



Wings of a Dove

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A Message from Jim Van Dyke

These are truly challenging times at St.Vincent New Hope. The need for our services grows greater while the funding for our services declines drastically. The one constant amidst the chaos is our commitment to the mission of serving those in need of the supports we provide.

Indiana, like many other states, has made significant cuts to its funding of human services as tax revenues have consistently underperformed budgeted revenues the past two years. For New Hope, the cuts have already cost us \$215,000. Over the next 12 months we expect that the cuts will cost us an additional \$1,236,000.

Reimbursement for our Family Preservation Program in which we support families where there has been abuse or neglect of a child(ren) in the home has been cut 10 percent since January. We anticipate that this cut will remain in effect until June 2011, at least. Meanwhile, more and more families are referred for our services as economic conditions stress families to the breaking point.

Funding for our Group Home program serving people with significant Developmental Disabilities was cut 3 percent in April. We continue to serve the same number of people in our 11 group homes. Their needs have not diminished, just the funding to provide them a healthy and safe environment. Our commitment to them and the resources we will provide for their care will not change.



Funding for our Medicaid Waiver program was cut 7 percent in June. We support more than 200 people in this program who depend on this funding to increase their independence and live lives as contributing members of society. We will not reduce our support to anyone but this commitment will severely strain our budget.

If you are wondering what you might do to help, there are two things that everyone can do. We gladly accept donations to the St.Vincent Foundation in our name, and we encourage you to talk with your state senator and state representative about the need to ensure adequate funding for Indiana's most vulnerable citizens.

In spite of these funding cuts, New Hope will continue to provide high quality services and support to Hoosiers with disabilities and other disadvantages. Our Mission to serve remains strong and our associates remain dedicated to the task of helping people achieve lives of meaning and value.

Wings of a Dove goes electronic

In response to Jim Van Dyke's article on the financial cuts affecting St.Vincent New Hope, Wings of a Dove will be going electronic so we too can be good stewards of our resources. Visit newhope.stvincent.org and click on New Hope newsletter.

St.Vincent New Hope our volunteers

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The Spirit of Caring is alive at St.Vincent, represented by the three doves of our logo, flying proudly in an integrated formation, depicting the three aspects of holistic healing - body, mind and spirit. We strive to deliver to our patients and families extraordinary patient care every day, with the three doves as our guiding symbol. As a member of Ascension Health and St.Vincent Health, we are called to ...

Service of the Poor
Generosity of spirit for persons most in need

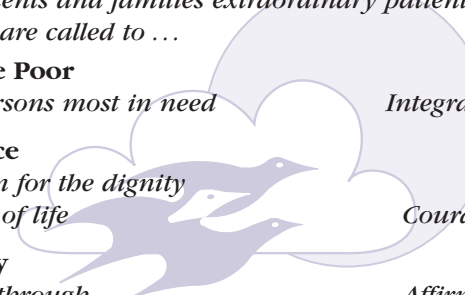
Reverence
Respect and compassion for the dignity and diversity of life

Integrity
Inspiring trust through personal leadership

Wisdom
Integrating excellence and stewardship

Creativity
Courageous innovation

Dedication
Affirming the hope and joy of our ministry



Your Voices

What Spring is

By Julia and Herb Kemp, Idea by Marcia Carithers



Art by Keturah Ratliff

Spring can be warm and sunny with flowers blooming.
It can also be cold and rainy with the low gray clouds.
Sometimes we walk along the paths at Holliday Park
and see all of it (the world around us).
Spring can bring happiness to you when it is sunny and nice;
It can also bring you down when the clouds hide the sun.
When spring comes to Indiana it can move you in many ways.
You may remember people you have lost, but you can also see
the rebirth of the land from the cold winter.
In all, Spring reminds you that life goes on.

(Inspired by the poem "Spring and All" by William Carlos Williams)

SOMETIMES, YOU JUST NEED TO ASK

By Desiree Tilton



Steve Alderson (left) and J.R. Eaton by the Accessible Hospice Patio Table

While rolling through the gardens at St. Vincent Hospice, JR Eaton and I stopped to chat at a quiet patio area next to a butterfly garden. JR wished that he could eat his lunch out there sometimes. When asked why he didn't think he could, JR showed me that his wheelchair could not get up to the tables because they all had built-in bench seating. We decided that we should ask someone if an accessible table could be moved to that area of the gardens, so it could be enjoyed by more people from Hospice as well as New Hope.

JR asked Steve Alderson, Building Maintenance supervisor for Hospice and New Hope if getting an accessible table would be possible. Steve checked with the director at Hospice and was given approval to move a table with unattached chairs to that patio area. Steve stated that they just hadn't considered that the existing tables would not be accessible for everyone. JR and I learned a valuable lesson. Other people do not always know what we need. Getting what we need can be as simple as asking for it.



Dan DeVries shares his story with the students at Independence Academy.

How many of you were alive in 1978?

What year were you born? Well, I was 20 years old in 1978!

I am here to talk to you about something I have never spoken to a group about before. I am here

to tell you about what happened to me on April 5, 1978, and what I have been up to since. You see, I was hit by a train on that day. I don't remember anything about that day but I know that when I went to cross a train intersection that had no signal or gate, I was hit by the train. The train was going too fast and could not stop. One of the drivers of the train, the man second in command, said he didn't even know he hit me. From this accident I sustained a traumatic brain injury and loss of hearing and sight on my right side.

The last 31+ years have been filled with ups and downs. I have lived in a number of hospitals and rehabilitation facilities. Immediately after the accident I was in a coma for three months. After I awoke from the coma and my injuries healed, I went to a

rehabilitation facility in Warsaw, IN, my home town. This facility, called Cardinal Center, was a business set up so handicapped people like me could do simple and easy work. I lived at home with my parents and went to work every day of the week. I was assigned a different task every day.

One day while I was cleaning up the outside property of the facility, I tripped and fell, breaking my hip. The next place I went was South Bend, IN, to a facility called Healthwin Hospital. I lived there with two roommates, both of whom drove me crazy! This hospital helps people with mental and physical needs. Unfortunately while there I broke my other hip. I am now in a wheelchair due to complications with both of my broken hips and the many surgeries I have had on them.

St. Vincent New Hope is where I am now. I have been enjoying it for more than 14 years. I live in my own home in the community. I have staff that helps me do things around the house and in the community. I have two roommates who also live with me; they don't drive me crazy. When we first moved in together we had our differences. But since then, we have worked them out and now we work as a team.

I enjoy shopping, gardening, singing karaoke, doing art like painting and ceramics, and socializing. My relationships with people are what keep me going every day. I have many people in my life who are easy-going and have a great sense of humor. These are the people I like to be around and why I get up every day!

There is one thing that no one can figure out about my accident. Prior to my accident I was a loner. I only had one or two friends and I kept to myself for the most part. I am definitely not like that now. I enjoy being around people and getting out and doing things. I don't know if any of you consider yourselves loners, or people who like to keep to themselves, but I think I would have done things differently when I was younger. Knowing what I know now, I would have worked to have more friends and do more things while I had a body that was able to do things more easily.

You all have a bright future ahead of you! Surround yourself with people you love and who support you. Set achievable goals for yourself and get involved with hobbies you are interested in.

People

Congratulations to **Danielle Dougherty**, St. Vincent New Hope's nurse consultant, for recognition in the Indianapolis Star's Salute to Nurses. All nominations are reviewed by the Indiana State Board of Nursing licensing prior to the nominee's consideration for selection. Danielle attended our community's top nursing professionals Nurse of the Year Luncheon sponsored by the Indianapolis Star and held at the Indiana Convention Center. **Peggy Tinney**, manager of nursing at New Hope, says, "Our department is proud to have Danielle as part of the nursing team. Many associates and individuals served have been and continue to witness her compassion and commitment. Thank you, Danielle!"

Welcome to **Carrol Ellis**, nurse consultant.

Welcome to **Rose Martinez**, new Team Leader for SILP

Welcome to **James Butterly**, new Team Leader for SLP cluster III

Welcome to **Tylia Smith**, Case Manager

Welcome to **Tina Rhoades**, Case Manager

Welcome to **Ashley Parmalee**, Case Manager

Welcome to **Terri Parke**, Therapist

Welcome to **Suzanne Eller**, Therapist

Welcome to **Latoya Conner**, Therapist

Welcome **Matthew Engleking**, Therapist

Congratulations to **Mike Robinson** on his promotion to Team Leader for maintenance.

Congratulations to **Tina Terril**, promoted to Team Leader for Seton Group Home.

Congratulations to **Lonya Thompson** on her promotion to Coordinator of Home Based Counseling.

Congratulations to **Bruce Joray** on his promotion to Coordinator of Home Based Counseling.

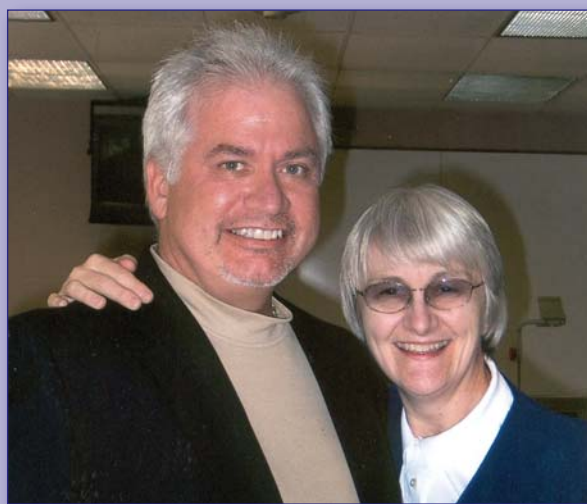
Congratulations to **Lisa Boyce**, promoted to Team Leader for SLP cluster III.

Best wishes to **Toni Carter**, SILP Team Leader, who retired after 22 years at New Hope.

Remembering Our Friends

Joe Cleary

By Kathie Rae



Joe in a 2007 photo with Sister Francine.

After an inspiring and courageous battle, New Hope lost longtime associate, co-worker and friend, Joe Cleary on May 13. Joe started in the Maintenance Department in 1984 and was the team leader for many years. He was committed to ensuring the individuals served and associates had safe, comfortable and pleasant living or work environments. Whether it was plowing snow all night, fixing a furnace, adding shelves in a bedroom or moving individuals during a flood, etc., Joe was a dedicated associate who loved his job and the New Hope Mission.

Joe had a loving family consisting of his three daughters, parents, brothers and their families, and his pride and joy, granddaughter Kylee. He enjoyed Indianapolis sports teams, camping, fishing and working outside. He organized an annual golf tournament in memory of his brother, Paul. Joe will be missed for his dedication, compassion, sense of humor, creativity and stewardship.

My dad, Billy O. Reiff

By Steve Reiff



Billy O. Reiff

when I was growing up and before I came to St. Vincent New Hope. He would always help me

My dad was born on May 26, 1932, and passed away on March 29, 2010. I am going to miss being around my dad. I didn't always show it but I like him being around. I lived with him

Alberta Barnes

By Theresa Tepedino



Alberta Barnes

personality. Everyone always loved her sense of humor. Alberta loved to listen to gospel music and especially liked laughing and joking around with staff. She enjoyed sitting outside on a warm spring day watching the birds and squirrels pass by. She would smile and laugh at them as they hurried on their way through the yard. Alberta was loved and will be missed by her friends, housemates and staff at Providence, and I'm sure by anyone who came in contact with her. Alberta passed away on April 22, 2010.

Alberta Barnes moved into Providence Dec. 3, 2008, and was an instant hit among staff and her housemates. Alberta had an amazing smile and an infectious

Bill Yost

By Mary Pomprowitz

William H. (Bill) Yost was a New Hope volunteer for several years. He worked for Naval Avionics and Thomson Consumer Electronics before working as senior software engineer at Spectral Systems. Bill made himself available to repair or set up new computers for individuals served by St. Vincent New Hope. Bill will be remembered for his dedication and concern for individuals served by New Hope. He was missed when he moved to Ohio and will be remembered for his kindness and humility. Bill passed away on March 8, 2010, at his home.

Carol Forgey

By Kathie Rae



Carol Forgey

Carol was born Nov. 12, 1952. She moved into the Rendu group home on Oct. 7, 2004. Carol lived a faith-filled, happy and productive life. She was employed at Noble Industries and would not miss work unless she absolutely had to, for appointments or on holidays. She enjoyed spending time with her housemates, especially her friend Billy, and the associates at Rendu. She was always concerned about others who might be ill or experiencing challenging times. Being with her sister Jayne and visiting her father were also very important to Carol, as was attending the Christ Lutheran Church. Carol passed away on May 30, 2010. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends for her compassionate and loving spirit.

Friends of the Fox

For the 11th year, individuals and associates were able to go to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during the month of May through the organization Friends of the Fox. Coordinators Bill Ray and Ron Kucer arranged for tours of the famous Gasoline Alley, meeting with drivers and enjoying the Speedway Museum. For some, this experience has become a fun tradition to look forward to every year and for others a new and exciting time.

Friends of the Fox was started by the late race car driver Stan Fox and his friend Jack Kerwin, who both had experienced traumatic brain injuries. They wanted persons with brain injuries and other disabilities to be up close and personal at the speedway. Their legacy continues on today and New Hope is very fortunate to benefit from Friends of the Fox.



Driver Hideki Mutoh autographs hats for (L-R) Kim McElwain, Beth Hawk, Marrie Lou Dolahan and Zelipa Sibanda



Joe McNeil, accompanied by Heather Jones has a hat autographed by driver Milka Duno.



Individuals and associates at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum (Front row L - R): Mark Klinker, Joe Clyne, Thom Green, John Beckman, Phillip Akinseye. (Back row L - R) Thomas Pash, Amanda Madyara, Ryan Hutton, James Ngige, Richard Matula, Benson Adesese, Gary Marshall

Photo credits: Bill Ray

Special Thanks to Kristina

By the family of Robert Locke

We as a family wanted to let you know how *very thankful* we are for **Kristina Poulsen**! She goes way over the top in helping Robert Locke stretch to reach his potential and adds such a spark to his life! Kristina takes Robert to a sign class and always has a list of new words to learn. This is crucial and opens Robert's world so much. She rides roller coasters with him, teaches him to cook, teaches proper etiquette and encourages him to try new experiences. She does all this and so much more but most important; Kristina always shows compassion. She has high expectations for Robert and he knows this. It makes him try hard to make her proud of him. Robert's smile shows how happy she makes him. We cannot thank Kristina enough for the good work that she is doing.



Kristina Poulsen and Robert Locke have fun together!



Keturah Ratliff and her family enjoyed the St. Vincent New Hope Artistic Expression Exhibit at the Indianapolis Art Center, sponsored by the St. Vincent Foundation. Katurah enjoyed the art classes and was proud to have her work on display.



Scott Perkins and his dad enjoyed the opening night of the St. Vincent New Hope Art Exhibit. Scott was proud to show his ceramic work and painting to his dad. The exhibit was open and well received by the visitors to the Indianapolis Art Center.

Matt's Take on the Movies

By Matthew R. Hughes

I really enjoyed the movie, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*. This movie was really hilarious. Some of the actors are not very well known. Some of their names are: Zachery Gordon, Robert Capron and Steve Zahn. Steve Zahn is also in *Saving Silverman* and *National Security*, and both are good comedies.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid takes place in a middle school. It is about kids trying to fit in and be friends with each other. Some parts of the movie take place on Halloween night. Many funny pranks happened to the kids. One of the kids ate old yucky cheese off the blacktop road. This movie was fantastic! You will love it. It is even better than *Hot Tub Time Machine*.



Gary Larreategui shares, "In the spirit of the entrepreneurship that made our nation great, longtime Winston II resident Mark Klinker recently purchased a gumball machine, and received permission to place it at the main New Hope building. Mark is very excited that he has already earned back about a third of his initial investment, after only two months. He plans to visit New Hope at least twice a month to collect his money and refill the machine. You can patronize Mark's place of business by looking just outside the Rendu Room, beside the two large vending machines." *Photo credit: Gary Larreategui*



It doesn't matter if it rains or snows as Michelle Turner has now met her favorite Meteorologist, Chris Wright. Chris anchors Channel 13 WTHR's SkyTrak Weather on Eyewitness News weeknights at 5, 6 and 11. While in Indianapolis, Chris has been honored with many awards. In 1994, he was named National Association Broadcaster of the Year. He has also been awarded six Emmys from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. Michelle's skills trainer, Joan Parker, helped her set up this memorable visit. *Photo credit: Joan Parker*



▲ Bingo night was a celebration of Valentine's Day. The Valentine dogs were won by (first row, l-r) Delisha Webster, William Webster and Diana Higginbottom. The Butler University Volunteers (l-r) Christy Indiano, Shaun Mbateng and Daniela Hernandez joined the North Central Kiwanis volunteers, Gayle Webb, Larry Webb, Greg Cecil and Bob Hartman. The North Central Kiwanis Clubs sponsors the monthly New Hope Bingo games and provides many of the prizes. Everyone had fun and they were happy to be playing Bingo again after cancellations due to HINI flu concerns.



Don Rice enjoying the monthly New Hope Bingo game. Photo credit: Barb Miller ▶

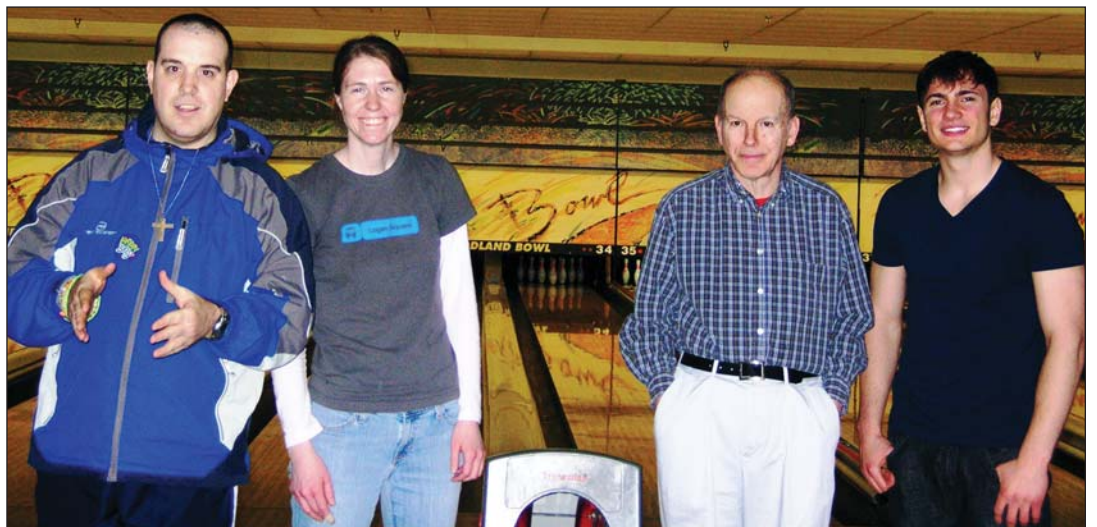
DePaul University Immersion Program

By Kimberly ReMine

As an undergraduate at DePaul University, I experience all the "typical" college experiences - the stress of exams, the deprivation of sleep, and the occasional overdose of coffee. However, I experienced something unique from other universities: The Vincentian Mission. So my decision to replace a beach vacation in Mexico with a service-oriented mission trip for my Spring Break felt appropriate and the right thing to do.

Through the UMIN's alternate spring break programs offered at DePaul University, students are invited to apply for various mission trips throughout the country that focus on major values that St. Vincent DePaul encouraged and lived. With St. Vincent DePaul's emphasis on simplicity, I joined nine other members of the DePaul community and ventured to Indianapolis without the everyday distractions of a cell phone, laptop, iPod...any distraction from genuine dialogue. In Indy, I had the privilege of working with wonderful folks at New Hope. St. Vincent New Hope was such an amazing experience for me to embark on because it showed me examples of true passion and commitment.

Every individual I encountered when walking the halls, touring group homes, or working with clients possessed such an authentic kindness that is rarely seen today in the business world. I had the privilege of working with Marcia Carithers in her weekly art class at the Indianapolis Art Center. She was so talented in her paintings and allowed me to contribute my slightly awful artistic abilities to her work. It was such a pleasure to be exposed to someone of such gentleness. All in all, the energy that St. Vincent New Hope holds was truly amazing and catalyzed my motivation to continue my career of volunteer work with the belief that there really are truly amazing people that do truly amazing things in our world.



(l-r) Kevin, Joyana, Ron and Tom had lots of fun bowling. The friendly competition was men versus women. Ron Blackburn, Kathe Rae, Joyana Jacoby and Tom Scheide also went out to lunch before bowling to check out the local pizza. Photo credit: Kathe Rae



DePaul University students spent spring break with the Daughters of Charity in Indianapolis and volunteered at St. Vincent New Hope, BABE Store, St. Vincent DePaul store, and St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo with their Health Access associate. (Bottom row, l-r) Sister Cathy, Nathaly Gamino, Sister Rosario, Sister Louise, Sister Mary John, Sister Ceil, Kimberly ReMine. (Second row, l-r) Sasha Liu, Rachel Rosen, Crystal Torres, Garrett Napier, Emily Hampsten, Joyana Jacoby (DePaul's Service Immersion Coordinator) and third row (l-r) Robb Hawkinson and Tom Scheide.

2010 Volunteer Recognition

The 2010 Volunteer Recognition Reception was held on May 26 for the volunteers who had reached a milestone in their service. The **Bev Dyken** Outstanding Service Award was presented to the Active 20 - 30 Club, which provided activities for children served in Community Outreach. The Cup of Kindness awards were given to **Ashley Wilson-Fujuwa, Teresa Nance, Joely Pomprowitz, Brittany Justice** and **Sally Mindrebo**. We are so grateful to all of the New Hope volunteers, who so generously give of their time and talents.



(L - R) Kathy Ballard, director of Community Outreach, presents the Bev Dyken Award to the Active 20-30 Club representatives, Chad Arashiro, Erin Arashiro and Megan Roach.



Ashley Wilson-Fujuwa (left) accepts a "Cup of Kindness" from Tracy Etter.



Dana Zunk (left) and Sister Rosaria, D.C., enjoy themselves at the annual SPRED (Special Religious Education Program) Dinner Dance on March 13. *Photo credit: Kathe Rae*



Terri White-Griffin (left) and Jackie Wilson get in the Hollywood theme at the SPRED Dinner Dance. *Photo credit: Kathe Rae*



Davina Mathews, Tiffany Mason Stacey Marsh, Betty Swanson, Lee Brown, Sholanda Salter and Daphne Mathews enjoyed Race For the Cure. They have been participating in the race for the past 10 years.

Happy Birthday, Cindy



Henrietta Day (left) and Cindy celebrate Cindy's 50th birthday. Henrietta planned and coordinated the party, in which Cindy and everyone who attended, really enjoyed.



Jennifer Bohn, New Hope volunteer (left) and Cindy Twigg admire one of the cakes that Jennifer baked for Cindy's celebration.



(l-r) John Richey, Mark Merritt and William Webster enjoyed cheering for the Colts in the Super Bowl in comfortable front row seats right at home.

New Hope Receives CARF Accreditation

By Liz Seamon and Lee Mehrlich



Liza Seamon (right) and Lee Mehrlich with CARF Accreditation Certificate

New Hope is excited to announce the Three-Year CARF Accreditation of our Day Services Program. CARF, which stands for the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to recognize and promote quality services in health and human service agencies. The three-year accreditation, the highest level given, was granted in January 2010 after a lot of hard work and preparation by many associates.

The accreditation process is voluntary, but important to New Hope as a way to assure individuals served, their families and others, that the Day Services Program provides quality care. CARF determined this through a survey process that occurred last December. During that time, the CARF surveyors met with various New Hope departments including Human Resources, Accounting, Day Services; members of the board of directors; several persons served, their families; and many others. The surveyors spoke with **Lee Mehrlich** who participates in the Day Services Program. He really enjoyed telling them about being involved in the community such as going to an Indianapolis Indians game or to the Indiana State Fair.

At the end of the survey process, the surveyors provided a lot of positive feedback, a list of program strengths, and recommendations or suggestions to improve the program and services. In 2012, the Day Services program will complete the survey process again to maintain CARF accreditation.