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Thank you Grays Woods Elementary School

The students at Gray's Woods Elementary School held a school wide quarter drive to raise money for Centre House homeless shelter. This event gave the students a hands on opportunity to raise money and make a difference! A jar was placed in the main office, and all of the students from Kindergarten through 5th grade made a collective effort to bring in spare change to fill it. Those spare dimes and quarters went a long way, and students raised almost \$200 in change for Centre House. Thank you Grays Woods!



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

5th Annual Run For Shelter a success!

On a cold but bright Saturday morning in November, the 5th Annual Run For Shelter raised around \$9000 for Centre House shelter program. Music from JR Mangan Band, fea. Olivia, and Barafo Tena Collective provided the beat as runners took to the streets of downtown State College for a great cause! Bagel Crust provided a delicious breakfast for post-race nourishment. Vamos Lion Chariot and Ike the Spike mingled with families and runners throughout the morning.



We extend a huge thank you to Northwest Bank, our presenting sponsor, for making this race possible again! Complete race results and pictures are available on our website at: housingtransitions.org

Who doesn't love a spot of tea?

Family and friends, new and old alike, gathered on February 7th at Saint Joseph's Academy in Boalsburg for a fun filled afternoon of tea and fellowship at Housing Transitions 1st Annual Family Tea Party! Families enjoyed delicious food provided by Catering with Style by Dan Rallis and sipped tea donated by Trader Joe's. St. Joseph's Academy Service Club provided the entertainment with fun theatrical book readings, and a craft table that included tea party hats, bracelets, and necklaces. This fun family event was a wonderful distraction from the cold weather and was a spot of warmth and delight on a winter afternoon! A huge thank you to St. Joseph's Academy, Catering with Style by Dan Rallis, Trader Joe's and Pro Copy for making this event possible.



4th Annual Tastes & Treasures
Sunday, June 4, 2017
1pm-4pm
Tussey Mountain Lodge
341 Bear Meadows Rd
Boalsburg

It's at a new location and a new time of year, but it is sure to be the same fun afternoon for the 4th Annual Tastes & Treasures! We hope you can join us for this unique fund-raising event featuring delicious food samples from local caterers, wine tasting, an antique's roadshow style appraisal hosted by Roger Snyder of Apple Hill Antiques and a live auction by Tammy Miller Auctions. Bring a treasure from home to be appraised. Buy a new donated "treasure" in the auction. Details and tickets available on our website at housingtransitions.org.

Home Delivery Fundraisers

We have two opportunities for you in May to enjoy a night off from cooking and have some fun in the process. Join us **Tuesday May 9th from 5-9pm at Home Delivery on South Atherton St in State College** for great food, live jazz, music and fundraising! A portion of the proceeds from your food purchases will go toward Housing Transitions. In addition, we will have computers available for you to make a Centre Gives donation online. Centre Gives means your donation goes further to help our residents and clients!

Join us **Sunday May 21st at Home Delivery in Bellefonte from 4-8pm**. Again on this night, a portion of your food purchases will go directly to Housing Transitions. At 5pm witness two teams go head to head in a Pizza Eating Challenge. Board and committee members will be pitted against Lady Lion Basketball staff. Come to enjoy the great food and company, stay to see who will conquer the 2 foot pizza! A night off from cooking for a great cause....it's a win-win for everyone!



Thank You Northwest Bank!

Donna Holmes of Northwest Bank recently presented Director Morgan Wasikonis with a check for \$2500 for our Housing Case Management Program to prevent homelessness, and guide those experiencing homelessness toward stable, and sustainable housing solutions.



May 9 & 10
 Find out more at CentreGives.org

Centre Gives is May 9 and 10

Do you know what \$25 can do for Centre House homeless shelter? \$25 can provide a day's worth of food for all of our residents. It can provide a week's worth of bus passes for our residents and clients. \$25 can provide a day's worth of electricity to operate our shelter and offices. When you donate a minimum gift of \$25 to Housing Transitions through Centre Gives, your money goes even further, thanks to the stretch pool, and we are able to do more for our residents and clients in the community! Centre Gives begins at 8am Tuesday May 9th and runs for 36 hours, ending at 8pm on Wednesday May 10th. Please join us for two Centre Gives Events:

Tuesday May 9th, 5-9pm at Home Delivery on South Atherton – join us for an evening of live jazz music and fun! A portion of your food purchases will go toward Housing Transitions, and we will have computers available to make an online donation.

Wednesday May 10th, 8-9am Open House and Coffee Social at Centre House Shelter, 217 E Nittany Ave – join us for coffee and donuts! See first hand where your donation goes, learn more about Housing Transitions and make a donation online while you are at our shelter!

Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors

Please join us and a panel of community members to talk about how groups in our community are addressing housing challenges in Centre County. Details forthcoming on our website: housingtransitions.org

May 24, 5:30pm
Borough of State College Municipal Building
Room 201



Thank You M&T Bank!

John Heichel presented Director Morgan Wasikonis with a check for \$5000 to be used for our Life Skills Training Program that helps Centre House shelter residents address needs to achieve housing and financial stability.



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We hope you can Join Us! Details Inside

**May 9-10: 8am Tues-8pm Wed
Centre Gives!
36 Hour Online Giving Event
through the Centre Foundation**

**May 9: 5pm -10pm
Home Delivery State College!
Make your Centre Gives
donation while enjoying jazz
music and dinner**

**May 10: 8am-9am
Centre House Open House!
See how your Centre Gives
donation helps!**

**May 21: 5pm-10pm
Home Delivery Bellefonte!
Pizza Challenge**

**May 24: 5:30pm
Annual Meeting!
State College Borough Room 201**

**June 4: 1-4pm
Tastes and Treasures!
The Lodge at Tussey Mountain**

A Year of Transition

a message from Executive Director Morgan Wasikonis

It's been nearly a year since I started as the Executive Director of Housing Transitions. We have continued to provide shelter, guidance and hope, just like we always have. And, we have continued to balance the needs and resources of the community to provide services that work for Centre County residents in need.

Each year, the Centre House homeless shelter program provides around 70 people a place to call home for some length of time. The individuals and families who complete the program continue to enjoy a success rate of over 90%, meaning they move into stable housing when leaving the shelter. In addition, over 90% of our former clients successfully remain in stable housing for over a year after program completion.

We have continued to serve over 30 people, including families, in our long term transitional and permanent supportive housing. Our Adult Services Case Management and Housing Case Management services have continued to collectively prevent homelessness for over 200 individuals. Our staff provides vital services and support to our community and I am honored to be a part of it. Throughout the year we celebrate success stories and ask how we can continue to best serve Centre County and our clients.

At a place where people come and go, we are accustomed to welcoming new faces and having to say goodbye. Sometimes that may include staff members. We have most recently welcomed Gina Mulfinger as our new Supportive Services Coordinator to provide on site support to residents in housing projects throughout the county. We have also just welcomed JoAnne Pagan as our new Housing Case Manager, after Jennifer Stahl, the former HCM, was promoted to Centre House Manager.

Looking ahead, we are excited to implement new services made possible through grants awarded through HUD. One is a rapid rehousing project that will provide rental assistance to homeless individuals and families. The second is expanded permanent supportive housing to serve chronically homeless individuals. To stay up to date on all our current staff members and volunteer board members, please visit our website at housingtransitions.org. We hope to see you at one, or more, of our upcoming events. Your involvement in our community makes it better, and we thank you for your support!

—Morgan

YES, I'd Like to Help!

Every gift helps us continue helping people get to a better place!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift to Housing Transitions

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

☐CHECK enclosed (payable to Housing Transitions) or

☐Please charge my ☐VISA ☐MASTERCARD

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

(required)

Mail to PO Box 1391, State College, PA 16804 or donate online at housingtransitions.org

Thank you for making a difference!

Shelter Wish List

For groups and individuals who wish to donate items needed at Centre House, here is a list of current needs. Please call 237-4863 with any questions.

- Quarters for laundry/bus fare
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart or Target for shoes, work clothes, and personal care items
- Gas cards, bus tokens
- Toilet paper, paper towels, tissues
- Unscented trash bags
- Chlorine-free bleach and cleaning products
- Bath towels and washcloths
- New twin sized blankets and comforters
- Pillowcases, umbrellas, irons,
- Silverware, kitchen utensils, coffee makers,
- Drinking glasses, alarm clocks, vacuum cleaners
- Lined notebook paper, copy paper
- Air freshener, ziploc bags, batteries: 9V and AA
- Feminine hygiene products
- Coffee & Tea
- Non-perishable foods that can be eaten without a kitchen, like granola bars, fruit cups, etc
- Printer Cartridges: HP Laser 125A-colors: black, magenta, cyan and/or yellow