

HAPPENINGS

WISH LIST

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bars of Soap
- Lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Spray Deodorant
- Mens Razors
- Liquid Laundry Detergent
- Towels (bath size & wash cloths)
- Twin Sheet Sets
- Soft blankets
- Socks & Underwear
- Coffee
- Cleaning Supplies
- Umbrellas
- Small datebooks
- Combination locks
- First Aid Supplies
- Hats & Gloves
- Ziplock bags (gallon size)

Wish list items help us in our mission: In recognition of the dignity and **value of every human life**, the mission of Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless is to **provide** emergency shelter, services, and advocacy for **homeless people** to maximize their self-sufficiency, foster their **empowerment**, and **promote** their reintegration into the **community**.

Health and Wellness Program

cholesterol and diabetes screenings, referrals for ongoing care, and collaborates with healthcare professionals to provide educational information and individual assistance. Kathie started a "Biggest Winner" competition among staff and guests to encourage healthy eating and weight loss. Kathie also helps build healthy menus for the 4 daily meals served throughout the organization and to conduct a smoking cessation program. The Health and Wellness program has a strong foundation and has tremendous potential, yet the funding will soon end. Even though we have prospective long term funding, the program is relying on interim funding until it is completely sustainable.

Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless' Health and Wellness Program helps individuals and families become more health-conscious. Program Coordinator, Kathie Phelan, R.N., conducts health related workshops, provides one-on-one assistance to conduct blood pressure,



Homelessness Awareness MONTH

The following events are in support of Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless.

The Capital Region Coalition to End Homelessness and Colin Hay (Men at Work) presented a benefit concert for shelters including IPH. The Coalition brings awareness to Homelessness and funds to the shelters that are providing services to the homeless in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties.

November 20, 2010 ~ 10:00am to 2:00pm at St. Sophia's Church on Whitehall Road in Albany. This family-friendly, community service outreach event will provide homemade items and basic necessities to IPH and other organizations in our region.



Students at Siena College will be doing the cha cha slide in a symbolic effort to stomp out homelessness. "STOMP" will take place during homeless awareness month at a Siena Women's basketball game on November 20 at 2:00. T-shirts are for sale for \$5. Siena students are also on a mission to enlist others to sign up for Grade Guru which is a note sharing social network that rewards them for sharing good notes with classmates and also allows students

to raise money for IPH. Contact stymchyn@interfaithpartnership.com

Recipe of the Week ~ Sundays at 11:30 on TWTV Channel 7. Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless will be featured on **Recipe of the Week** creating a recipe and reviewing A Taste of Albany on **Sunday November 21.** Watch and listen for promotions on YNN and B95.5



OUR PEOPLE



Marta

Marta (r) former client, stands with Fern, a friend of IPH. They met while Marta was a guest at the emergency shelter.

Homeless and Travelers Aid, Food Stamps and Department of Disability Services were new to Marta who previously lived in Loudonville, NY with her husband. Marta wore evening gowns, travelled to Egypt, and was a member of country clubs. Once her husband became ill and his children took control, Marta became displaced from the home.

Friends helped for a period of time. Then physical and mental illness set in and she was admitted to a hospital for weeks. Marta was then referred to Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless.

If you visited the emergency shelter you may have met Marta. She greeted guests at the door during her stay. Marta credits IPH and her casemanager Luis for helping her manage money, obtain identification and find the right apartment. Today she is back on her feet, living on her own and thankful for the friends she has met through the emergency shelter at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless.

Mr. Quigley

Mr. Quigley enjoys gardening in the backyard of the house he shares with a roommate, and he often shares his ripe tomatoes to be used for meals at the emergency shelter and Drop-In Center. After years of being homeless, Mr. Quigley received assistance through IPH's Housing Program and moved into housing that is owned by Interfaith. Today, Mr. Quigley has been in housing for over two years and continues to have the support of the Housing Program to assist him with any on-going needs.



Staff and client picnic

Clients and staff celebrated with a picnic and enjoyed playing volleyball, water balloon races, good food and great company.



Summer Youth Program

For 10 weeks the summer youth program provided 1127 healthy lunches arts and crafts, recreation activities, backpacks and school supplies for children in the Sheridan Hollow neighborhood. The program served between



15 and 50 children each day. Thank you to the following who helped IPH make the program successful!

- Albany County Health Department
- Bridging People and Places, Inc.
- Community Resources Federal Credit Union
- Arthur and Patricia Crandall
- Grassroot Givers
- Just Say Yes to Fruits and Veggies
- Regional Food Bank of Northern New York
- Roessleville Presbyterian Church
- Ronald McDonald House Charities
- SEFCU
- St. Mary's Academy of Hoosick Falls
- Stewart's Shops
- St. Boniface Episcopal Church
- Melissa Weise
- Walmart
- Wellcare of NY

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Halloween Extravaganza

IPH was selected as the recipient of proceeds raised from Siena College's Halloween Extravaganza. Children and families enjoyed raffles, arts and crafts activities and a spooky haunted house.

Staff at Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless participated in the AIDS Walk.



AIDS walk sponsored by CARES

Sister Mavis Jewell's wishes came true! Gifts of soap, shampoo and other necessities were given to Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless by friends in honor of her birthday.



Happy Birthday



Local Colleges

Interns from colleges work with IPH to further their education and make a difference for the homeless in our area. Case management, marketing, life skills and activities are areas that students assist us with.

code BLUE

Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless is collaborating with Albany City Mission, Homeless and Travelers Aid, and Homeless Action Committee to provide help to homeless individuals and families

on nights when the temperature drops below 10 degrees. IPH's Sheridan Hollow Drop-In Center will provide shelter, mats, pillows, blankets, hot coffee, hot chocolate and food to men, women and children. The program will run between 5:00pm and 8:00am during November 15 through March 15. Staff will work with volunteers through the night making sure people are comfortable. This program is being created to serve those individuals that are not in shelters but are Homeless. **Volunteers are needed:** If you are interested in volunteering, contact: pschroeder1@nycap.rr.com.

Thanks to the following partners who have made donations towards the CODE BLUE program. We are fortunate to be able to provide this service to the community with their help.

Pepsi & Price Chopper Refresh Grant
Joanne Nicpon & friends

The Regional Food Bank of NENY offers a program which allows donors to contribute directly to IPH's food budget. For every dollar donated in our name, we are able to purchase \$10-\$12 worth of food. As an organization that provides more than 150 meals a day to individuals in need, this program enables us to stretch our food budget. Recent donations have made a substantial difference for IPH.....

"During these challenging economic times for non-profits, it's nice to be able to leverage our contribution to Interfaith through the Regional Food Bank and get a "bigger bang for the buck". These were Nancy Scholes thoughts as she and her husband made a \$600 contribution. IPH purchased \$7200 worth of food as a result of this generous donation.

To contribute visit our website or call the Regional Food Bank at 518-786-3691 x227 and mention that you would like to donate on behalf of Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless. Please reference #188ES.

We need our partners

Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless (IPH) is celebrating! With your help we are making a difference for individuals and families who have faced homelessness. As Janine Robitaille, Executive Director says, "Every day, we draw inspiration from our guests who overcome tremendous adversity in their will to thrive. It is a privilege to serve them. With your continued support, we will keep on serving them."

We need our partners to share our excitement, yet understand we have faced challenges. IPH's successful Homelessness Intervention Program funding was cut. This loss prevented us from assisting clients with locating safe, affordable housing along with providing a year of support services. Although we were able to continue providing services to many in need, the loss of this grant forced us to eliminate two staff positions and the ability to help many more individuals and families who were utilizing IPH's support services which helped them maintain stability.

We need our partners to help with Code Blue which will provide a warm place to sleep, food and drinks during nights when the temperature drops below 10 degrees. (see pg 4)

We need our partners who understand the importance of Health and Wellness for the Homeless. This program allows us to provide basic care and referrals for further care. Please rally as we explore ways to make this program self sustainable. (see page 2)

We need our partners to help us continue programs:

There are 1500+ homeless individuals in the Capital Region, an estimated 200 of which are living on the streets. The **emergency shelter** maintains a 98% occupancy rate and in 2010 has helped many people transition into permanent housing. The services at the **Drop-In Center** are accommodating the increased number of clients seeking a safe haven during the daytime hours. IPH's **Sheridan Hollow Housing** which was newly constructed is celebrating its first anniversary with 100% success! Individuals and families have resided in their permanent, secure housing and continue reaching goals and self-sufficiency by working weekly with case managers.

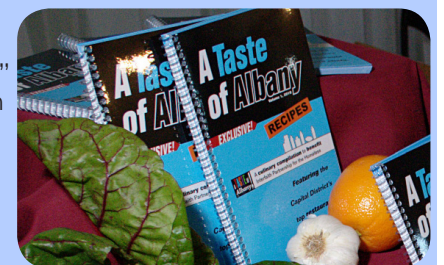
The New York State legislature is working to cure the deficit, enforcing stricter budget cuts, decreasing the amount of funding through grants, and eliminating member items, forcing us to appeal to you, our supporters. Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless meets every individual where they are in their experience with homelessness. **We need our partners** and ask you to include IPH in your end of year giving. Your generosity will help us overcome current challenges and continue providing essential services to the growing homeless population.

A TASTE OF ALBANY

SAVE THE DATE: "A Taste of Albany" ~ May 12, 2011

"A Taste of Albany" cookbook is a compilation of recipes from local restaurants.

The sales benefit Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless and will make a great holiday gift. Visit www.atasteofalbany.com to purchase a cookbook and see photos from the event. Cookbooks can also be purchased by stopping by the Emergency Shelter at 176 Sheridan Avenue.



\$25 provides pillows, blankets & food for a mom and her children who stay at the Sheridan Hollow Drop-In Center during **Code Blue** when nights drop below 10 degrees.

\$50 Helps purchase medical supplies for health and wellness.

\$100 Provides a housekeeping startup kit for individuals when they move from IPH's emergency shelter into their own apartments.

\$250 Provides approximately \$2750 of food when purchased through the Regional Food Bank of NENY. (see page 4)

\$500 Helps pay the cost of case management services for individuals and families who have found and retained their home through the help of IPH's Housing Program.

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Every donation makes a difference!

