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Shelter Wish List

For groups and individuals who wish to donate items needed at Centre House, here is a list of needs. Please call 237-4861 with any questions.

Quarters for laundry and/or bus fare
Gift cards to Wal-Mart or Target

Gas cards
Bus tokens
Laundry detergent
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Hand soap
Shampoo
Conditioner
Children's shampoo and conditioner
Feminine hygiene products
Deodorant
Toothpaste

Batteries: 9V and AA
Air freshener
Household cleaners
Coffee & Tea
Kitchen garbage bags
Non-perishable foods (especially juice, cereal, healthy snacks, salad dressing, pancake mix, syrup)
Copy paper
Printer Cartridges:
HP Laser 125A-colors: black, magenta, cyan, yellow

Yes, I'd like to help!



Help us to continue our work. Every gift makes a difference.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift to HTI's Annual Fund:

☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 Other: _____

☐ CHECK enclosed (payable to HTI) or

☐ Please charge my ☐ VISA ☐ MASTERCARD

Credit Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

Signature (required) _____

Date _____

► You may mail this form to the address above, or donate online at

www.housingtransitions.com.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those needing shelter!

Save the Date!



proudly presents

RUN FOR SHELTER



to benefit Housing Transitions
Centre House
Homeless Shelter

FOOD • FUN • PRIZES • MUSIC

Sat, Nov 8th • 9 am

Pre-register for this scenic race today
at www.housingtransitions.com,

www.active.com, or

scan code at right
to visit us online
for more information.



Community within Community:

Helping the residents of Franklin Manor

Housing Transitions, Inc does not just help people who have become homeless. One of the many other services the organization provides is coordinating with agencies to prevent homelessness.

When it was announced that Franklin Manor mobile home park would close April 1, and residents had until October 1 to move, a team of Centre County agencies, including HTI, immediately came together to help. This Displaced Resident Team invited families and individuals from the park to meet and find options for solving their housing crisis.

Colby Woodring, housing case manager at HTI, has met with 25 of the 27 households from the park, which was home to 40 adults and 10 children. Woodring said the closing of this particular mobile home park, the third in the past year and a half, was unique. "It wasn't just about closing a mobile home park, it was more about closing a community." She explained.

Franklin Manor is a tight knit neighborhood where people look out for one another by taking care of each other's kids and fellow neighbors. A higher percentage of residents used the services from the Displaced Resident Team than in past mobile home park closings, and she thinks this is why. Some residents have found solutions that involve staying together with their neighbors from the park. In the past, Woodring explained, the team has been widely used when disasters have caused a sudden housing crisis for a large group of people, like the fires at Dode Hotel and Waupelani Heights, "It felt, to the people, like a natural disaster...a fire or a flood." Woodring said of the closing at Franklin Manor.

With the help of supporting organizations like Centre County Women's Resource Center, Centre County MH/ID, Centre Volunteers in Medicine, Community Help Center, and Interfaith Human Services, to name a few, the Displaced Resident Team has already helped secure housing for the families requesting their help.

By supporting HTI, you help when these situations arise. Our case workers have a goal of preventing homelessness by proactively assisting community members who are facing a housing challenge, and your donations help them continue to have the resources they need to do so.

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 For the most up to date news at Housing Transitions, follow us on social media or visit us at www.housingtransitions.com


Making New Friends, but Keeping the Old

Recently, Susanna Paul stepped down from the position of Development and Community Relations Coordinator. HTI has benefitted greatly from her dedication as a prior board member and as part of the staff. While she has moved on to a new position as the Communications Manager at Schlow Library, she remains involved at HTI as part of the Run for Shelter 5K race committee. Thank you for your dedication to serving those with housing needs in our community, Susanna!

Morgan Wasikonis accepted the Development and Community Relations Coordinator position in July. As a long time resident of State College, Morgan is happy to serve the community in this way. She plans to use her experience as an event and project coordinator, as well as her understanding of the needs of Centre County Residents, to broaden support for programs at HTI.

HTI would also like to thank outgoing board members Jere Willey and Kathy Miglani for their years of service to the organization. Their dedication has helped shape HTI into what it is today. In addition, we would like to extend a huge welcome to new board members Amanda DiPolvere and Christine Tyler.

Tastes & Treasures

On May 4, about 60 participants enjoyed an afternoon at Seven Mountains Wine Cellars for the First Annual Tastes and Treasures fundraiser for HTI. Guests enjoyed delicious food from Brown Dog Catering, Goot Essa Cheeses, Spruce Creek Bakery and the Village Eatinghouse. Food samples were paired with wine from Seven Mountains, and entertainment was graciously provided by Richard Wylie.

To add to the entertainment, Roger Snyder of Apple Hill antiques provided “Antique Road Show” type appraisals for items brought in by guests. A special thank you to Home Instead Senior Care, Nestlerode&Loy, Progress Development Group, The Women’s Journal, 3WZ 95.3FM, Benson & Christine Lichtig, Circulatory Centers, Country Inn & Suites, Clothes Mentor and Hold It Self Storage for their sponsorship and helping to make this event a success.



Housing Transitions Thanks...

...Prior Board Members

Two of our long serving board members, Kathy Miglani and Jere Willey recently cycled off the board. They had these words to share about their experience as board members for HTI:

“Over the years I have seen Housing Transitions, Inc go from a group that saw a need, to an organization that fulfills very important needs in our community. I am proud to be involved with an organization that strives to assist families and individuals to achieve a more independent lifestyle. The support of our community is important to our continued success. I hope to see you at our Run for Shelter 5K Race November 8th. Your support does make a difference.” Kathy Miglani

“What a privilege it was for me to work with such dedicated staff and board members over the last 15 years . Through the leadership of Ron Quinn , Executive Director of HTI, and his passionate focus on client needs, HTI makes a difference in our community to those with housing needs. His dedication and qualities have filtered through both through his staff and board members, making us each proud to be a part of the program.” Jere Willey



...the State Theatre

In partnership with Calvary Baptist Church, the State Theatre donated tickets to a recent production of the musical “Godspell”. For some of our shelter residents, this was their first time seeing a live performance - and they loved it!

...Videon Central, Inc.

After a visit from prior Development and Community Relations Coordinator, Susanna Paul, employees at Videon Central, Inc. started a collection of items on our shelter wish list. They dropped off a box full of copy paper, food items, laundry detergent, personal hygiene products and \$100 in quarters! Thanks employees of Videon!

Save The Date!

On December 6, 2014, the State College Junior Woman’s Club will be holding their Annual Elves’ Gift Shop from 9:30-1 at the State College Area High School South Building. HTI will once again be the recipient of the proceeds from this event. Please check the HTI website and social media sites for details about this fun event!

...State College Presbyterian Church

The State College Presbyterian Church provides ongoing support through their missions work. Their funding has helped to support residents at Centre House as well as the programs that help others who are facing potential housing crises.

...State College Woman’s Club

The State College Woman’s Club presented former Development and Community Relations Coordinator, Susanna Paul, with a check for \$1500 in the spring. The generous support shown by organizations like this helps those serviced by programs through Housing Transitions, Inc. know that the community cares.

...Centre Gives!

Housing Transitions, Inc. would like to sincerely thank all of the community members who chose HTI as their non-profit of choice during the Centre Foundation’s Centre Gives event in May. Through the generosity of area residents, over \$23,500 was raised for HTI’s programs. Also, just as importantly, broad support for the organization shows residents facing a housing crisis that people in Centre County care and that there is hope.