



The Care Center Chronicle

20th Anniversary 1987-2007

Providing solutions . . . Changing lives

Winter 2007

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF SERVICE TO GREATER NASHUA!

Anniversary Dinner Honors

Rev. Odie



CEO Maryse Wirbal presenting a gift certificate and plaque to Rev. Odie

The celebration has begun! Twenty years ago the Care Center set in motion its mission to assist individuals and families facing a crisis become self-sufficient. Our mission is as compelling today as it was in 1987. Over 150 supporters helped us commemorate this momentous occasion by joining us for a dinner that not only celebrated our 20th anniversary, but honored The Rev. Dr. Robert Odierna for his 20 years of dedicated service to the Care Center.

It was a sweet trip down memory lane for those who attended. The many milestones, accomplishments, struggles and successes of the Care Center were highlighted. Odie was affectionately roasted by long-time friends Peter Collins and Richard Darling, along with his son Jimmy. One of our former clients, Paulette Norcross, addressed the group with her powerful story of the impact the Care Center has had on her life.

The Care Center is proud of its long history serving the disadvantaged in the Greater Nashua area and looks forward to continue providing solutions and changing lives for many years to come.



Paulette Norcross, former Transitional Housing Client

Warm Welcome for 2007

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Cirtronics Corporation and Cityside Management Corporation have joined with the Care Center as 2007 Gold Partners, along with Weisman, Tessier, Lambert & Halloran and BAE Systems as 2007 Silver Partners.

BAE SYSTEMS

These affiliations provide a major source of support for the Care Center as we further our mission to promote self-sufficiency among our clients. We thank you and look forward to a mutually beneficial partnership serving the greater Nashua community.

Christmas Cheer



Once again the Greater Nashua community pulled together to provide a happier holiday season for many of its fellow citizens. In partnership with The Telegraph Santa Fund and Corpus Christi Food Pantry, the Care Center assisted just over 1,600 individuals with food, gifts, and clothing. This could not be accomplished without the support of so many volunteers. It begins in October with registration and runs non-stop until every gift has been distributed right before Christmas. The generosity of this community continues to amaze us.



Telegraph Publisher Terry Williams assisted by his daughter Heather, helping to distribute gifts for the Holiday Program

OUR PROGRAMS FOCUS ON EDUCATION . . . THE KEY TO SUCCESS

The most powerful tool we can equip our clients with to ensure a future of self-sufficiency is education -- through our own programs or by providing the means by which to obtain it. Knowledge is power.

Our Transitional Housing Program is based on this premise. In fact, participation in an educational or job training program is mandated. Given the supportive services -- subsidized housing, therapy, parenting, financial assistance, case management -- we create the environment that promotes personal development and allows our clients to pursue whatever level of education is appropriate at this point in their lives. Both Transitional Housing Case Managers, Becky Gagne and Betsy Portash, focus on education through their management styles.



"A high school education is no longer enough for our mothers to be self-sufficient. We help take down the barriers to obtaining a higher education -- child care, transportation, the loan process, lack of self-confidence." Along with the diverse services provided within our Transitional Housing Program, both case managers work diligently to ensure that our families are educated concerning services available within the Greater Nashua community.

Our Financial Literacy Program also exemplifies the Care Center's commitment to education as the means to self-sufficiency. This 8-week session that covers all aspects of personal financial management is offered free of charge several times per year to the community at large.

A MESSAGE FROM MARYSE WIRBAL, CEO



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Greetings! It is hard to believe that it was 20 years ago that the birth of the Nashua Pastoral Care Center, Inc., occurred. With only one employee, Carl

Swenson, and a budget of \$50,000, the impact that NPCC demonstrated to the Greater Nashua community was felt immediately. To commemorate the anniversary, the Care Center is planning many special events throughout the year starting with the anniversary dinner held a few weeks ago. Be on the lookout for more.

After nearly three years in the works, I am pleased to inform you that our renovations to Caroline's House, one of our Transitional Housing properties, are complete. The conversion of our two 1-bedroom units to a 2 and 3-bedroom unit is more conducive to the population we serve.

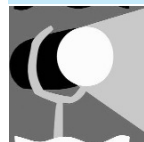
It was three years ago as well that NPCC began its "Securing the Future" \$500,000 Endowment Campaign. I am excited to say we have reached our goal and can now start Phase II -- a planned giving program.

Over the last few months, the Care Center, in partnership with the Continuum of Care, began a Revolving Loan Fund to assist families, particularly home owners facing potential foreclosure, regain their independence. This program offers a 0% loan that is repayable over 10 months, beginning 60 days from issue. There are many families facing crisis, and together we can create opportunities to reduce the number of homeless in our community.

In closing, it has certainly been a wonderful ride these past 20 years, but there is so much work still to be done. I look forward to working with all of you during the next decade in continuing to provide solutions and change lives.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Pat Worthen



Whether it is helping with our food pantry, answering phones at the front desk, or helping out with the Golf Tournament, Pat Worthen is there! Her willingness to lend a hand is truly appreciated.

Pat is no stranger to volunteerism. While Pat and her husband of 55 years, Jack, spent their early retirement years on the Cape, she helped to start a non-profit organization, Wildcare, Inc., whose mission was to care for orphaned and injured animals. Prior to retirement, Pat spent 12



Pat Worthen

years volunteering her time at the American Red Cross running their blood program. When asked why she chose the Care Center to volunteer at next, Pat said she had just moved back to Nashua to be closer to family and really wanted to work with people at this point in her life. She learned about the Care Center from attending the Church of the Good Shepherd, spoke to Odie, and here she is. "The Care Center is the best organized, caring, and concerning place I know. They truly fill a huge need in this community."

Pat is a woman of many interests and talents. She is an artist, working mostly in pastels, loves to garden, and has taken up the game of golf. The Worthens winter in Florida, and guess what Pat does while there? She volunteers at the Florida Oceanographic Society working with the Stingray Program!



OUR VOLUNTEERS KNOW EVERY PENNY COUNTS . . .

Although the weather provided a bit of a challenge this year, our Penny Picker Campaign was a huge success. Thank you to over 500 volunteers who hit the neighborhood streets three consecutive weekends this year asking for "spare change" to support the programs of the Care Center. Volunteers also tagged outside local grocery stores, and over 100 business establishments put our canisters out for

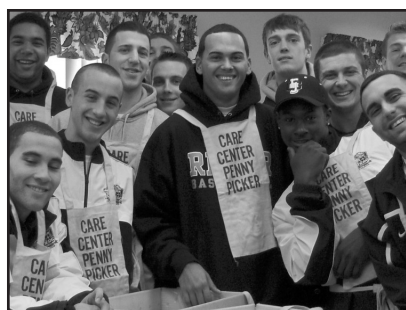
donations. Let us extend a special thanks to our 2006 Corporate Partners: Cityside Management, Lovering Volvo, and Weisman, Tessier, Lambert & Halloran, as well as to our sponsors: Citizens Bank Foundation, Cirtronics



Penny Picker Volunteers from Starbucks



Nashua High North Football Team Volunteers



Rivier College Volunteers

Corporation, Brigham's Ice Cream, NH Community Technical College, SAS Management Consultants, HippoPress, Bishop Guertin High School, First Colebrook Bank, Mr.

& Mrs. Jack Worthen, Shaws Supermarket, Central Realty, Nashua Corporation, Small World Country Day School, St. Mary's Bank, Amoskeag Insurance, Career Connections, Greenbriar Terrace Healthcare, Rivier College, and Coca-Cola. This annual event brings our community together in such special, unique way. See you next year!

THANK YOU . . .

- Allstate Foundation
- Bank of America
- Barker Foundation
- Citizen's Bank Foundation
- City of Nashua
- Nashua Rotary West
- Peter's Auto Center
- Southern NH Medical Center
- State of New Hampshire
- Town of Merrimack
- Walmart
- **All of our "Secure the Future" Endowment Campaign Donors-Our \$500,000 goal has been reached!**

FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The Care Center Welcomes Jacqueline Clancy

Jacqueline Clancy joined the Care Center as Event Coordinator in early December. Jackie and her husband Kevin, a Nashua police officer, recently moved to New Hampshire from Lynn, Massachusetts, where she worked as a Project Manager for the city of Lynn. In her new position, Jackie will have responsibility for managing all of the Care Center's fundraising events. Welcome to the Care Center Jackie!



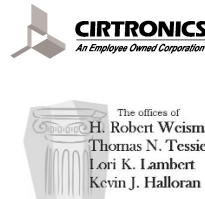
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10 Most Wanted Food Items for the Denise Aussynt Taylor Food Pantry

- Soups & Stews with Meat*
- Breakfast Cereal*
- Macaroni & Cheese*
- Paper Products*
- Peanut Butter*
- Tuna*
- Canned Pasta & Pasta Sauce*
- Hygiene Products*
- Diapers & Wipes (larger sizes)*
- Canned Vegetables*



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NPCC UPCOMING EVENTS . . .



19th Annual Gourmet Festival & Auction

Date: Sunday, March 18, 2007
Place: Nashua Country Club
Time: 4:30-9 pm

"Early Bird Special"

If you purchase your ticket prior to February 23, 2007, the price is \$85
After that date, the price will be \$100

Call Jackie Clancy, 886-2866 or email jclancy@nashuanpcc.org

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