

Wings of a Dove



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One of the most powerful reasons to induce us to love God is the conviction we enjoy that he loves us.”
St. Louise de Marillac

Blessed Lord, I am humbled every time I think of your unconditional love for me—a love that knows no limits. Help me extend that same love to others.

Jim Van Dyke talks about the state budget's effects on New Hope

By David Sklan



Recently, Wings reporter David Sklan sat down with New Hope Executive Director Jim Van Dyke to talk about how cuts in the state budget will affect New Hope. The following is a transcript of that interview.

In your opinion, do you feel that the Medicaid cuts will affect services of St. Vincent New Hope?

We are hopeful that the governor will see the great unmet need for services to thousands of Hoosiers with disabilities and not cut funding for those services. Thus far there have been no cuts in the services New Hope provides and we are cautiously optimistic that there will be no cuts affecting us. There was, however, an announced 9 percent rate increase for the Medicaid Waiver Program that was scaled back to 4.5 percent when the budget woes became apparent.

Will the cuts affect any particular area?

We have heard of no proposed funding cuts for our services.

In your opinion is there anything the state legislature could do to help with the budget shortfall?

We believe the legislature needs to meet in a special session to address remedies for the revenue shortfall.

Do you feel the special session being called by the governor will bring any positive results?

Yes. We believe that tax restructuring and other remedies will reduce the budget shortfall and eliminate the need for further cuts in the state budget.

Do you feel we as individuals served by SVNH could do anything to help?

Every citizen has the right to contact his or her elected officials to discuss legislative concerns. We encourage everyone to exercise that right.

New Hope appreciates their volunteers

The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for New Hope Volunteers was held at the Marten House on April 18. St. Vincent New Hope is grateful to the volunteers who spend time with individuals, sew and teach computer, reading and communication skills. We salute each and every volunteer who supports New Hope with your time and talents.

The Volunteer of the Year for 2002 was **Steven Brewer**. Steven has been assisting the volunteer department for the past three years. He is also a Heart Corps Volunteer.



(l-r) Steven Brewer, Volunteer of the Year, Jackie Brewer and Steve Brewer enjoy the recognition dinner.

Denise Schmidt, group home team leader, was recognized for her support of volunteers at Rendu group home and volunteerism for those she serves. **Barb White** was honored for 3,000 hours sewing dolls, catheter covers, wheelchair bags, etc. **Kiara Flanders** was recognized for her leadership with the Butler Speakers Lab and **Cassandra Harriman** was recognized for her outstanding service at Oakview.



Barb White (center) was recognized for being an extraordinary seamstress for New Hope. Mary Pomprowitz and Jim Van Dyke celebrated the occasion with Barb at the Marten House.



Kiara Flanders was recognized for her leadership as a Speakers Lab Peer Tutor.



Denise Schmidt, one of the evening's honorees, and her husband, Carl, gave the dinner a four star rating.



Cassandra Harriman (right) and Joy Martin are testimony to the spirit of the volunteers.



The Jazz Cats entertained New Hope Volunteers for the fourth year in a row.



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 the Central Indiana Health System, 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

From the Eyes of the Dove

By Sister Francine Brown, D.C.

Happy spring to everyone!

Your on-the-scene reporter is back with another visit in Paris. This time we won't have to fight our way through the masses of people on the street or try to work our way around the obstacles of poor curb cuts or narrow sidewalks. We are not going too far; in fact we are going to visit where I am living. I bet the Motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity takes up almost as much of the cleared acreage that the Payne Road facility is situated on – and I'm not talking about large fields of grass, although we have two beautiful large gardens. There are a few four- and six-story buildings here. There are about 180 Sisters living here at the moment and we can add up to 150 more when we have meetings. I will use my usual format of three perspectives – 1) historical, 2) tourist and 3) accessibility. Are you ready? Let's go!

Historical Perspective:

This may be a bit long as we are talking about 369 years of history! The current Motherhouse (or I guess you could call it the “Main Headquarters”), located at 140 Rue du Bac, is on the Left Bank of Paris. This is not the original Motherhouse from the time of Vincent de Paul and Louise de Marillac (1633 to 1660). Depending on how you count them, this would be our sixth location in Paris.

Even during the lifetimes of Vincent and Louise, the Motherhouse moved three times and was located on the Right Bank of Paris. Besides being our “Main Headquarters,” it is where we have lived. The first Motherhouse was Louise's own home where four women joined her on Nov. 29, 1633, to begin formation and lives as Daughters of Charity. They lived there for three years and moved two other times during her lifetime to larger places as more women joined them. By 1645 there were approximately 100 women. The third residence remained our Motherhouse from 1641 until the French Revolution (approximately 1792).

The Community of the Daughters of Charity, like all Religious and Consecrated Men and Women, were suppressed and disbanded during the Revolution and returned to their families if possible. In 1797, after the Revolution, the Daughters of Charity began to reunite on the Left Bank of Paris in a house near the Sorbonne and remained at this site until 1801.

In 1801 (the early years of Napoleon's dictatorship) the French government gave the Sisters a large residence that was formerly a girls' orphanage located in a nearby parish (This building is now a fire station). We did not own the residence given to us by the French government and so in 1807 the government decided to give it to the Priests of the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentian Priests) in compensation for the destruction of their Motherhouse during the French Revolution. The government then decided to find another residence for the Sisters but it took some time due to the continuing unrest during Napoleon's reign.

Finally, in 1815 the Sisters moved again for the sixth and, up until now, the final time. The current residence was formerly L'Hôtel de Châtillon (“Hôtel” in this instance means private mansion), the home of Napoleon's mother, Letizia Bonaparte, and was comprised of two buildings, a very large garden and a great deal of land. Over the years additional buildings have been added for the increasing numbers of Sisters (like the Babylone Residence). The French government, by decree of Napoleon, allows us to remain here provided we abide by three stipulations: 1) It be our Administrative Offices, 2) We provide ongoing formation for our Sisters, and 3) We provide a retirement place for our Sisters returning from foreign missions.

Caution: New trainees crossing

By Tracy Hembd

Editor's note: Over the next several issues, team leaders will write about their experiences as a new team leader. Tracy is the first contributor, Anthony Rogers will share his experience in the fall issue and Chad will have the third and final part in the Winter Wings of a Dove.

“You three look like a bunch of deer trapped in headlights,” was the remark from more experienced team leader, **Jeanne Reyman**...and so it began. The three of us, Chad, Anthony and Tracy all trying to learn the ins and outs and upsides and downsides of team leadership in supported living. It is rare for three people to be in training at the same time for this highly stressful and information overloaded position.

On several occasions as we bounce from training meeting to training meeting, we have interlaced arms and sung, “Lions, and tigers and bears—oh my” through the many laps around New Hope offices. I have certainly likened myself to Dorothy in that, “Toto, I don't



Join the three new team leaders, (l-r) Chad Frye, Tracy Hembd, and Anthony Rogers on their New Hope journey.

think we are in Kansas anymore.” As former lead skills trainers, we are familiar with certain other aspects of New Hope. As for myself, I look forward to my new adventures in this new land of team leader. Anthony is team leader for Countryside, Grandview and Jackson while Chad is team leader for Oakview and Woodland. I will have two sites, Parker 2 and 41st Street.

If you see us in the hallways do not blast your horn and speed up. Please just kindly give us answers to our questions and drive around us. We will eventually figure out the traffic pattern.

Hôtel de Châtillon today



One of the original buildings of Napoleon's mother's home. Most of the lower level is the Sisters' dining room. The middle and upper levels are offices.

Babylone Residence



This building is directly opposite the previous picture and was constructed in 1843. The first two floors have a library and meeting rooms, while the other four stories are bedrooms.

Tourist Perspective:

Tourists do not visit this part of our home precisely because it is our home and our offices. It has been modified quite a bit from the time it was Letizia Bonaparte's home. As you can see from the first picture, this one part is three stories tall but in one area (last three windows on the left middle floor), because the rooms are so high, another floor was inserted to be able to add archive storage space. The walls and floor of one office (not visible in the picture) have remained fairly much as they were during the time of Letizia Bonaparte with all of the wood detail. The exterior stairwell, as seen in the picture, is still the original one. All of the other buildings (like the second picture) and additions were done since 1815, creating an unbelievable maze of hallways, doors and stairwells. Tourists and people making pilgrimages do visit our Chapel and that will be the topic of my next article!

Accessibility Perspective:

Overall, when considering the size of the Motherhouse, I would consider it fairly accessible. This was already in place before I came! Some of the Sisters are in wheelchairs or use canes and our food is prepared in a large kitchen at one end of the complex and transported on carts to another area. Creativity and resourcefulness were already in tune in order to use the buildings as they were. (Because we do not own the property or buildings, we must get permission from the government if we make changes or adaptations!)

The doorways could be considered a bit of a problem as they are a bit narrower than most, although the majority of exterior doors (as well as windows) are double (hence the name French doors) and would be passable if both doors were open. The buildings are very large and so are the stairwells allowing for the insertion of small elevators without destroying the integrity of the original appearance of the building. Small elevators were also added where closets and storage spaces were previously found in the original building. Granted, elevators have been added but they may only be in one end of a building and you are in the other. I have become quite adept at taking two steps at a time to get to where I am going.

Some areas do not lend themselves to be easily ramped as the steps may be numerous and in a small corridor. In this instance one would have to go around to the other side of the building where there is a sidewalk and ramp into the building. It's nice on a clear day but if it's raining you need an umbrella or poncho! Frequently you find one step leading into a building. Wooden removable ramps have been put in place to overcome this problem.

Well, that is a little tour of “my house.” My days at the Payne Road facility prepared me well for my stay here! The distances of going from one end of the New Hope building to the other got me in shape for living and working here. I don't think anything could have prepared me for all of the stairwells here except perhaps living in the Sears Tower in Chicago, the Empire State Building in New York or the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.!

Chat with you in the next issue when we will spend some time together visiting our Chapel.

Love and prayers,
Sr. F – your Paris connection

Your Voices

My notes on *Fiddler on the Roof*

By Eric Dorfmeier



Paul (left) and Eric Dorfmeier enjoy *Fiddler on the Roof* dress rehearsal at Brebeuf Jesuit.

This play was about a very friendly and caring village, in which everyone was con-

cerned about his neighbor and their community. There was a lot of happiness within the town. The matchmaker was a person who would bring marriageable people together. The musical number, "If I Were a Rich Man," is an enjoyable song, easy listening and fun humming it. There were scenes of happiness, people's dreams, love, disappointments and heartaches. The heartaches occurred in the scene where the young man was arrested because of his beliefs. Then his young wife leaving her father to be with the arrested man who would be her husband. All in all, the play was most enjoyable and I left humming "If I Were a Rich Man" on the way home. Thanks to the Brebeuf Jesuit Production Team and Director, Marie Beason.

A look within myself

By Amy Stant

Everyone has to find what makes him or her happy with themselves sooner or later. Well, I thought the reason I was unhappy was I did not know what could make me happy. Then, I looked into different books and asked friends if they could help me and they tried but they could not help me. Finally, the answer came to me. I had to look within myself, I thought should I change religions? I knew that answer, absolutely not! I had to look deeper within myself. I was then sweating because I could not move as freely because my stomach was too big and I was uncomfortable. Then, I started to look into losing weight but I needed help because I knew that I could not do it alone.

I began to go to Weight Watchers sometime in October. I started to lose weight and I am feeling a little bit happier about who Amy is and what Amy does daily. Weight Watchers has been a wonderful group for me because I get to see other people struggling with their weight. I have gotten to know the instructor, her name is Tinku. She is fun loving, care free, bubbly, and just what I need for inspiration. Tinku has lost 85 pounds and has kept it off for more than 13 years. I look up to her. I went from 181 to 149.4 and I am continuing to reach my goal. I would recommend this program to anyone who would like to lose weight.

Butler Speakers Lab and New Hope

By Elisa Haskins, North Central High School Learning Unlimited Volunteer, and Marcia Carithers



Everyone agrees that the Butler Speakers Lab is a wonderful way to learn communication skills and meet new friends (front row, l-r), Kiara Flanders, Marcia Carithers, Elisa Haskins, (back row, l-r) Bo Callaban and Elizabeth Middleton.

How did you become interested in the Speakers Lab and communication?

I became involved with the Speakers Lab the spring semester of my freshman year at Butler. I had taken an intro speech class in the fall and was recommended to apply for a position as a speech tutor for the lab. I have always loved to communicate, being a psychology and theatre major, and have enjoyed giving speeches, but I had never really critiqued others or worked with others on their communication. So it sounded like a very interesting, fun and rewarding job, so I applied and got the job. I immediately volunteered for the position of community outreach coordinator because I have always had a passion for working in the com-

munity and was very excited to work on communication with people with disabilities, because I have never done anything like that before.

What sparked this interest and will it be a lifelong one?

Working with others on communication is definitely a lifelong interest. I think communication is very, very important and everyone should have the opportunity to continue to develop their communication skills throughout their life. I love working with people, especially in an area that is so important to me. I feel like I keep learning more and more when I keep communication as a major emphasis in my life.

Do you find teaching communication skills to individuals with disabilities to be different than teaching people without disabilities? If so, what are the differences?

I find it much more enjoyable working with individuals with disabilities on communication because I feel that the people I have worked with have all had a great passion for communication and really want to expand their skills. When working with college students, they often take communication for granted and don't feel like they need to learn any more about it. However, the people I work with at New Hope want to learn and they teach me as much about communicating as I teach them, if not more.

A Reflection in memory of a Forever Friend, Shirley "Angel" Sloan

Hello, my name is Cassandra and I am a New Hope volunteer at the Oakview House. When I first started volunteering at Oakview, I got to know Joy, Tammy and Shirley, all of the ladies who live at the Oakview House. Unfortunately, I got to know Shirley only a short time before she passed away. I can tell you that all of the time we did spend together was so wonderful. Joy, Barbara Williams (skills trainer), and I sat down one day and talked about all of the memories that we all had with Shirley and we wanted to share them with you!

Shirley Sloan lived a great life. She had a long history at St. Vincent New Hope. "We met at New Hope," said roommate Joy Martin. Joy also said, "She was an all-around great person and very smart too! Shirley loved to go to church. I can always remember how much she loved church music and loved singing it as well. We went to the same church and that is something that we always enjoyed doing together." Joy also told me that she and Shirley loved to ride in the car. Joy and Shirley were always at Thursday night bingo together. "Shirley always had a way to brighten my day" laughed Joy.

Barbara remembers what a joy it was to be able to take care of Shirley. First, Barbara told me, "Shirley had a way of always leaving a positive mark on everyone she came across on a daily basis." Barbara said, "I can remember how she always said funny things and made people laugh, she as well as the people around her, could not help but always having a bright smile all of the time!" Barbara remembered how she loved the outdoors and camping especially. "We loved to sometimes just go out on the patio and just sit for a while and look at the beautiful nature around us," said Barbara.

I do not think anyone who ever came into contact with Shirley Sloan would disagree with me that Shirley loved life and she reflected that positive attitude daily. We will miss our dear friend Shirley "Angel" Sloan but I am positive that we can all rest on the fact that she is happy where she is!

Storm Spotting

By Tammy Davis

I have been a storm spotter for a very long time. I also do storm weather reports for severe storms. I like helping out the National Weather Service and keeping an eye on our Doppler radar.

I have learned the difference between a severe storm watch and a severe storm warning, and to spot the signs that come before severe storms. I like helping people learn about severe storms, but most of all I like the sunshine that comes after them.

What do you enjoy most about the Speakers Lab?

I honestly love everything that I do with the Speakers Lab. It is an amazing group of tutors who put so much energy and passion into what they do and I learn so much from working with them. Working on community outreach is my passion, and is definitely my favorite part of working at the Speakers Lab because that is the area where I can really see the difference in clients, and the difference in myself. It is really a meaningful experience that has such a great impact on me, and everyone who is involved.

What do you plan on doing after graduation from Butler and how do you see your participation in the Speakers Lab as a career benefit?

I plan on getting my doctorate in clinical psychology and eventually setting up my own practice as a psychologist. Besides the fact that the Butler Speakers Lab adds to my resume for getting into grad school and getting a job, the most important things I will take away from this experience are my own growth within communication, leadership, and dedication. I feel like I have a much broader range of communication abilities than I used to, and being involved in the community outreach has really given me a further dedication to the community that will always stay with me.



Shirley Sloan is remembered by her New Hope friends.

What new friends have you made (inside and outside of Butler) through this program?

I have had the wonderful opportunity to become friends with my fellow tutors at Butler as well as all of the people I work with at New Hope, Mary Pomprowitz and everyone who has participated in the program. I consider all of those people my friends, whom I would not have met if I had not worked at the Speakers Lab.

The topic of this meeting was proverbs of the 21st century. How do you choose the topics for the meetings?

The topics are chosen through collaboration between myself, my co-coordinator Elizabeth Middleton, and Mary Pomprowitz. If anyone of us has an idea, we bring it to the table and discuss and modify as necessary. We try to challenge ourselves, Speakers Lab tutors and the New Hope participants with topics that will encourage us to think, discuss and communicate about topics that we don't get to talk about on a regular basis, but that have a significant impact on all of our lives. We have worked our way from topics about spring to the effect disabilities have on our lives, to the tragedy of Sept. 11, to how can we find meaning in our lives. We try not to keep it all serious either; we like to have fun and get off the subject sometimes to talk about sports or family or anything else that we feel like communicating. Thank you so much for this interview. It has been great to reflect on my experiences.

People

Chad Frye promoted to SLP team leader for Woodland and Oakview.

Tracy Hembd promoted to SLP team leader for Parker II and 41st Street.

Anthony Rodgers promoted to SLP team leader for Jackson, Countryside and Grandview.

Michelle Johnson promoted to team leader for Laboure Group Home.

New Hope welcomes **Kimberly Martin**, Group Home Behavior Consultant.

New Hope welcomes **Joelle Feinstein**, SLP, SILP and CYCS Behavior Consultant.

Lori Tutrow is the new targeted case manager for New Hope.

Victoria Scott has been promoted to lead skills trainer for Bayridge and Keough.

The Third Quarter Leadership Award goes to **Julie Burrows**, team leader for Frederic and Louise Group Homes.

The Fourth Quarter Leadership Award goes to **Jeanne Reyman**, team leader for Auburn 1 and 2, and 73rd Street.

Congratulations to **Kevin Russell** on the birth of twins, **Chase Alexander** and **Riley Jae**.

Congratulations to **Adriana and Gus Powell** on the birth of their daughter, **Ana Luiza**.

Congratulations to **Vicki Cole** for membership in Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology.

Congratulations to **Jeff Yeiter** for 100 hours of volunteer service for St.Vincent Hospice.

A birthday to remember

By Dana Zunk and Susan Robinson

In celebration of **Dana Zunk's** 40th birthday, Dana and friends Susan Robinson and Mary Hooper traveled to Graceland on March 14. They were in Memphis to celebrate Dana's birthday on March 15!

"The most exciting part of the trip was visiting Graceland, the home of Elvis Presley," Dana said. "I really liked the game room with the pool table." Mary liked the museum with Elvis' pink Cadillac. Susan loved having dinner at Elvis' Restaurant on Beale Street where we heard great blues and rock 'n roll music.

We stayed in the Heartbreak Hotel where Dana received a surprise birthday cake and balloons from her friend Becky. There was Elvis music everywhere all the time, so we certainly had a BIG experience with Elvis!



(l-r), Susan Robinson, Dana Zunk and Mary Hooper celebrated Dana's 40th birthday at Graceland.



The annual Spring Fling "went to the birds." Kevin Cuevas, skills trainer, brought several of his birds to the party. Paul Tomastic and Amy Stant pose with one of the birds, a Moluccan Cockatoo named Jessie.



(l-r) Lynn Brown, Tom Franklin, Diana Pratt and Michael Spear enjoy the subs and music provided by the Conesco/Indiana Pacers Three Point Charity Program.



Jay Buethe (seated) and Ron Hart-Hults are frequently requested speakers for the Everyone Counts Program in the schools. Ron and Jay were photographed at Shamrock Elementary School before their presentation.



Betty Swanson (left), a breast cancer survivor, and Daphne Matthews were among the New Hope participants in Race for the Cure, which benefits breast cancer research.



Susan Osborne, New Hope volunteer and breast cancer survivor, joined the Race for the Cure with her brother, David, who was wearing a sign that stated, "Congratulations to my sister."



Brian Van Arsdale bowled a strike in the Friends of the Fox SILP League.



Kayla Van Arsdale prepares to challenge husband Brian's strike.



(l-r) Dennis Mowery, Eric Dorfmeier and Tony Davidson receive a hearty welcome from members of the Bishop Chatard High School basketball team. Seton, DeMarillac and DePaul group homes attended two Chatard basketball games, three team practices and had a pizza party with the team. Everyone had a great time!



Herman Hagner (left) presents a \$500 check to Jim Van Dyke from the Knights of Columbus Mater Dei Council No. 437 for the Children and Youth Community Services Program.

Wings of a Dove reader survey

What do you like about Wings? Would you like to see something improved about it? Please take a few minutes to fill out the survey below, clip and return to **Mary Pomprowitz**, St.Vincent New Hope.

What subjects would you like to see covered more in Wings? _____

Do you read Wings regularly? _____

What do you enjoy most about Wings? _____

What do you enjoy least about Wings? _____

Do you receive Wings regularly? _____

Is there anything you'd rather Wings not cover? _____

What matters most to you? _____