



The Care Center CHRONICLE

Summer 2006

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CELEBRATING SUCCESS!

Lorraine's Story

"I am a single mother of four children, and we are currently participating in Phase II of the Care Center's Transitional Housing Program.



Lorraine-Phase II

While pursuing my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration at Hesser College, I am employed as a Case Manager at Elder Services.

Things seemed scary and very uncertain for me. Though it may have appeared to many that things were "normal", I was truly struggling with many challenges that hindered my making life choices to remove myself from an abusive marriage. The primary basis for my fear was a result of feeling that I could not sustain my family adequately as a single parent. By the time we entered the program, the kids' lives had already been disrupted by the loss of their home on two separate occasions.

I recall being overwhelmed by feelings of gratitude and appreciation that such a program existed. I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity, support, and encouragement I receive through the NPCC. The stress of worrying about paying high rent and the potential for finding yourself in a dire situation was relieved as the focus shifted to completing my education and preparing for a life of self-sufficiency.

In addition to the Housing Program, my family has benefited from other programs offered through the Care Center. They have helped with food, car repairs, and day care expenses. I look forward to starting the Financial Literacy Program in the fall. I truly can say that I have opportunities now that seemed outside of my grip before. There's light at the end of the tunnel, and my life doesn't seem so uncertain now . . ."

Mother's Day Celebration

A Special Mother's Day Tea was held for the mothers residing in the Care Center's

Transitional Housing Program to celebrate their accomplishments. Lavender, peach and citrus green teas were sipped out of dainty china tea cups provided by the Cozy Tea Cart of Brookline, NH, as each one of the mothers



Mothers from the Transitional Housing Program

shared their stories and how the Care Center has helped them. Members of the Board of Directors and staff commented on how proud they felt to be part of such a great program that makes a difference in these young women's lives. Another facet of this fundraiser was a direct mail piece giving donors the opportunity to make a contribution in honor of or in memory of their own mothers that directly benefits the Transitional Housing Program. Thank you to all who supported this worthwhile event.

CARE CENTER RECEIVES HP TECHNOLOGY COMMUNITY GRANT

The Care Center has been selected to receive an HP Technology for Community Grant valued at \$17,000 in HP wireless technology.

The HP Technology for Community Grant Initiative is designed to provide technology tools to non-profit organizations to enhance their effectiveness and to support the innovative use of mobile technology. The desired outcome is to build sustainability and capacity for both the nonprofits and the communities they serve.

The Care Center will integrate the latest in HP technology, including five HP notebook PCs, one HP Tablet PC, one HP



Pocket PC, a wireless ready HP all-in-one printer/scanner/fax/copier, a wireless access point and an HP digital camera bundle. In addition, the Care Center will receive a cash stipend and training to set up a new wireless network.

"HP is dedicated to making a difference in all communities, especially those where our employees live and work," said Camilla Nelson, Program Manager, Corporate Philanthropy, HP. "From environment to community and economic development, the HP Technology for Community Grant helps nonprofits such as the Care Center apply technology in meaningful and innovative ways to improve the quality of life for community residents."

PROGRAM UPDATES

CARE and Prevention & Intervention of Homelessness

The Care Center was appointed the administrator of a pool of money that was donated by the community and designated to aid Katrina victims who relocated to the Nashua area.

Through this generous donation, the victims were able to receive security deposits, rent, clothing, furnishings, transportation and holiday assistance. The Care Center was selected to oversee this process because of our experience and resources associated with the outreach programs.

Both the CARE and Prevention & Intervention of Homelessness Programs have seen quite a bit of increased activity over the last 6 months. The actual number of requests for assistance has risen 15% progressively each month since March, particularly requests

for assistance with rent and utilities. Due to funding restrictions, the number we are able to assist does not keep up with that pace.

"To very special people -- There are no words in Webster to express my humble thank you. From a grateful victim and a survivor of Katrina."

Financial Literacy

The Financial Literacy Program that the Care Center offers each fall is being revamped. Rather than having one 8-month session, we will be offering several 8-week sessions throughout the year starting in October. The curriculum is undergoing enhancement as well. Please call the Care Center for further information at 886-2866.

A MESSAGE FROM MARYSE WIRBAL, CEO



Maryse Wirbal, CEO

As we conclude our fiscal year, I would like to take a moment to reflect. In a year with a multitude of natural disasters, hurricanes Katrina and Rita, I am once again awestruck at the community outreach and support given to charities throughout the world to help overcome the devastation. Not only did our Greater Nashua citizens help the cities of Biloxi and New Orleans, but they also continued to support those in need locally. This past year, the Care Center surpassed its budgeted goals in its three fund raising endeavors: Penny Drive, Gourmet Festival & Auction, and the John P. Wirbal Memorial Golf Tournament. Our community has once again dug deep into their pockets, and together we have persevered in helping our neighbors in need.

Last year the Care Center saw a record number of individuals and families in need of assistance, many coming to the agency for the first time. Each person came with a unique need and experience, all which have touched me. I am constantly reminded of how the Care Center not only impacts the greater Nashua community, but how it impacts a family directly. Every need has a face. I am so very proud of my

staff for their continued patience, compassion, and humility when dealing with families through personal crisis. They are the backbone of the agency, and I am so grateful to have them.

In addition to the staff, we could not exist without the dedication of our volunteers, particularly those who serve on the Board of Directors. Denise Thompson of Citizens Bank served as the Board President this past year. She provided great leadership and support in ensuring that our mission of helping families through crisis times in their lives so that they can become self-sufficient, was carried forward. Although Denise's term has concluded as President, I am also very hopeful and excited at the prospects of the upcoming year under the direction and leadership of Rich Lovering of Lovering Volvo. Rich will be guiding the 28-member Board as the Care Center celebrates its 20th anniversary. Six new members joined the Board this year: Mike Martinez of Cityside Management, Robert Shaw of Texas Instruments, Amy Wheeler of First Colebrook Bank, Heather Leach of Ocean National Bank, Judy Brown of Nashua, and Kristy Perez of Central Realty. Together we will continue to provide the best services possible to the most vulnerable in our community. I wish you a happy, safe, and fun-filled summer.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Carroll Towle

Since Carroll retired several years ago from Nashua Corporation, where he worked for 38 years, he has been a regular volunteer at the Care Center. He wanted "hands on" involvement with an organization, and our food pantry has been able to provide him with plenty of that! Carroll insures that our food is organized, prepares the bags that are given out monthly, and is always willing to help out with pick up and delivery of food donations. His dedication to our food pantry is invaluable.

Carroll is one of 13 children himself, and he is the proud father of 7 and proud grandfather of 13. During our annual Penny Picker Campaign, Carroll and several of his grandchildren donate their time and energy in canvassing local neighborhoods asking for "pennies" to support the Care Center. "The Care Center is a great cause. It is important to get our youth involved early in making a positive contribution to society. Our children and grandchildren look forward to it."



Carroll Towle

In addition to the many family activities that he is obviously involved in, Carroll finds time to pursue his interests in golf, hiking, gardening, and traveling. We thank you, Carroll, for all you do.

SPONSOR A FOOD DRIVE

10 Most Wanted Food Items

- Soups & Stews with Meat*
- Breakfast Cereal*
- Macaroni & Cheese*
- Paper Products*
- Individual Snacks*
- Tuna*
- Canned Pasta*
- Hygiene Products*
- Diapers & Wipes (Size 3, 4 & 5)*
- Canned Vegetables*

SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING SUPPORTS CARE CENTER PROGRAMS

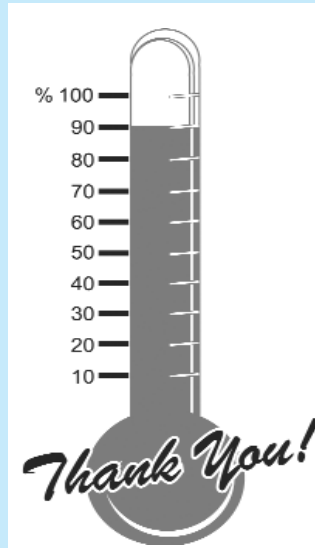
Gourmet Festival brings in the Dough!

Over \$84,000 was raised at this year's 17th annual Gourmet Festival & Auction. Nashua Country Club provided the setting for 22 of the area's finest restaurants to present their specialities. Included were: Amato's Gourmet, Aspirations, Black Orchid Grille, Celebrations Distinctive Catering, Checker's Restaurant, Coldstone Creamery, Creative Cakes by Debby, Edible Arrangements, Fody's Great American Tavern, Greenhouse Café Catering, Jasmine Palace, Margarita's, Michael Timothy's, Surf, Buckley's Great Steaks, Nashua Country Club, New England Coffee, Olive & Herb, Pine State Trading Co., Swan Chocolates, The Common Man, Villa Banca, and You You's Japanese Bistro. While guests enjoyed the cuisine, they vied for the "winning bid" on their favorite silent auction items. Later in the evening, John Terrio, Professional Auctioneer, conducted a live auction with many exciting items like a trip to Africa and lunch with Eliot from Jordan's Furniture. The evening was presented by the Care Center's 2006 partners: Cityside Management; Loving Volvo, and Weisman, Tessier, Lambert & Halloran. Major sponsors included: Contraco USA; Law Warehouses; Continental Paving; The Telegraph and HippoPress.

SECURING THE FUTURE

Almost There!

The Care Center is only \$45,000 away from reaching its \$500,000 "Securing the Future" Endowment Campaign goal. Thank you to all who have helped to make this possible. If you have not yet contributed to the campaign and would like to do so, please contact Carol Connor at 886-2866 or email at: cconnor@nashuanpcc.org.



Tom Roy, from My TV, Teeing off

Golfers help raise over \$33,000

The weather cooperated for the 4th Annual John P. Wirbal Memorial Golf Tournament held at the Nashua Country Club. Golfers paid tribute to the memory of Nashua's golf icon,

John P. Wirbal. The tournament was presented by the Care Center's 2006 partners: Cityside Management; Loving Volvo; and Weisman, Tessier, Lambert & Halloran. Winners were 1st Place Gross: Jim Rodrigues, Weir Lundstadt, Scott McIntyre and Arch Davis, 1st Place Net: Marc Berube, Rev. Robert Odierna, Tom James, and Steve Reilly. Major sponsors included: Melanson, Heath, & Co., Search Initiatives, Volvo Cars of North America, Triangle Credit Union, TD Banknorth Wealth Management Group, The Michael A. Bernier Agency, Inc. Allstate Insurance Company, BAE Systems, St. Joseph Hospital, Pennichuck Water, A.G. Edwards, and Eaton & Berube Insurance.

CORPORATE/ FOUNDATION SUPPORT

We greatly appreciate the support for our programs that we have received to date in 2006 from the following foundations and corporations:

- Ella Anderson
- Amherst Jr. Women's Club
- BAE Systems
- City of Nashua
- Fidelity Investments
- United Way of Greater Nashua
- St. Mary's Bank
- Sovereign Bank
- State of New Hampshire
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- Town of Merrimack
- Rotary Club of Nashua

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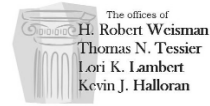
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NPCC UPCOMING EVENTS . . .



Volunteers Needed!

Saturday, October 28: 9:00-11:30 am
Sunday, October 29: 12:30-3:00 pm

Saturday, November 4: 9:00-11:30 am
Sunday, November 5: 12:30-3:00 pm

Saturday, November 11: 9:00-11:30 am
Sunday, November 12: 12:30-3:00 pm

To become a volunteer email
TLucier@nashuanpcc.org



Sponsor Opportunities Available! Call Theresa at 886-2866
or email at TLucier@nashuanpcc.org

What we Need:

- ⊕ 2 1/2 - 3 hours of your time with a partner. (Teams are 2 or more, one must be a driver)
- ⊕ Children really make a great partner with a parent.
- ⊕ High School students can get community service credits.

Where:

- ⊕ Meet at the Care Center, 7 Concord Street between 8:15 - 9:00 am on Saturday & between 12:00 - 12:30 pm on Sunday.
- ⊕ You'll receive instructions, supplies, identification smocks & refreshments.
- ⊕ When you're done, money is dropped at Citizens Bank, 238 Main Street, Nashua.