



*From homelessness to hope.*

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**12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AUCTION CELEBRATION**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2011  
ANTHONY'S OCEAN VIEW

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## from HOMELESSNESS to HOPE this holiday season

Sheila's three children were begging her for a Christmas Tree. Sheila could not afford to pay for her utilities let alone any holiday decorations. After her electric and gas were shut off, Sheila and her children moved to CareWays. In partnership with Fair Haven K-8 School, NHHR staff was able to provide Sheila and her children with a tree and ornaments. NHHR staff member Omayra Diaz sat down with Sheila to talk about a list of items her children were wishing for this holiday season. Sheila's family was adopted by one of NHHR's wonderful donors through the Adopt-A-Family program. NHHR staff and supporters made the holidays brighter for Sheila and her children.



### Adopt-a-Family Thank You's

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Alan Beresner (Left) and Dr. Neal Zomback (Right) of Just Rite Comfort Shoes and Yaleet, Inc., present Board Vice President Helen Loughlin with four boxes of brand new shoes for clients at NHHR.

### Many thanks to...

**The Junior League of Greater New Haven** for providing 31 toiletry kits for all the women at the shelters.

**The Hope Chest of CT** for providing toys for the children this holiday.

**Iron Steeds** and **Kim Sperry** for putting on the Toy Drop this past October.

**Quinnipiac University School of Law Association for Non-Traditional Students** for hosting a Halloween party for all the children at the shelters and providing them with costumes.

**Victoria Olson** and her co-workers at Prudential for collecting Halloween costumes.

UNH Student Chapter of the **American Society of Interior Designers** for their help at the Thrift Store painting and frosting the windows.

**Kantar in Fairfield** for donating a copier machine for The Furniture Co-op.

Thank you to all who donated robes and slippers for the women at the shelter: **Zoey Day, Doug Goldner & Melanie Rausch, Shirley Jackson, Helen Loughlin, Terrell Naumann, Carolyn Wilson, Kelly Winter, Linda Zimmerman.**

**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.

**CT Coalition to End Homelessness • CT State Medical Society • The Daphne Seybolt Culpeper Foundation  
Webster Bank • Robert Wechsler • Yale Hunger and Homelessness Action Project**

### NHHR Welcomes Healthy Start Program

NHHR's New Haven Healthy Start, funded by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, helps pregnant women and mothers deliver healthy and happy babies. With pregnancy brings stress and exhaustion, especially to young mothers or those struggling with to find a stable home. The goal of Healthy Start is to ensure a healthy outcome for the newborn baby. NHHR staff provides support for the mom-to-be on a daily basis. Healthy Start acts as a resource for questions both pre and post the delivery of the baby. The program also offers support during doctor visits and the delivery. The first few months with a newborn are overwhelming; NHHR staff helps make that special time successful.



Yaritza Roman, Healthy Start Case Manager, has assisted 22 women in the first 4 months of the program.



### CareWays Gets a Mural Makeover

**Julie Dickerson** brought Tuscany to CareWays with a mural on the kitchen walls. Carmen Brown discussed with Julie the idea of putting recipes on the kitchen walls, which sparked the Tuscan theme. A few of the children at the shelter enjoyed helping Julie paint and were amazed by the end result. The mural has given the kitchen a whole new feel that residents and staff truly appreciate. Visit <http://jdickysartforum.blogspot.com/> and click on Mural 8 to check out pictures of the mural.

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**Happy New Year**

*A Letter From Kellyann Day, Executive Director*



Dear Friends,

**W**elcome 2011 and Happy New Year! As one year ends and another begins, it's only natural to look back on the past year and celebrate our accomplishments and thank our supporters.

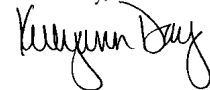
Last year NHHR **sheltered** 347 women and children who didn't have a place to call home. But we provided more than just a roof and four walls, we provided hope and help. Recently a resident at the shelter said that if it wasn't for the people at NHHR who support and guide her everyday, the shelter would be just a building. Our staff does more than provide shelter everyday. They connect with women and help them address everything from finding housing, to finding a job, to accessing medical care.

We **housed** 99 families! And we purchased two new buildings and will be housing seven more homeless families this winter! Housing is the solution to homelessness. The need for affordable housing in Connecticut is a growing issue. We **stabilized** 216 families, including 413 children. These programs provided intensive stabilization services in the home, at school and in the community. These services expanded beyond the boundaries of New Haven and served families in Bridgeport and Middletown. We **furnished** homes for 597 households. Imagine not having enough chairs around the dinner table for your children or having only two mattresses when there are five people in your family. These are issues that many households are struggling with in Greater New Haven. The Furniture Co-Op boasts having over 20 other non-profit agencies that come to the Co-Op and get furniture.

Behind these accomplishments stand a staff of highly dedicated, professional and committed employees who come to work everyday ready to help; a board of directors who provides the governance, structure and support necessary for the success of the agency; and a group of financial supports, both public and private, without which we would not be able to achieve our mission.

As we ring in the new year, NHHR continues to experience an increase in demand to shelter families, a longer waitlist for housing and more families in need of help. With the support and dedication of employees, board and supporters, we look forward to a year with less children going to school hungry and tired. We will continue to work on developing **housing** and providing safe **shelter** to families with no home. We will **stabilize** families with your continued support. Thank you

Sincerely,



Kellyann Day, MSW, Executive Director

**New Improvements at The Furniture Co-op**



The Co-op staff was presented with NHHR jackets at the Annual Meeting this past December.

**C**ome out and check out the new improvements at the Co-op. There have been many positive changes under the direction of Ralph, Warehouse Manager and Jorge, Thrift Store Manager. Beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Co-op, located at 30 Morris Avenue in West Haven, will be open a third day. Hours: Tuesdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursdays 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Saturdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To donate items or volunteer please call 203-492-4866.



**Board Profile: Linda Zimmerman Board Member of the Year**

**A**t NHHR's Annual Meeting this past December, Linda Zimmerman was honored with the Christian P. Vogt Outstanding Board Member of the Year. To many the award was not a surprise. Linda can be spotted at CareWays once a week in the SEARCH room participating in activities, offering homework support or reading a story. She also shares her love of knitting with the children making handmade quilts or felt toys.



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"I am honored to receive the award this year. I love every minute I spend at Careways and find such joy in spending time with the children and their mothers," Linda said enthusiastically, "From the first day of volunteering until now I have learned so much, with the most important fact being just how special NHHR really is.....the people and the mission!"

All the hard work started in 2008 when a friend of Linda's was collecting

sheets and towels for shelters. After hearing about the shelters in New Haven, Linda inquired about a playroom to volunteer. Linda spoke with Sara Callahan about volunteering at Careways and the rest is history.

Linda offers her time as a volunteer both at the shelter and on the board. Her role as Nominating Committee Chair keeps her busy with fellow board members who work on recruiting new board members, orienting board members and identifying the roles and responsibilities of each member.

"I was asked what is my favorite part of NNHR, I cannot say I have one favorite part. One part is my absolute admiration for the staff and board," explains Linda, "Everyone involved with NHHR has one goal, to help homeless women and children every way we are able, and with the kindness, compassion and commitment we are able to achieve that goal each day."



**Keishanna Selected to Leadership Development Roundtable Program**

**Keishanna McCalmon**, Stable Families Program Coordinator at NHHR, was recently selected to the Leadership Development Roundtable Program of Fairfield County. Keishanna had to write an essay and submit a letter of reference to apply for the program.

The roundtable is a six month program that meets twice a month while completing readings and assignments in between sessions for group discussions. Keishanna describes the roundtable like a mentor program. It is a chance to talk with Executive Directors from the area and hear about their experiences and what it took to have a senior leadership role. At NHHR, Keishanna began as a case manager and worked to the supervisor level. Keishanna explains her desire to be in a senior role:

"The guidance and support that I receive from my supervisors and Executive Director has been invaluable. Over the next few years, I look forward to opportunities, in which I will be able to further develop my supervisory skills, hone my ability to communicate effectively, further my knowledge of conflict resolution tactics, and support my staff and agency."

**Adopt a Family Thank You**

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Michael Rebimbas, Clinical Supervisor, and Zulemia Vargas of Family School Connection organize the pajamas to give out to kids.

**Pajamas for Kids**

Since 2003, the Pajama Program has been providing NHHR with pajamas and books for children. Genevieve Piturro founded the program in New York ten years ago. NHHR receives donations several times a year through the Pajama Program. In the past year, 284 children have received pajamas to wear to bed at night.

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