for helping plant and adopting the rain gardens at HEARTH at Benet Woods
- High School Student, **Rebecca Leech** for her May collection of various items needed
- In June employees of Northwest Savings Bank collected food and cleaning supplies
- Child Care volunteer **Anne Piotrowski** collected books then organized a “bookmobile” from which the children at HEARTH selected books
- **The Norwin Show Choir** for putting on an unforgettable “Un-Birthday” Party for the families of Benedictine Place and P.R.I.D.E.
- **Tan Seekers** and their spring collection of various items needed
- More than 100 new and gently used bras collected from **Soma Intimates and customers**
- Thank you to **Bed, Bath and Beyond on McKnight Road** for their ongoing partnership through Gifts in Kind
- All of the participants in the **Spring Linen Shower**: Book Club, Bradford Woods Women’s Club, Jayme Butcher, Citizens Bank, Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon Outreach, Deloitte WIN, Nancy Furbee, Arlene Grubbs, Ingomar United Methodist Church Missions Committee, Mom’s Club of Glenshaw & Allison Park, Mom’s Club of Wexford, Moon Area Middle School, Northgate Church Hilltoppers, St. Athanasius Church - Respect Life Committee, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church of North Park, Saints John and Paul Women’s Guild, Venture Club of North Pittsburgh, West View Savings Bank, Women’s Business Network - Allegheny Valley Chapter
- **Pittsburgh CLO Kelly Circle Program** donated tickets to Miss Saigon and Hairspray
- **The Ginocchi Family** for taking time to put up a swing set outside the community room at HEARTH at Benet Woods.
- Thanks to **CB Richard Ellis** for continuing to provide a birthday cake to each child at Benedictine Place
- **Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir P.C. Law Firm** for hosting a drive
- **Homeless Children’s Education Fund** for their back to school back packs
- Group **Teen Unity** for spending a Saturday morning weeding and cleaning the playgrounds at Benedictine Place



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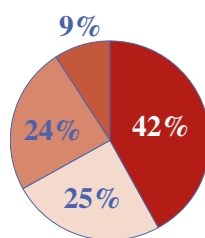


REVENUE

Donations	32%
HUD	25%
Fundraising	22%
Grants	18%
Fees & Sales	3%
Total	100%

EXPENSE

Program	42%
Administrative	25%
Building	24%
Operating	9%
Total	100%



UNIQUE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

This past spring, HEARTH was awarded a Matching Money with a Mission grant from the University of Pittsburgh. The purpose of this grant is to build volunteer capacity for HEARTH. HEARTH is looking for five new volunteers to help in the following areas:

- Apartment Transition Coordinator-** Will coordinate the apartment transition process (preparing an apartment for move-in), which includes scheduling a cleaning company to complete any necessary cleaning, volunteers to restock the apartment, and maintenance issues to be repaired.
- Holiday Donations Coordinator-** Will coordinate the solicitation and management of special holiday donations, such as Easter baskets, Halloween costumes, and Christmas gifts for the children and families at HEARTH.
- Speakers Bureau Coordinator-** Will research and identify speaking opportunities in the community and coordinate Speakers Bureau Members to speak.
- Collection Coordinator-** Will coordinate the solicitation of items needed by program participants, such as diapers, feminine hygiene products, and cleaning supplies.
- Program Participant Intake Coordinator-** Will field the phone calls of individuals interested in housing or program information.



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