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# openhouse

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A Newsletter of Housing Transitions, Inc.

## Shelter Wish List

*Many groups & individuals ask what items we need at Centre House. We hope this list provides guidance. Please call 237-4863 with any questions!*

<b>Quarters for Laundry</b>	<b>Copy Paper</b>
Bus Tokens	Bed in a Bag: Twin Size
<b>Target or WalMart</b>	<b>Kitchen Garbage Bags</b>
<b>Gift Cards</b>	Baby Monitors
<b>(for hygiene needs)</b>	<b>Toilet Bowl/Bathroom</b>
Gas Cards	<b>Cleaner</b>
<b>Twin mattress pads/</b>	Coffee
<b>covers</b>	<b>Batteries: AA, 9V</b>
Cooking Supplies (non-	Umbrellas
perishable items)	<b>Towels</b>
<b>Hand Soap</b>	<u><b>Printer Cartridges:</b></u>
Toilet Paper	<b>HP Laser 125A</b>
<b>Air Freshener</b>	<b>(black, magenta,</b>
Ziploc Bags (all sizes)	<b>cyan, &amp;/or yellow)</b>
<b>Lysol wipes</b>	
Paper Towels	

## Yes, I'd like to help!



Help us to continue and enhance our work. Please consider making a donation to HTI today. 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](http://www.housingtransitions.com).

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

## Save the Date

*Opportunities to have fun while supporting a great cause!*

### Glenn O. Hawbaker Charity Golf Outing

Our homelessness prevention program has been selected as one of the beneficiaries of this year's GOH Charity Golf Outing. Please join us on **Saturday, July 20** at the Penn State Blue & White golf courses.

### Run for Shelter 5K

HTI's 2nd annual Run for Shelter 5K Run/Walk will take place on **Saturday, November 9 at 9am**. Like last year, the event will feature live music, tasty refreshments, prizes donated by local businesses, and the opportunity to make a difference in your community!

### Junior Woman's Club Elves' Gift Shop

HTI is the 2013-2014 Junior Woman's Club beneficiary. Hope to see you at the Elves' Gift Shop on **Saturday, Dec. 7**.

## Want to Help?

*Volunteers needed to help make upcoming special events a success. Please contact Susanna at [spaul@housingtransitions.com](mailto:spaul@housingtransitions.com) for more information!*

## 25 Years and Counting

**Executive Director Ron Quinn marks 25 years with Housing Transitions and reflects on the organization's growth & successes**

The strength of Housing Transitions truly exists because of the staff's efforts to provide a high level of service to those in need. HTI's staff has a low turnover rate, and they have time and again proved their commitment to our mission, often under challenging circumstances. As our understanding of community needs has grown, so too has our staff and our ability to address diverse housing challenges.



Ron Quinn

Initially, Housing Transitions (formerly known as Temporary Housing) was confined to providing "3 hots-and-a-cot". We provided homeless shelter services out of two apartments in a student housing complex on University Drive. The living room of one of the apartments served as office space.

As the organization gained experience, and built relationships within the Centre County community, HTI developed a better understanding of the local needs. With the support of many within our community, including the United Way and local government, HTI has expanded to provide a broad continuum of housing-related services.

Through it all, the leadership provided by the HTI board of directors has been a constant. The vision, courage, and commitment that board members have demonstrated in serving the homeless and the housing needs within our community are remarkable. It truly is a pleasure to work with Housing Transitions and the Centre County community.

~Ron Quinn



## Board of Directors & Staff

**Lam Hood** - President  
**Andrew Maguire** - Vice President  
**Donna Holmes** - Treasurer  
**Della Smith**- Secretary  
**Edie Binkley**  
**Ronald Friedman**  
**Ann Goeke**  
**Kathy Harford**  
**Benson Lichtig**  
**Kathy Miglani**  
**Helen Snyder**  
**Mark Toci**  
**Jere Willey**

**Ron Quinn** - Executive Director  
**Kendra Hicks** - Centre House Manager  
**Annette Ratliff** - Program Coordinator  
**Colby Woodring** - Housing Case Manager  
**Jennifer Stahl**- Housing Case Manager  
**Jan Reasinger** - Adult Services Case Manager  
**Ainsley Rager** - Centre House Case Manager  
**Bobbi Bronstein** - Project Facilitator  
**Susanna Jech Paul** - Development & Community Relations Coordinator  
**Shelter Supervisors**  
 Karen Ebeling, Kendra Gettig, Amy Hudzik, Eunice Hudzik, Tracy Lumsden, Felica McCardle, Bobbi Sheaffer, Kyle Tudor



Like us? Like us!



## Leadership Centre County

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of board member Ron Friedman, HTI development and community relations coordinator Susanna Paul will be participating in Leadership Centre County's year-long leadership training program, starting this fall.

LCC is dedicated to cultivating Centre County's servant leaders, and strengthens networks within our community. Thank you, Ron and Leadership Centre County!

## Update: Centre Gives 2013

On May 22 & 23, HTI participated in the second annual Centre Gives event, presented by Centre Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of both the foundation and more than 100 community members, HTI raised \$11,555 in that 36-hour period.

## Transitions at Housing Transitions

It is with sadness and gratitude that we say good-bye to board members Jane Taylor and Ed Kifer. Both Jane and Ed made valuable contributions to the board and its committees, and will be missed.

We are pleased to welcome Della Smith and Donna Holmes, both of whom have accepted executive positions on the board of directors - Della as the secretary and Donna as the treasurer. They both have a strong business background and have shown a commitment to helping improve the quality of life in our community.

## Housing Transitions Thanks...

### ...Soroptimist International and Venture Club of Centre County

In mid-April, Soroptimist International and Venture Club of Centre County held a lasagna dinner and silent auction to help Centre House replace aging mattresses throughout the shelter. Record ticket sales and a successful silent auction resulted in proceeds that were sufficient for not only 14 new mattresses but also new high-quality protective covers.

Thanks to everyone who made this event a success!



At left, the volunteers who helped with the delivery and assembly of the new Centre House beds on June 24.

### ...Northwest Savings Bank

At HTI's annual meeting, Donna Holmes of Northwest Savings Bank presented board president Lam Hood with a check for \$10,000 to fund programs.



### ...Our Many Community Partners

- Penn State students in **Positively Green** spent State Patty's Day winterizing the Centre House shelter.
- Staff at **Fulton Bank** held a food drive to help stock the pantry.
- **Hamer Foundation** and **Ferguson Foundation** provided operational support.
- Participants in **Radio Park Elementary's Kids Care Fair** donated money to HTI.
- **Teamsters Local Union #8** supported HTI with funding.
- The church school students at **Holy Trinity Orthodox Church** donated the proceeds of their annual *Soup-er Sunday* to HTI.
- **SPE Federal Credit Union** provided a new bicycle for one of our bridge housing clients.
- The congregations of **Penn State Catholic Campus Ministry**, **State College Presbyterian**, **Mount Nittany United Methodist**, and **St. Paul's United Methodist Church** all gave generously to support our mission.
- Volunteer **Randy Riesterer** updated our website.
- The members of **GFWC State College Woman's Club** donated operating funds.
- **Park Forest Elementary** students donated items on our shelter wish list.

## Ribbon Cutting Draws Crowd of HTI Supporters! Rain did not deter 40+ members of the community from coming to wish HTI well.

On April 29, more than three dozen supporters of HTI joined Housing Transitions board and staff and members of the Chamber of Business and Industry of Centre County to celebrate the completion of the Centre House renovations. The renovations helped make Centre House more accessible, safe, and energy efficient.

Coming soon: Phase III! HTI is in the planning stages of an external renovation that will also enhance safety as well as create a dedicated green space for both the children and adults of Centre House to enjoy. Stay tuned for more details!



At left, HTI's Lam Hood (center) and Ron Quinn (bottom right) are joined by (clockwise from bottom left) State College Mayor Elizabeth Goreham, US Representative Glenn "GT" Thompson, and Centre County Commissioner Michael Pipe.

### ...Good Shepherd Catholic Church Youth Group

Students in the eighth grade religious education class held a bake sale to help HTI provide case management to households displaced by the closure of two area mobile home parks.

### ...Girl Scout Troop 41152

Three girls in GS Troop 41152 worked with Housing Transitions to earn their *Silver Award* by addressing homelessness in our community. The girls held a blanket-making workshop, created a local foods cookbook for Centre House residents, and developed lesson plans about homelessness for various age groups.

