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It's a great way for HT and our supporters to stay connected and share information.

Thanks to M&T Bank!



John Heichel of our local M&T Bank presented our director, Morgan Wasikonis, with a check for \$5000 for our Life Skills Training Program which provides 24 hour support for residents along with guidance for housing and job searches.



Proud to be part of the CCUW Partner Network
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Boots, Band & Barn 2018 was a huge success! This special and unique event was held at a gorgeous newly hand built barn to benefit our Centre House homeless shelter. The barn is owned by our gracious hosts Michael and Torie Houseknecht of Bestline Equipment. Guests were entertained by music from Strath Hanna and Pure Cane Sugar Band as well as a mechanical bull. Jeff Brown provided memorable MC'ing and Chuck Carroll served as the official event photographer for the evening. The amazing food was provided by Catering with Style by Dan Rallis, with signature beverages from Big Spring Spirits and Nittany Beverage. All proceeds raised support the Centre House family shelter program, one of the continuum of services we offer. The shelter has been providing shelter, guidance and hope since 1984.



Pam Driftmier, Susan Friedman, Ron Friedman and Keith Driftmier



Committee Members Deb Ault, Julie Youngmark, Erica Isler, Anne Goeke, Torie Houseknecht, & Cindy Campbell



(Left Photo) Torie & Michael Houseknecht, our hosts.



(Right Photo) Board Members Jennifer Getgen & Lynn Federinko

Now Accepting: New Board Members

We currently have openings on our HT Board of Directors! HT has an active and dynamic Board of Directors that represents and advocates for our mission in the community. Members help to shape and develop the direction of our organization. Do you have an interest in joining our team of dedicated community members?
 Email: ginger.c@housingtransitions.org

Housing Transitions Thanks...

The Centre County United Way

We are proud to be part of the partner network! The CCUW kicked off their Campaign this year with #LiveTheShirt and our board members were happy to participate by wearing Live United shirts for the social media initiative.

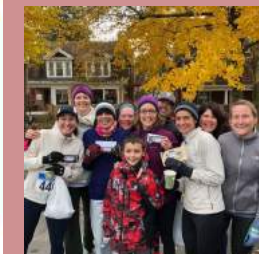


For the 25th Annual Colonel Gerald Russell Day of Caring 2018, coordinated by the CCUW, a group from University Park Plaza Center spruced up a home, inside and out! It was offered in our First Time Home Buyer program in the Borough of State College. Thank you for helping with this project!

The Alternative Christmas Fair at UBBC



The fair was held December 2, and Housing Transitions was excited to participate in this unique giving event again! The fair gives local charities the opportunity to raise funds in a group setting, and visitors have the chance to learn about those non-profits. Fair goers can then write one check to cover multiple donations and receive gift cards to notify honorees of the gifts made in their names. We would like to extend a special thank you to HT Board Member,



Ladies Running Group Winners!



Tom Cali of ReMAX and his team sponsored & ran the race!

The 7th Annual Run for Shelter 5K was held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 9am. The race started and ended at Centre House homeless shelter, also the location of the Housing Transitions offices on E. Nittany Ave. near downtown State College. All proceeds from the race help to fund the Centre House family shelter program that is part of Housing Transitions. Thank you to all the runners, sponsors, volunteers, friends and staff of HT for helping make this annual event possible! Complete results at housingtransitions.org

Centre House Shelter just got a BRAND NEW KITCHEN!

It all began with a very generous donation from an anonymous donor, and a grant from the Ronald and Susan Friedman Family Foundation. Along with sweat equity donated by members of a small group in Leadership Centre County, the new kitchen became a reality. The LCC group, along with friends they recruited to help, deconstructed the old kitchen in preparation for the new. Thank you to all who donated meals during the weeks when we didn't have a sink or countertops. Taproot Kitchen, Centre Safe, The Acres, Board Member Edie Binkley and countless other groups and individuals donated breakfast, lunch and dinner. Thanks so much to all of you! The kitchen is beautiful and a wonderful space for our residents and staff!



Members of Leadership Centre County and Penn State Athletics "deconstructed" the old Kitchen



We got a new stove and kitchen sink along with ceiling height cabinets!



The new food pantry style custom cabinets are amazing!



Two shiny new refrigerators and a counter-height island on wheels bring the project together!



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A Newsletter of Housing Transitions

Defining Success in 2019

a message from Executive Director Morgan Wasikonis

What do you think when you think of success? Do you picture someone who makes a lot of money, a new invention that works miracles, or fighting cancer and becoming free from the disease? Perhaps you measure success in smaller increments like saving up to buy a new dress or sweater, helping a child learn to tie their shoes, or eating a healthier diet for a week.

We measure successes big and small for our clients, knowing that each individual and family has their own steps to reach goals. While we view ultimate success as permanent, sustainable, stable and independent housing, we know there are many steps along the way. Our programs are designed to provide a pathway of stepping stones toward that ultimate success, and they are certainly leading in a good direction!

In the fiscal year that ended in July of 2018, 87 people called Centre House "home" for some period of time. Our transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing programs provided stable housing for 25 individuals. Our Housing Case Manager supported 215 people who were experiencing housing instability with intensive case management. And our new Rapid Rehousing program helped 50 people acquire their own lease for an apartment with a few months of rental assistance. All in all, 89% of the people who complete one of our residential service programs remain in stable housing after one year. We are proud of our success rate but don't take our word for it, listen to our clients:

"They had resources and tools that we didn't even know about. They provided the strong foundation for us to build off of that we needed. Now we both have jobs. Our own home to live in and our family is back together." **Harry, Centre House Shelter**

"All in one week I lost my job, my home, my clothes, and my boyfriend. After three weeks [...] things started looking up. I went out filling out applications and I got a job. Then someone told me about Rapid Rehousing. I gave Mary Daniloff a call. That was the best phone call ever. In April 2018, Mary and I found a place and I moved in. I now have a place to call home. I love it." **Rapid Rehousing Client**

We are proud of our success, but always want to do more. We can't wait to see what the next year brings in serving the housing insecure!

Centre House Shelter Got a New Kitchen!

BEFORE...



Peek inside to see the after pictures!

Thanks to donations from an anonymous donor and the Friedman Family Foundation, new cabinets, flooring, ceiling, lights, sink, stove, custom sized island, and two shiny new refrigerators were installed at the end of January and beginning of February.

YES, I'd Like to Help!

Every gift helps us continue to provide a pathway from crisis to stability!

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Enclosed is my tax-deductible gift made payable to Housing Transitions

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

Mail to Housing Transitions, PO Box 1391, State College, PA 16804

or donate online at housingtransitions.org

Thank you for helping to build a better future for our community!

Shelter Wish List

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

---Newest Items Needed---

- Laundry Detergent, Fabric Softener Sheets
- Alarm Clocks, Coffee Makers
- Pyrex Storage Containers
- Dishwasher Powder and Liquid Dish Soap
- Latex Exam Gloves, Outdoor Wide Broom
- Floor Cleaner, Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Juice, Coffee, TeaBags, Soup, Crachers, Nut Mixes

---Regularly Needed Items---

- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- Quarters for Laundry/Bus Fare, CATA Bus Tokens
- Shampoo/Conditioner, Dandruff Shampoo
- Deodorant
- All-Purpose Cleaning Spray
- Lysol Wipes, Floor Cleaner, Comet
- Dry Line White-Out
- Gift Cards to CVS, Weis, Giant, Wal-Mart, or Target, for work clothes, shoes, etc
- Gas Cards