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THE CENTER FOR THE HOMELESS

— HELPING PEOPLE TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF HOMELESSNESS —

JUNE 2007

CFH Landscape in Full Swing!

Did you know that the Center has its own Landscape business? CFH Landscape Services was launched in 1998 to provide competitive commercial landscape services to businesses in the Michiana area, while offering supportive and comprehensive job training for homeless men and women who are working to transition into the community and to break the cycle of homelessness.

Current customers include Memorial Hospital, the University of Notre Dame, the City of South Bend, St. Joseph County, Corporate Services, and WNDU Studios.

Contact Terry Morlock at 574-282-8711 for more information.

Calendar of events

Miracle Auction

February 17
Palais Royale

Upcoming STAR Graduations

February 23 & April 13
CFH Community Room

Golf Outing

June 11
South Bend Country Club

Holiday Luncheon

December 6
Century Center

CFH Establishes Young Professionals Against Poverty network

The recently-launched Young Professionals Against Poverty network, a sub-committee of the Board of Directors, serves the Center by planning, directing, and implementing activities designed to engage people aged 25-40 in fundraising, volunteering, and networking opportunities. The hope is to foster the growth of future philanthropic leaders while raising awareness of the issues facing the poor in our community.

Chaired by Matt Money, agency sales manager for Money Freight Services, the group is made up of rising stars from ADT, the City of Mishawaka, Congressman Joe Donnelly's office, Corporate Services, Cressy & Everett, Hannah & Friends, Martin's Super Markets, Memorial Hospital & Health System, Metro Beverage, NIPSCO, the South Bend SilverHawks, Tire Rack, and the University of Notre Dame.

For more information on the group, contact Jacqueline Heirman at 282-8700 ext. 424 or jheirman@cfh.net.

Jacqueline Heirman Announced as Next Development Director

At the beginning of this summer, the Center will say goodbye to its current Development Director, Angela Cressy Deane, who will leave for Chicago with her husband at that time. Stepping into her role is Jacqueline Heirman, who has been at the CFH for almost three years, most recently as part of Angie's development team.

"Working at the Center has been such a blessing - I'm sad to be leaving such a wonderful place, says Deane, "but Jacqueline is the perfect person for this role. I know she'll do an incredible job."

Since working as an intern while she was a student, Heirman has done everything from running the Resilience teen program to coordinating volunteers to serving as point person for media and donor relations.

Executive Director Steve Camilleri explains, "I have every confidence that Jacqueline will thrive in this position. She has already brought so much to the Center through her

passion and commitment to our guests. She's going to be a phenomenal leader for this department."

"Angie has done an amazing job as Development Director," comments Heirman, "and it's a privilege to move forward with the momentum she's given us here at the Center." Deane and Heirman are working diligently in Angie's remaining time to ensure that the transition is a smooth one.

Reserve Your Spot for the Annual Golf Outing Today

Scheduled for Monday June 11, 2007 at the beautiful South Bend Country Club, this year's Golf Outing is set to be a hit! Take your shot at winning \$20,000 in the "Putt for Dough" contest before hitting the links in a traditional four person scramble. Each member of the winning team will win two roundtrip airfare tickets for travel within the continental United States, not to mention bragging rights for twelve months! Registration begins at 11:00 and the day finishes up with hors d'oeuvres, an open bar, and raffle prizes at 5:30.

Special thanks to our first Hole in One sponsor at the \$10,000 level, Smurfit-Stone. Contact Angela Cressy Deane at 282-8700 ext. 312 with sponsorship inquiries and Lauren Dunbar at 282-8700 ext. 354 with general questions.

Spring Appeal

The Center recently kicked off its Spring Appeal, which will run through June 30th. As always, we rely on the community to help support our life-changing programs and to help our guests continue breaking the cycle of homelessness. We couldn't do it without your generous support! Every gift makes a difference in the lives of our guests. To contribute to the appeal, call or email Angela Cressy Deane at 282-8700 ext. 312 or adeane@cfh.net.

From the Executive Director

As this issue goes to print, it seems like the sunshine may finally be here to stay. One of the great things about living in this community is the change of seasons. As we all know, we can often get all four in one weekend! But truly, inside our Center doors, rebirth is a theme year-round. Each day finds guests celebrating milestones, overcoming odds, making progress, and growing toward self-sufficiency. And in the same breath in which we honor those who have made strides, we welcome in those who have failed, fallen, or been forgotten. Such is the nature of our work.

It's also springtime for us as an organization. With a strategic planning process well under way, everyone from our dedicated staff to our faithful board members is putting forth an effort to chart a course for the future that will make the most positive change possible for the greatest number of guests. We're excited.

Thank you for supporting our work of breaking the cycle of homelessness. Enjoy the sun.

Sincerely,

Steve Camillen

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STAFF SPOTLIGHT: Yani Horn



*Yani Horn,
Coaching Specialist*

Hailing from South Africa, Yani Horn joined the Center's team as a Coaching Specialist at the beginning of February. She had been doing similar work in Johannesburg, working with families in poverty, though instead of being in a central location, she traveled to visit parents and children in their own homes. Specifically, Yani made efforts to get kids into schools and to secure funding for their educations.

After reading and hearing about the Center and finally visiting, she felt she'd be a good fit and make a positive impact here. Simply put, Yani wants "to help as many people break the cycle of homelessness as possible." Her other interests include reading, traveling, cooking, and learning new things. Welcome, Yani!

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS

NIPSCO Continues Its Support with STAR Graduation

Every seven weeks, a group of guests graduate from one of the Center's hallmark programs – a job-readiness seminar called Skilled, Trained, Able, and Ready (STAR). Held in the Community Room on our third floor, the graduation ceremonies include lunch, awards, and an opportunity for the graduates to speak to the audience about the progress they've made toward self-sufficiency. It's a moving experience.

We were thrilled to partner with NIPSCO for our most recent graduation on Friday, April 13. NIPSCO has been a longtime supporter of the Center's programs, and it's fitting that they would be one of the first sponsors of these important events.

Says Mike Charbonneau, NIPSCO's manager of communications and public affairs, "We're proud to sponsor organizations that are committed to driving the community forward as a whole. The Center for the Homeless not only provides a



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necessary service to our community, but also goes above and beyond by equipping their residents with the tools they need to become thriving and productive citizens in today's society. The STAR program is a prime example of this and its graduates exemplify the commitment of the Center and its residents to make a positive change in our community. NIPSCO is happy to have the opportunity to partner with the Center and help it achieve its goals."

Interested in Supporting Future STAR Graduations?

The Center would love to offer the opportunity to other organizations and businesses interested in supporting our guests through a graduation sponsorship. \$2,500 covers the cost of classroom materials, as well as graduation gifts of work portfolios to aid the students in the job search efforts. To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Angela Cressy Deane at 282-8700 ext. 312 or adeane@cfh.net.

Upcoming STAR graduation dates:
June 1
July 20
September 7
November 2
December 21

We encourage the community to share in this celebration with our guests and the Center community. Lunch is provided.

Oh What a Night – Auction 2007 a Smash!

Nearly 400 people braved the wintry weather on February 17 and attended the Center's annual Miracle Auction at the Palais Royale. The Mardi Gras theme provided a wonderful backdrop for the evening's festivities, which were capped off with a moving performance by Tyshawn, a 12-year-old friend of the Center whose vocals received a standing ovation from the crowd.

Highlighted items included trips to Las Vegas, Italy, and California, jerseys signed by Peyton Manning and Brian Urlacher, and Notre Dame football season tickets.

Many thanks to our Platinum Sponsors: Peoplelink Staffing Solutions, Corporate Services, and Comcast Spotlight; Gold Sponsors: Anthony Travel, Cressy and Everett, Tire Rack, and the University of Notre Dame. Thank you also to our stellar emcee, Bob Nagle, the auctioneers from Mishawaka Auto Auction, our Silver Sponsors and contributors, and Big Idea Company, who provided an excellent television commercial for the event.



Immaculée Ilibagiza and members of the CFH Development Team

Are Those Birkenstocks You're Wearing?

Totally Birkenstock, formerly located at 4217 Grape Road in Mishawaka, recently donated 52 brand new pairs of Birkenstock shoes to CFH guests. That amounts to a \$5,000 donation, and just in time for summer! We are so grateful to them for their support and generosity. Visit Totally Birkenstock at their new location at 7225 Heritage Square in Granger. Also be sure to visit their Annual Tent Sale, taking place June 22nd-24th. Everything in their inventory is on sale! Contact Cindy McMillan at 272-1015 for more information.

Liberty Tax

The Center is grateful to Liberty Tax Service of 3601 Edison Rd. for not only offering their services to CFH staff and guests, but for donating a portion of their tax returns to us as well! Franchise owner Andy Sipes came to the Center to present a check of nearly \$2,000, saying, "Owning a business gives us the unique opportunity to help the community. We think this is the perfect way to do it."

Liberty Tax offers year-round support to the Michiana community. Both the owner and his partner are CPAs, and 2007 is their second tax season in this branch. The company was founded in 1997 by John Hewitt, who also founded Jackson Hewitt. Thank you for your support!

CRITICAL NEEDS:

1. Coats, scarves, gloves, mittens – all sizes
2. Latex gloves
3. Men's shoes, especially size 11-12½
4. Gift cards for grocery stores
5. Tylenol (or generic acetaminophen)
6. Cough drops
7. Hand sanitizer
8. Monetary donations for emergency needs
9. Ear plugs
10. Shower shoes

Please feel free to drop off donations at the front desk at any time, or contact Andrew Hoyt at (574) 282-8700, or by e-mail at ahoyt@cfh.net for more information. Thank you!