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The Care Center Chronicle

Changing Lives . . . One Family at a Time

Thank you for Over 40 Years of Volunteer Service to the Care Center

The NPCC Board of Directors and Care Center staff said farewell to six members of the Board who, together, represent over 40 years of dedicated service! They are: **Rich Loving, Linda Loving, Jean Barrett, Richard Darling, Richard Jean, and Tom Enright.** Mayor Lozeau made a special presentation that evening in honor of their tremendous commitment to the Care Center and the community.



Mayor Lozeau recognizes outgoing Care Center BOB member Rich Loving and this past year's president, Lori Lambert

Their contributions have been invaluable. Thank you!

The Care Center welcomes to the Board this year: **Erin Almeda**, Concord Hospital and Nashua resident; **Ann McQuaid**, Hewlett Packard and Brookline resident; **Susan Yeaton**, Nashua resident; and **Kelly Shanahan**, Attorney at Legal Law Offices and Plaistow resident. Welcome to the Care Center.

20th Annual Gourmet Festival

The Nashua Country Club once again provided the venue for our **20th Annual Gourmet Festival and Auction.** The chefs pictured below generously donated their time and talent to present quite a feast! They included: Bedford Village Inn, Celebrations Distinctive Catering, Checker's Restaurant, Creative Cakes by Debby, Fody's Great American Tavern, Greenhouse Café Catering, Michael Timothy's Surf/Buckley's Great Steaks, Nashua Country Club, New England Coffee, Patisserie Bleu, Pine State Beverage Co., Swan Chocolates, The Common Man of Merrimack, The Saffron Bistro, The Seeding Café, Unums, Villa Banca, and You You Japanese Bistro.



Guests enjoying the gourmet cuisine and silent auction

Other sponsors included: Law Warehouses; Ocean Bank; Continental Paving; G.M. Roth Solar, Inc.; The Orthopedic Center; Edward Jones Investments; Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield; Bishop Guertin High School; Christopher Cahill Construction, Inc.; Hampshire First Bank; Hunt Community; Merrimack County Savings Bank; The Nashua Bank; The Telegraph; WMUR-TV; and Frank FM.

Next Year's Date
March 15, 2009
Nashua Country Club



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Save Those Pennies!

17th Annual



Changing Lives . . . One Family at a Time

They're coming to your neighborhood on:

Saturday	Oct 25	9 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Oct 26	12:30 - 3 pm
Saturday	Nov 1	9 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Nov 2	12:30 - 3 pm
Saturday	Nov 8	9 - 11:30 am
Sunday	Nov 9	12:30 - 3 pm

To become a sponsor or volunteer, call Jackie at 886-2866 or email jclancy@nashuanpcc.org

Some Like it Hot!

Last year it was rainy and cold; this year it was **95 degrees!** Despite the weather conditions, the Care Center Golf Tournament is always successful. Thank you to all who sponsored, played and volunteered! This year's proceeds were **\$32,000.**

Congratulations to this year's golf tournament winners: **1st place gross** - Marc Berube, Odie, Tom James and Steve Reilly, **1st place net** - Dick Plamondon, Peter Davis, Greg Zuercher, and Bob Hayes. **2nd place gross** - Jim Rodrigues, Weir Lundsdiad, Scott MacInhyre, and Ken Neilson. **2nd place net** - Mike Gonzales, Elliot Barry, Carl Johnson, Ken Bell. **3rd place gross** - Frank Anderson, Scott Fiegal, Mike Winn, Scott Toothaker. **3rd place net** - Jim Delisle, Dave Degoulis, Frank Romanelli, and John Ziemba.



One of our very happy, but hot foursomes

Message from Maryse . . .



Maryse Wirbel, CEO

Finally summer has arrived! For most of us, summer represents a time of relaxing, taking vacation, and lazy days at the beach. Unfortunately, for most of the families we serve, that is not the case. The struggling economy is certainly taking its toll on our community's most vulnerable populations: single parents, the working poor, and the mentally ill. We have seen a dramatic increase in the number of families coming to the Care Center for the first time requesting assistance. They are families who are struggling to meet everyday expenses, do not qualify for government assistance, and have to ask for help. With rising fuel prices, we know this trend will continue.

As we close our fiscal year, on a positive note, I am very pleased to announce that the Care Center exceeded its budget in all fundraising endeavors: Penny Pickers, Gourmet Festival & Auction, and the John P. Wirbel Memorial Golf Tournament. Thanks to the generous support of the community, we were able to maintain their housing and utilities and keep food on the table.

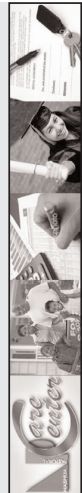
The Care Center will be exploring two new supplemental support programs to enhance the Transitional Housing Program this coming year - a childcare component for our residents that is geared for infants to age two, and a more comprehensive support program for our young women and children who have experienced substance abuse and/or very traumatic life experiences. Both of these initiatives are essential if we are to provide the most effective overall program to bring these women and children to a life of self-sufficiency. With your continued support, we will accomplish this goal. For more information on these initiatives, please call the Care Center at 886-2666. I would be happy to speak with you.

Please join me in congratulating Kim Cameron and her son Jackson for successfully completing the Transitional Housing Program. After a little more than two years with us, Kim and Jackson are ready to enter the next phase of their lives. They have secured permanent housing and will be leaving the program at the end of July.

Kim came to us after living in a home-less shelter for three months. "The longest months of my life," she said as she recalled those days. While in our program, Kim received her GED, obtained certifications in Accounting I and II, worked part time, and did quite a bit of volunteer work. Jackson is doing very well and enjoying daycare at the Adult Learning Center. Kim's long-term goal is to continue her education and eventually enter the banking industry. We have no doubt that she will accomplish this, and we wish her continued success!

Wishing all of you a wonderful summer, and remember:

"All of our dreams can come true - if we have the courage to pursue them." - Walt Disney



Kim and Jackson

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

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Program Updates . . .

Proceeds from our 3 major fundraising events support the following programs:

Transitional Housing

- New resource room is up and running
- Areas of study for our mothers - nursing, accounting, early childhood education, paralegal, human services, criminal justice
- Skills groups recently offered - dialectical behavior therapy, assertiveness training, financial literacy
- 72 individuals participated in the Program this past fiscal year

Prevention & Intervention of Homelessness

- 247 families, which represents 630 individuals, received assistance with rent or utilities preventing eviction or disconnection of service
- 177 families, representing 451 individuals, were able to secure housing with the help of a security deposit loan

Financial Literacy

- Third session of the year just finished
- 25 individuals completed the program
- Next session begins on **September 10, 2008**
- Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6 - 7:30 pm at the Care Center. **Please call 886-2666 to register or for additional information.**

Crisis Advocacy & Resource Education (CARE)

- 480 families, representing 1,047 individuals, were helped with basic necessities such as medication, dental care, and transportation
- Over 1,500 individuals were assisted through the Denise Aussant Taylor Food Pantry

The Care Center is partnering with the City of Nashua to educate families concerning the hazards of lead paint.



Dave Gagnon of TD Banknorth presents a \$10,000 grant to Carol Connor, Director of Development & Public Relations, in support of the Transitional Housing Program

What's New at the NPCC



We are collecting **Shaw's** receipts to help support our food pantry - for every \$5,000 we gather, **Shaw's** will send the Care Center a \$50 check. Board member **Amy Wheeler** alone is responsible for collecting over \$6,100! Please join our effort by sending your **Shaw's** receipts to the Care Center at 7 Concord Street, Nashua, NH 03064. Thank you - every little bit helps!



Dell Computer, through Tim Yeaton, VP of Business Development, featured the Care Center at the Pride Game on Saturday, June 14. In addition to the welcomed exposure for the Care Center, we received \$600 in proceeds from the raffle held during the game for a laptop donated by Dell. Thank you for your support.



Planned Giving - Your planned gift will help secure and shape the future of the Nashua Pastoral Care Center.
On-line giving is now possible - visit our website at www.nashuanpcc.org.

Upcoming New Event ~ Save the Date ~

September 18, 2008

Join us at

Steffon Bittno

An elegant, gourmet dinner

Starting at 5:30 and 7:30

\$85 per person

Bring your Friends

Celebrate!

Grant Support
January 1, 2008 - June 30, 2008

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