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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>Toilet Bowl/Bathroom</b>
Bus Tokens	<b>Cleaner</b>
<b>Target or WalMart</b>	Coffee
<b>Gift Cards</b>	<b>Batteries: AA, 9V</b>
<b>(for hygiene needs)</b>	Umbrellas
Gas Cards	<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>	<b>Epson 273 Black</b>
Paper Towels	
<b>Copy Paper</b>	
Bed in a Bag: Twin Size	
<b>Kitchen Garbage Bags</b>	
Baby Monitors	

## Food Drive Wish List

*Below is a list of foods we find most helpful for both the Centre House shelter and our Emergency Food Pantry. Please call 237-4863 with any questions!*

<b>Most Needed:</b>	<b>Also Needed:</b>
Cereal	Pancake Mix
Condiments	Mac n' Cheese
Salad Dressing	Chicken Soup
Juice	Tomato Soup
Flour	Chili
Sugar	Sloppy Joe Sauce
Coffee	Hamburger Helper
Tea	
Healthy Snacks	
(Granola Bars, Cereal	
Bars, Dried Fruit, Etc.)	

## Annual Giving: How Those 'Little White Envelopes' Have a Big Impact

Over the past few years, as costs have increased and public funding has been cut or remained static, the amount of community support we need to balance our budget has increased by almost 25%. **We rely on those 'little white envelopes' - the remittance envelopes that come with our solicitations - to help fund the important work we do in the community.**

In addition to individual and corporate donations, we have seen gifts raised by industrious elementary students, money contributed by faith-based organizations, and even donations of food and money from former clients. We have received tribute gifts that honor a friend or loved one, and anonymous gifts.

**We are deeply grateful for every donation, no matter how large or small.**

Thank you.

## In Their Own Words, part I

*HTI clients share their gratitude and show how our work has a lasting effect.*

"It took a lot of work on my part, but without HTI, I hesitate to think of where my daughter and I would be today."

"The staff made me feel like the luckiest person in the world, simply by letting me know I had people around me who truly cared."

"The structure of the program helped me to get back on track, because I had conditions, rules and regulations I needed to adhere to, but most of all, I had support."

"I am sincerely thankful. May God bless you guys."

"I hope in the near future I will be able to give back to HTI to show my appreciation."

"My case worker was such a blessing to my family!"

"There will never be a moment in my life where I will hesitate to give HTI credit in my life story."

*In the next issue: In Their Own Words, part II.  
Hear from HTI staff about who and what inspires them.*

*Have an HTI story you'd like to share with us?  
Contact Susanna at [spaul@housingtransitions.com](mailto:spaul@housingtransitions.com).*

## Board of Directors & Staff

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*Wondering what's new with Housing Transitions? Have an opinion or question about housing issues in our community?*

*Follow us on social media and become part of the conversation!*

*If you like us, "like" us!*



## SCYP Mentors:

### State College Young Professionals Share Their Expertise

The brainchild of State College Young Professionals (SCYP) community service chair Nikki Shariat, the SCYP Mentors program pairs local young professionals with Housing Transitions clients to provide career advancement skills. In October, SCYP piloted the program with three members of State College Young Professionals and three Centre House residents. Based on the positive feedback from mentees, SCYP plans to expand the program to other organizations. To learn more about SCYP, visit [scyoungpros.com](http://scyoungpros.com).



*At left, SCYP mentors Lindsay Wirtz, Nikki Shariat, and Wendy Vinhage review their materials.*

## Junior Woman's Club of State College

HTI has been selected as the Junior Woman's Club's 2013-2014 beneficiary. Every two years, the club chooses a local non-profit to be the beneficiary of fundraising events and volunteer help.

**Save the date for this year's Elves' Gift Shop:**

**Saturday, December 7  
 12:00pm - 4:00pm  
 High School South Building**

Visit [www.jwcsc.com](http://www.jwcsc.com) for more information.  
 Interested in volunteering - either on the day of, or as a baker beforehand? Please contact Susanna at 814-574-6431.



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## Housing Transitions Thanks...

### ...Glenn O. Hawbaker Charity Golf Outing

On a sunny Saturday in mid-July, more than 300 golfers came together for the 22nd annual Glenn O. Hawbaker Charity Golf Outing. Housing Transitions was one of six beneficiaries of the event, which raised almost \$70,000. A big thank you to everyone at GOH for their hard work and dedication to our community!

Thanks also to members of HTI's staff & board, who volunteered their time to help with the event, as well as volunteers from State College Young Professionals and Calvary Baptist Church.

**Charity  
 Golf  
 Outing**



### ...Sleep Out Saturday

24 high school and middle school students in the Good Shepherd Catholic Church youth group held their third annual Sleep Out Saturday on October 5. After hearing from HTI board member and former Centre House resident Helen Snyder and participating in a simulation, the students slept on the church lawn in 40 degree weather. By gathering pledges, the participants raised more than \$1,900 to help fund services at the Centre House shelter. Many thanks to the "sleepers", their youth minister Elaine Scutti, and all the donors and chaperones!



### ...M&T Bank

In September, M&T made a grant to help provide life skills training (LST) at the Centre House shelter. LST helps give shelter residents the tools they need to maintain stability and self-sufficiency.



### ...CCUW Day of Caring

Special thanks to our Centre County United Way Day of Caring volunteers, Dale and Todd Roth! They spent the morning cleaning the outside of the Centre House shelter.



### ...Our Many Community Partners

- **Keystone Real Group** donated a dozen dressers and desks from their Nicholas Towers apartments to help furnish Centre House.
- Students at both **State College Friends Meeting** and **Holy Trinity Orthodox Church** collected and donated quarters to be used by shelter residents for laundry and bus fare.
- **St. John's Union Church** donated items on our shelter wish list.
- **Clothes Mentor** donated the proceeds of their recent *Girls Night Out* to help fund operations at Housing Transitions.
- **Many generous community members** donated time, money, and/or goods to help support our mission. Thank you!