



Program helps with hard times

The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing Program (HPRP), part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, is helping people on the brink of homelessness by providing financial assistance to help them get through the rough patches. New Haven Home Recovery (NHHR) used the program to help a family that was living in a hotel move back into an apartment and start looking for work again.

The program paid a security deposit for a young mother who was living in a shelter after moving herself and her children away from her violent partner. Once she settled into her new place, she was able to move on with her goal of completing her college degree.

"In this economy, we're seeing people who are struggling to pay their housing costs and are in danger of becoming homeless due to loss of jobs," said Kellyann Day, NHHR's executive director. "We are all grateful for this program."

HPRP earmarked \$1.5 billion for a

Homelessness Prevention Fund to help people who are at risk of becoming homeless or living in shelters and motels due to economic reasons. This program is different from NHHR's Supportive Housing Programs, which provide supportive services and case management for its clients. To qualify:

- The client's income must be 50 percent below the area median
- They must show a lack of any other financial resources
- They must

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have no other housing options Families are allowed up to 18 months of support, which can include rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits and payments, moving cost assistance, and hotel and motel vouchers. NHHR follows up with clients every three months to see how they are doing and help if they need additional assistance.

For more information on the program, visit the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness Web site at www.cceh.org.



Oh, Christmas tree...!

NHHR was able to give two families Christmas trees with lights and ornaments to help celebrate the holidays. The trees were donated from the United Way and Target of Orange.



Spreading the joy of the season

Santa and his Self visited Martha's Place and CareWays

to spread some holiday cheer to the residents. There were toys and gifts for everyone.



Two deserving clients get new rides

As a participant in the Connecticut Collision Repair Specialists' "Recycled Rides" Program, NHHR was able to give away vehicles to two deserving clients. CCRS partnered with NHHR and Hands on Hartford to fix up cars for families in Connecticut.

Adopt-a-Family was a success Our Adopt-a-Family program was a wonderful success this past holiday season, as many generous individuals, families, employee groups and others added NHHR clients who didn't have money for gifts to their shopping lists. New Haven Home Recovery thanks the following donors:

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What would we do without all of you?

A Letter From Kellyann Day, Executive Director



Dear Friends,

Everyone talks about how busy they are during the holidays, but this season we really were busier than ever. The need for our services is growing and so are we. In the last several months, we expanded our offices on East Street to accommodate a growing staff and a greater workload. We welcomed several new board members and hired a new executive assistant and development coordinator, Rachael Lynch, who is doing a phenomenal job keeping everything organized.

In the middle of all this, visitors came by every day to drop off donations for our Adopt-a-Family Program.

Many of our adopt-a-family donors include individuals and employee groups who have made this an annual tradition. They bought gift cards to department stores and grocery stores, picked out warm robes and slippers, and shopped for bicycles and toys, even laptops, iPods and microwave ovens. This program in particular brings tears to clients' eyes when they realize how much people really do care.

Our major donors continued to help us survive the worst economy in our history. Truly I don't know what we'd do without them. I want to extend my sincere apologies to these generous supporters after we inadvertently left off some of their names in our 2008-2009 annual report. We want to make up for it by using space in this issue to thank our \$10,000 and up donors.

Finally, I want to give special acknowledgement to all who made donations in memory of board member Chris Vogt, who passed away this year. Because of your generosity we raised over \$3,000 for our clients. I also want to remember Emily Emerson, who also passed away, and left us a generous portion of her estate. Most of all, I want to wish all of you a happy and prosperous new year. I hope you know how much we appreciate you.

Sincerely,

Kellyann Day, MSW
Executive Director



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We offer our sincere apologies to the following donors, whose names were inadvertently left off our 2008-2009 annual report. In addition, we want to thank the AT&T Community Service Fund and City Missionary for their ongoing contributions, along with Ann Emmerth and her family for their "Emmerth family holiday donation.

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Annual Meeting awards

The recipients of this year's Annual Meeting Awards were (l-r) Cynthia Lumpkin, Residential Counselor

of the Year; Kara Benedetto, Martha E. Gonzalez Employee of the Year; Pat Mellion, Christian Vogt Outstanding Board Member of The Year; and Karen Greenberg, Volunteer of the Year."

Many thanks to...



Citizens Bank for sponsoring a table at its American Girl Fashion Show at the Omni Hotel so that the young girls at CareWays could attend.



Richard Jackson for an evening of enlightenment. Pictured (l-r) at a recent NHHR fundraiser: Steven Greenberg, Lorena Capone, Richard Jackson and Kellyann Day.

New board members

NHHR board meetings are becoming more lively with the addition of several new board members.



Samantha Burgan has degrees from University of Connecticut and Manchester Community College. She has worked in graphic design, marketing, event management, and radio production, and is currently office manager/executive assistant for a private foundation. Samantha previously served on the boards of WHUS-Storrs and the Suffield Players. She lives with husband Michael and their cat, Calliope, in West Haven.




Jeff DelGaudio is a biologist for Covidien in North Haven, where he is responsible for sterilization, microbiology and facility auditing. He has worked with children at Lake Grove School in Durham and at Greenshire School in Cheshire. Jeff was introduced to NHHR through his wife, Sherry, a former administrative assistant here. They live in North Branford and have two daughters, Mariana and Carissa.



Krista Polinsky has been in private practice called Soul Intent, LLC, as an energy medicine and feng shui practitioner since 2005, and has dedicated many hours providing energy healings to patients and several Connecticut hospitals. She has a bachelor's in marketing from Southern Connecticut State University and further education in metaphysics. A lifelong Connecticut resident, Krista lives in North Haven with her husband, Bill.



Linda Zimmerman has volunteered at CareWays for two years, playing Candy Land with the children, making LEGO® buildings and helping with homework. She is an artist who combines her love for textiles with teaching children of all ages how to sew and create unique pieces of art using fabric, yarn and beads. Linda and her husband are recent "empty nesters" spending their time developing their respective businesses and giving back to the community. 

CT Scholars for donating their time at the Furniture Co-Op, and to our Martha's Place and CareWays shelters.

Lamont Hiebert and his group for donating their time at CareWays. Children in the shelter enjoyed games, crafts and baking holiday cookies with the group.

Quinnipiac SOTA Volunteer Group for spending an afternoon at CareWays doing holiday crafts with the children and for their generous donations.

LEOS Club of The Foundation High School for coordinating the donations of three baskets, turkeys and blankets.

The Pajama Program for donating over 340 pairs of children's pajamas.

United Way and **Target** of Orange for donating decorated Christmas trees to two of our families.

New Haven County Bar Foundation, Inc. for sponsoring its 12th winter softball tournament to benefit New Haven Home Recovery.

NHHR News



WE'VE MOVED! To accommodate our growing staff, NHHR recently moved its administrative offices to the 2nd floor, and now occupies the 2nd & 3rd Floor at 153 East Street.

NEW PROGRAM IN BRIDGEPORT: The Stable Families Program (SFP), funded by The Fairfield County Community Foundation is helping families who are housed by the Bridgeport Housing Authority and who are at risk of being evicted. NHHR staff members Keishanna McCalmon, SFP Coordinator, and Clairmence Camille and Guadalupe Valentin, case managers, are helping to implement the program.

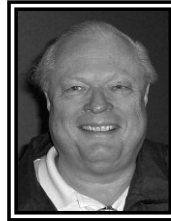


Save the date

It's not too early to mark your calendar for **New Haven Home Recovery's 11th Annual Celebration Auction on Wednesday, April 28** at

Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on great items in silent and live auctions. Proceeds will be used to help provide quality services and shelter to families confronting homelessness and HIV/AIDS.

IN MEMORIAM



CHRIS VOGT, our longest serving board member, passed away on Oct. 16, 2009. Chris, who was an information technology specialist, joined the board and rose to chairman his first year. A loyal advocate, he attended all of our fundraisers and earned an award for perfect board attendance. He contributed hours of his personal time to building NHHR's first Web site, and got one of his companies to donate their old computers to NHHR. We will always remember Chris fondly.

EMILY EMERSON, a board member for a brief period, passed away on Oct. 3, 2009, after designating a generous portion of her estate to NHHR. Our organization became her "new passion" after her husband, Gordon, died in 2007. Emily balanced her job at the Oakdale Theater with pursuits such as her work as a Reiki master, and she was the first resident advocate in New Haven County nursing homes. We will never forget Emily Emerson.

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