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From homelessness to hope.

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SAVE *the* DATE! Celebration Auction on April 27

*Do you like to collect sports memorabilia or do you prefer tickets to live sporting events?
Are you a theater lover? Looking for the latest electronics?*

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, NHHR's **12th Annual Celebration Auction** is the event for you. On April 27th at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven is the time to bid on your favorite items while supporting NHHR. The event has something for everyone, including: an Apple IPAD, a 46" Samsung TV, NY Yankee Tickets, a week vacation in Maine, and even a limo ride into NYC.



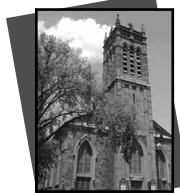
NHHR is pleased to announce **Eric Hummel**, Director of Sales & Marketing for Hummel Brothers, will be the auctioneer for the eighth year in a row. This is **Kristin Parenteau's** first year as emcee of NHHR's auction. Kristin is a Speech Language Pathologist and a member of the Junior League of Greater New Haven.



Reservations for the auction are \$50 per person or \$90 per couple, which includes hors d'oeuvres and a two-hour open bar. Gold Patron tickets are \$75 per person and include a special mention in the program book and on NHHR's website. New this year: **purchase a table for 10** at \$1,000. **Register online** under the events page at www.nhhr.org. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, placing an ad in the program book, donating an item or volunteering the day of the event please contact Mary Grande at (203) 492-4866 ext. 36 or mgrande@nhhr.org

Auction Honorees

*This year NHHR is honoring **Trinity Church on the Green** and **Valerio Capobianco**, owner of **Brazi's Restaurant**, at the 12th Annual Celebration Auction.*



Trinity Church on the Green has been a supporter of NHHR since 1999. The congregation took a strong interest in NHHR's shelters early on. In 2007, Trinity assisted the agency with renovating the computer room at Martha's Place so that residents had access to the internet for job and housing searches. Trinity continues to support the shelter program through its Community Grants Committee.

"Chapel on the Green" is an outdoor service that Trinity on the Green established in 2008 in partnership with community agencies and clergy. Every Sunday afternoon, the service is held rain or shine. Many of those facing homelessness throughout New Haven find the service welcoming and enjoy

attending. Following the service, Trinity distributes lunch to all those in need.

Valerio Capobianco is an active member in the community. With his courteous and genial manner, and his love for his work, Val made himself into a successful business man who is more than willing to give back. Over the years, Val has not hesitated to donate the space and food for NHHR's Wine Tasting, which were essential in making the event a success. While Val prefers to take a modest approach to his acts of kindness, NHHR is delighted to honor him at the auction.

Val and his family emigrated from Italy to Waterbury. Currently a resident of Watertown, Val lives with his wife Athena and their two children. He is a member of the Amity Club.



Stable Families Keeping Hope Alive

After experiencing and feeling the effects of Haiti's devastating earthquake in January 2010, Ali brought her family to the United States in hopes of a fresh start. Although she found an apartment and job immediately, Ali was living paycheck to paycheck to cover her bills. Faced with the high cost of living and inadequate income, Ali soon fell behind on payments. While struggling financially, Ali also found out her visa was about to expire due to a lack in the completeness of her application forms the first time she applied for it. She was scared at what the future might hold for her. She needed help and New Haven Home Recovery's Stable Families Program in Bridgeport was there to help her. After her initial phone call Ali was put in contact with NHHR Stable Families Program Case Manager Amalfi.

Amalfi and Ali went right to work creating a plan to help her family. The first course of action was to fill out the necessary information Ali needed to keep her visa valid. NHHR staff helped Ali find the resources she needed to get back on her feet. With Amalfi's encouragement and support Ali was able to secure full-time employment and began paying back her bills little by little each week. Ali says if it were not for NHHR's help she would have lost hope. NHHR continues to inspire hope in the lives of women and children.

Stable Families Program is funded by the Fairfield County Community Foundation.

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Farewell to a dedicated board member

A Letter From Kellyann Day, Executive Director



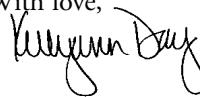
Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I say good bye to Ms. Helen Loughlin. Helen has been a volunteer and board member with NHHR for over 15 years. Helen will be leaving Connecticut in April to live in California with her daughter, son-in-law and new twin granddaughters. I speak on behalf of the board, staff, volunteers and clients when I say thank you Helen for all that you have done for us!

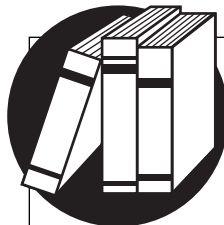


Let me tell you about Helen. Widowed at age 40 with 3 children, Helen turned her personal experiences into motivation. After her husband's death, Helen took over his position on the board at Center City Churches in Hartford and volunteered for the shelter for years. Helen's compassion for people in crisis and calm demeanor contributed to her success as the Development Director at Columbus House Homeless Shelter for many years. While at Columbus House, Helen's close friend Martin Moeser introduced her to NHHR. He was working at NHHR as the Supportive Housing Program Coordinator at the time. After joining the board Helen helped NHHR put together a fund raising and development program to help sustain the operations and programs at the shelter. NHHR has been blessed to have Helen as our ambassador and friend. Her knowledge and enthusiasm for the work is contagious.

On Friday, March 18th, a dinner was held in Helen's honor. Person after person stood up and gave testimony to how knowing Helen made a difference in their life. Each echoed the other by sharing their love and respect for Helen. Helen has had her share of challenges over the years, but they have never stopped her from coming to NHHR everyday and dedicating her life to serving people who are homeless or at risk. Helen is not only a volunteer at NHHR, but a donor and friend. This petite Scottish woman has touched and enriched so many of lives in New Haven. She quietly conveys strength and courage to the women who come to the shelters and The Furniture Co-op. Helen's involvement in fundraising, grant writing, and drives are appreciated by staff, fellow board members and clients of NHHR. Her knowledge and devotion has helped strengthen NHHR as an agency and has created awareness in the community about the needs of people who are homelessness. She will be greatly missed. Helen, we love you and thank you for helping to turn homelessness into hope!

With love,


Kellyann Day, MSW, Executive Director



Students Make Honor Roll

Congratulations to our FSC Fair Haven School students who made honor roll! NHHR's program, The Family School Connection (FSC) has teamed up with Fair Haven School to assist those students who are struggling in the classroom.

Together FSC staff, Fair Haven faculty and parents have worked together to improve their children's grades. Parents have been encouraged to enroll their children in the after school program at Fair Haven Middle School so their children can get extra help. And yes, the program is working! In the past two semesters the number of books our FSC students are logging into their individual reading logs has gone up by 67%. Grades have increased by 87%! There is nothing more rewarding to the FSC staff then to see the pride in not only the eyes of the parents, but also the student's when they can say "I earned an A." 🎓



Board Profile: Doug Goldner

“Joining the board at New Haven Home Recovery gave me the opportunity to give back.”

Doug was looking to be a part of board that truly made a difference in the community when he joined New Haven Home Recovery’s Board of Directors in June 2008. “I thought about those who need the basics: food, shelter and clothing,” Doug

explained, “Joining the board at New Haven Home Recovery gave me the opportunity to give back.”

Doug’s favorite time of the year with NHHR is the holiday party for the children at CareWays. The children

receive gifts from Santa, and get to see a magic show. The holidays are a difficult time to be living in a shelter. Doug and his wife Melanie quickly took on the task of collecting robes and slippers for the women at the shelters, which were appreciated by all.

Doug holds NHHR’s services to a high standard. “I am fortunate to be a part of an agency that serves such a great need,” expressed Doug, “And it is fantastic that the majority of funds raised go right back into the programs.”

As the owner of three IHOP restaurants in the area, Doug has had the opportunity to meet many community members. His experiences bring management skills and professionalism to the table as he helps NHHR carry out its mission.

Employee & Volunteer of the Year Awards

NHHR’s Employee of the Year award is dedicated to Martha E. Gonzalez, one of the agency’s first employees and a smart and hard working woman.



Carmen Brown, NHHR’s Shelter Coordinator, is a very deserving recipient of the award for 2010.

Carmen began working at NHHR in 2001, where she began

as a case manager in the Supportive Housing Program. Carmen’s level of commitment to school and work led her to the position she holds now. NHHR is extremely lucky to have an employee like Carmen who takes her job seriously, in a position that can be difficult at times.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:



Bernadette Welsh

“I feel the need to give back to the community and I am glad I have the time and skills to help NHHR”

Bernadette joined the NHHR board ready to get to work this past September. A businesswoman in the community, Bernadette was eager to spread the word about NHHR’s mission.

Kellyann was the first person to tell Bernadette about NHHR as they both attend Spring Glen Church in Hamden. Bernadette’s friend is also involved in the agency’s work, which inspired her to become engaged more so. “I feel blessed to have my own home and a loving family,” Bernadette explains, “I feel the need to give back to the community and I am glad I have the time and skills to help NHHR.”

Bernadette’s goal this year is to make the auction a huge success! As the Chair of the Board’s Development Committee,

she has been asking everyone she knows to support NHHR by attending the event or purchasing an ad or sponsorship. “It has been fun to gather auction items, advertisements and sell tickets,” Bernadette says enthusiastically. The auction is an opportunity for many people in the community to get involved with NHHR.

As a member of many area organizations, such as Spring Glen’s Church’s Christian Action Committee, The East Haven Chamber of Commerce, Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce, and Business Network International, Bernadette keeps busy in the community. Bernadette hopes that through development she can help the organization grow more each and every year.



Lorena Capone was awarded the Helen M. Loughlin Volunteer of the Year for 2010. Lorena accepted the award with emotion and joy for NHHR. Lorena is an important part to the success of the auction every year. She gives up many hours packaging items and other duties related to the auction. Thank you Lorena for your many hours of service to NHHR!

HOW TO LEND A HAND: Are you a part of a club, sports team or other organization? Is your workplace looking for a way to give back to the community? **A great way to help NHHR is to host a drive.** Drive ideas: laundry detergent, feminine products, toilet paper, socks and undergarments. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Mary at mgrande@nhhr.org

Many thanks to...

Crest Physics and all attendees of The Brave Bird Revival Fashion Show
Volunteers from **Spring Glen Church** for raking and cleaning-up at Lucht Hall



St. Joseph High School student **Tony Ronga** for his help at TFC

Students of the Yale Divinity School and their day of service at The Furniture Co-op

Soroptimists International of Greater New Haven for donating their time at CareWays

University of New Haven: Students Making an Impact on their Living Environment for their clean-up work at The Furniture Co-op and Lucht Hall

NHHR extends a very special thank you to those who **donated \$1,000 or more in the last few months.** *One night at CareWays and Martha's Place shelters costs approximately \$70, which includes food, clothing and intensive case management. As you can see, these generous gifts go a long way to supporting the shelters' budgets, and we are very grateful.*

- Anna Fitch Ardenghi Trust
- The Thomas C. Carse Foundation
- Citizens Bank Foundation
- The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven
- David & Joanne Goldblum
- Laura Goldblum
- Michael Palmieri
- People's United Community Foundation
- Ralph & June Rossi Charitable Foundation
- Spring Glen Church
- William Stempel
- Trico Family Foundation
- Trinity Church on the Green
- The United Illuminating Co.
- United Way
- Neighbor-to-Neighbor Lifeline



Come Out and Ride!

The Iron Steeds motorcycle club and NHHR supporter Kim Sperry have joined together for the second year in a row for a **"Poker Run."** On June 5, all riders will begin at Walnut Beach in Milford and drive to various spots in the area and draw a playing card. The rider with the best poker hand at the finish wins the event. The day will be filled with great prizes and a 50/50 raffle. The entry fee is \$20 per rider and \$5 per passenger. Registration is between 8am and 10am. Pre-register with Mary at mgrande@nhhr.org or at www.nhhr.org under Other Events.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/New-Haven-Home-Recovery-inc/63056048456>) and Twitter (<http://twitter.com/nhhomecovery>).

Mark your calendars for a fun night out with great items to bid on! Show your support for New Haven Home Recovery Val Capobianco, owner of Brazil's Italian Restaurant, and Trinity Church on the Green!

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