



Winter 2008

# The Care Center Chronicle

Changing Lives . . . One Family at a Time

## NPCC Launches Planned Giving Campaign

**\$15,000 Grant Received from NH Charitable Foundation**

Define Your Legacy Through the Choices You Make Now

The Care Center just completed its 20th year of serving the disadvantaged in the Greater Nashua area. In an effort to ensure our capacity to continue doing so long into the future, we are incorporating Planned Giving into our fundraising efforts. **Planned or deferred giving is the current gift of future assets through certain charitable planning vehicles.** This is an excellent mechanism for the Care Center to integrate into our efforts to ensure our financial stability for years to come. Our \$500,000 Endowment Campaign was successfully completed last year, and this is the next logical step.

### Some of Your Options . . .

- **Bequests**
- **Charitable Remainder Trust**
- **Charitable Lead Trust**
- **Charitable Gift Annuity**
- **Life Insurance**
- **Retirement Assets**

A \$15,000 grant from the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation was just received by the Care Center to help defray the costs associated with designing and implementing this campaign. The Care Center development staff and the Board of Directors will be contacting our supporters in the near future. Together we can discuss this powerful way to help secure and shape the future of the Nashua Pastoral Care Center and provide support beyond your lifetime. You can leave a permanent legacy--something greater than yourself.

Call the Care Center for additional information, or visit our website at [www.nashuanpcc.org](http://www.nashuanpcc.org).



## Holiday Program Serves a Record 511 Families!

~ Thank you to all who made this possible ~



Volunteer Jim Rodrigues assisting with the Holiday Program this year.

*"I am writing this in great happiness. I am a single mom working to support my four children. I recently had stopped receiving child support, and it has been a struggle to get by. The thought that Christmas was coming was frightening. I heard about The Care Center through a co-worker. I have never received any help like this before. I stood in line for some time and went through the whole signing up process not knowing what to expect. As Christmas was getting closer, I had been crying at night. I didn't know how I was going to pull it off.*

*Yesterday was the day I was scheduled to pick up the gifts. I stood embarrassed with my jacket hood over my head to hide in shame. I was wondering if this was really worth it. I was in complete shock when they gave me the bags of gifts. I never expected anything like this. I tried so hard to hold it together until I left. Once I got everything in my car, I sat in the parking lot for what felt like forever crying. The rush of emotion was indescribable. I could not stop crying! Who would do this? Who could care so much to help children they never met?*

*I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart - thank you! What you have done for my children is so indescribable, so thoughtful, and generous. Please know that you are special, and whoever you are I will thank you on Christmas day when my children open those gifts. We thank you!"*



BAE gift delivery day! Employees provided toys for over 400 children.

# Message from Maryse . . .



Maryse Wirbal, CEO

Even though the holiday season has come to a close, I can't stress enough the importance of maintaining the goodwill and holiday spirit throughout the year. It is important for all of us to remember that families and children are in need not only at Christmas, but everyday throughout the year. January was extremely busy at the Nashua Pastoral Care Center with many more demands for assistance with utilities, prescriptions and transportation than expected; and the demand was much greater than the supply.

Over the last few months, the Care Center has been participating in some new initiatives and continued partnerships. I am excited to again take part in the Greater Nashua Asset Building Coalition. This Coalition, in partnership with the IRS, City of Nashua, United Way of Greater Nashua, AARP Tax-Aid Program, Triangle Credit Union, and several other organizations, is once again offering **free** tax preparation assistance to low and moderate income families. This was in direct response to seeing many of our clients paying exorbitant fees to get their taxes filed. This resource will allow our clients to keep every penny of their return to put towards basic needs versus fees. If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer, please visit our website for more information.

Another new component of our Prevention & Intervention of Homelessness Program is the addition of Governor Lynch's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). I applaud the Governor acknowledging the homelessness issue and dedicating resources to help these families secure housing. This RLF was created to assist families currently homeless transition into affordable housing by providing loans to cover security deposit and first month rental fees. The loans are repaid over 24-36 months with no additional charges assessed. This serves as a wonderful complement to our existing Housing Security Guarantee Program, which offers security deposit only loans to income eligible families.

Our other Revolving Loan Fund Program in partnership with the City of Nashua, United Way of Greater Nashua and the Continuum of Care of Greater Nashua, has evolved over the past year. This program assists a unique population—homeowners in need of assistance. Families nearing the foreclosure process who have experienced a one-time or short-term crisis can qualify for a loan that is repaid over the next year. We have issued 5 loans to date; and with the on-going housing crisis, we anticipate this will continue to be a highly requested program service.

I celebrated my 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as the CEO of the Nashua Pastoral Care Center in January. Although many great things have been accomplished, many more needs are still evident. It has been a privilege for me to serve this community as CEO of this fine agency. It is because of the support of the volunteer Board of Directors, my staff, and the community at large, that we have made a significant impact on thousands of families in Greater Nashua. Together, we do make a difference everyday and for that, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Let's continue doing great things for great people!

*Our mission is to offer support and provide services to assist individuals and families transition from crisis to self-sufficiency.*

## ~ Welcome 2008 Partners ~

2008 Gold

2008 Silver



**Thank you for your support!**

## Welcome New Team Members

MaryAnn McHugh joined the Care Center as an Administrative Assistant for the Transitional Housing program last fall. MaryAnn is married with three children and spent the earlier part of her life in Pennsylvania. She attended Grove City College and graduated



Maryann McHugh

*"This is an amazing resource for the community. Those who need help most can find it here. I am very happy to be a part of this organization."*

ed with a degree in Elementary Education. After teaching first grade for a few years, MaryAnn became a full-time mom and eventually settled in Nashua. MaryAnn knew about the programs of the Care Center and felt that this would be a great fit. She is passionate about the work the Care Center does. Welcome MaryAnn!

Elaine Roy joined the Care Center last fall as a volunteer for the Transitional Housing Program. She takes care of our clients' children while the moms are attending their weekly group house meetings and participating in workshops designed to help improve parenting and life skills. Elaine, a Nashua resident, works part time at Home Health & Hospice. Originally

*"I wanted to volunteer in an organization that helped young mothers who were having a difficult time. The Norwell Home was perfect for me because I also wanted to work with children."*



Elaine Roy

from Lowell, MA, she moved to this area 32 years ago when she married. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, knitting, and crocheting. Welcome Elaine!

# How the Care Center's Programs work together to promote self-sufficiency . . .

*Our wrap-around services are connected*

## Care Program

- Referral information on resources
- Financial assistance with prescriptions, transportation, & miscellaneous needs
- Referring agency to Greater Nashua Dental Connection
- Denise Aussant Taylor Food Pantry
- Holiday Program

## Prevention & Intervention of Homelessness

- Assistance with back rent & eviction intervention
- Utility & Fuel assistance and advocacy
- Housing Security Guarantee Program (Security Deposit)
- Revolving Loan Fund mortgage assistance
- Financial Counseling

One day when Susan was at the Care Center accessing the food pantry, she picked up the brochure that describes all of our programs. After reading about Transitional Housing and asking a few questions, she applied to the program and was accepted. Susan and her two children had been homeless for some time, drifting from a shelter, to a motel, to living with friends. The situation had become desperate, and she was ready to make some positive changes in her life to ensure that she alone would be able to take

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of the other services Susan and her family required. After entering the Norwell Home, Susan enrolled at the NHCTC, where she is a full-time student studying business management - and doing quite well. After just a few months, her personal development plan was in motion with all of the services she and her children needed; and she was able to move into one of our apartments. "You know, there was a time when I could never have done this by myself. I would have thought I had to ask for help. Yesterday I didn't have help moving. I just took it one step at a time, until everything was done. I am so proud." We are proud of everything Susan has accomplished thus far, and she will reach self-sufficiency one step at a time.

## Transitional Housing

- Two-year life altering program for single moms 18-35
- Subsidized housing
- Case Management
- Parenting, job & life skills training
- Group & individual therapy
- Enrollment in educational program required

## Financial Literacy

- 7-week free course
- Create a household budget
- Understand and access banking services
- Manage debt
- Understand importance of credit rating
- Make sound investment decisions
- Enroll in Individual Development Account (IDA)

Thank you to **GM Roth Design Remodeling, Inc.**, for designating the Care Center as the beneficiary of their Holiday Boutique, **Altrusa International of Merrimack Valley** for holding both a diaper and linen drive to benefit Transitional Housing, and **Servpro of Nashua** for their generosity with Transitional Housing

## Grant Support July 1, 2007 - December 31, 2007

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*Thank you to all other business and individual donors!*




Mike Berner of Allstate Insurance presents a \$15,000 grant to Maryse Wirbal, CEO, in support of the Transitional Housing and Financial Literacy Programs.



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