



“Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.”
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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A Call to Advocacy on Behalf of Our Most Vulnerable Citizens

By Jim Van Dyke, executive director, St. Vincent New Hope

Did you know that New Hope has not seen an increase in Waiver program rates in two years, and only one small increase in the last six years? Also, according to Indiana's 1995 submission to Medicaid for a routine five-year Waiver extension, the state estimated that by 1999 it would be paying service providers more than \$19 an hour. It's now 2005 and we are currently receiving \$17.59 an hour for the primary service covered by the Waiver. Almost \$2 less than the plan, reserved only for emergency cases, which means long waiting lists for Hoosiers in need of services. And now with a budget shortfall new Waivers are hood of another 2 percent cut in Medicaid reimbursement.

It's not difficult to see that Indiana has shortchanged its programs to support people with Developmental Disabilities. Because of that inattention, New Hope is joining together with other service providers to advocate more forcefully with the incoming Daniels administration and with legislators on the needs of the system that supports individuals with Developmental Disabilities.

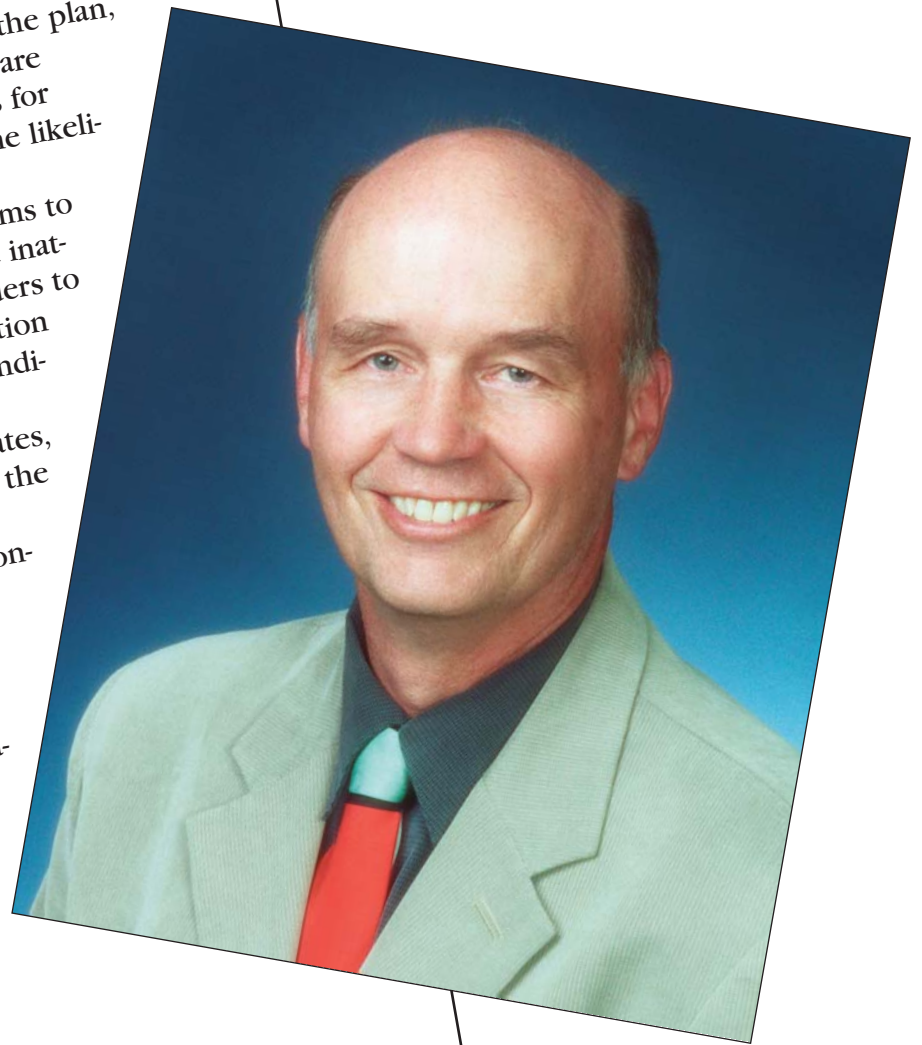
As part of this effort, we are calling on all New Hope associates, consumers, their families and interested others to help us get the message out that the support system for our most needy Hoosiers cannot be neglected indefinitely without serious consequences.

We have formed a Governmental Affairs Committee that will act to coordinate our advocacy efforts. From time to time, we will encourage associates, consumers, their families and others to help us contact state officials and legislators to get the message out that services for people with Disabilities must be a priority for Indiana.

Working together, we can strengthen the service system for all Hoosiers needing support services to live lives of meaning.

Sincerely,

Jim Van Dyke
 Executive director
 St. Vincent New Hope



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

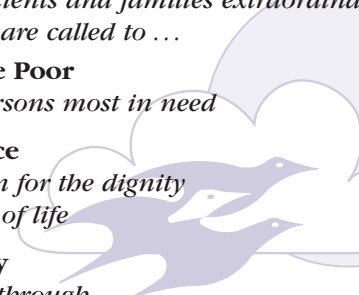
Reverence
Respect and compassion for the dignity and diversity of life

Integrity
Inspiring trust through personal leadership

Wisdom
Integrating excellence and stewardship

Creativity
Courageous innovation

Dedication
Affirming the hope and joy of our ministry



Butler Speakers Lab and New Hope

By Jessica Bantham

Rosemary Bostick and David Sklan were invited to attend the Indiana Conference for People with Disabilities and a follow-up discussion over dinner. The evening was arranged by Margaret Brabant and Donald Braid, the director and associate director of Butler's Center for Citizenship and Community (CCC), and funded through a generous grant from the Hoover Family Foundation.

Over the past year, the CCC implemented a program in which communication studies majors at Butler meet with individuals served by New Hope to share communication techniques. As

part of community outreach, the Hoover Family Foundation grant covered the registration fee for parties interested in attending the conference. Both Rosemary and David chose to take advantage of this offer and agreed to report to the CCC about their experiences. "It was wonderful to hear some of their reflections," said Margaret. "Beyond that, it was just a lovely evening with our new friends."

(Jessica is a Butler University student working in conjunction with Donald Braid of the Butler University Center for Citizenship and Community.)



Disabled and Running

By David Sklan

I thought the "Disability Meeting" at the Westin Hotel was quite good. I can't nor will I attempt to pick it apart. The many speakers were quite knowledgeable in their given field. None were overly windy, allowing me and the rest of the participants to stay alert. The people at the conference seemed comfortable with disabilities, at large. It seemed to me they would have been supportive of whoever came along representing New Hope clients. I hope I did well in representing you folks, as clients of New Hope.



By Sister Francine Brown, D.C.

From the Eyes of the Dove

Christmas Greetings and Blessing!

I am sure by now you are wondering where in the world I am. I am now living and working in Chicago. I returned to the United States in early July and remained home in Washington, D.C., with mom for a bit while some repairs were done to the exterior of the house. Then I moved to Chicago in early September and except for a quick two-week return to Paris to translate for a mini-Heritage Session, I have been settling into my new mission and ministry.

Currently, I live with eight other Sisters (one will soon be leaving to begin a new mission with four other Sisters in the Cook Islands in the Pacific) who are in various ministries here in Chicago. I work for St. Joseph Services at Casa de Providencia. I am the site coordinator there and

I am responsible for setting up programs to meet the needs of the people in and around St. Mark's Parish. We are not a big center and currently are a staff of three with two volunteers. Our first program, starting this week, is teaching English as a Second Language (ESL). Most of the people in the area are from Puerto Rico or Mexico and need to communicate more effectively in their new country and community. We are just beginning at Casa de Providencia but the future looks very exciting. Needless to say, now I need to learn Spanish.

That's the latest from this side of the ocean!!!

Happy New Year to everyone at New Hope, Sister Francine

Happy New Year from everyone at St. Vincent New Hope



The angel on this holiday card was designed by St. Vincent New Hope artists enrolled in the Artistic Expression Program, created especially for individuals with disabilities at the Indianapolis Art Center. These classes have been funded with grants from the Daughters of Charity Mission and Ministry, Gannett Foundation and the Efroymson Fund of the Central Indiana Foundation.

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men."

- Luke 2:13

The New Hope artists are enjoying the opportunity for creative self-expression in their holiday card design. For the past three years, New Hope artists have created a design for the St. Vincent holiday card. A special thank you to **Tammy Davis, Dan DeVries, Marcy Joganic, Tiffanie Jenkins, Bill McCreary, Brad Mifflin, Beverly Rackley, Steve Reiff and Michael Spear** for sharing their talent for the 2004 card.

Fall Festival highlights



Kathy Koning (left) and John Richey enjoy the Fall Festival sponsored by Sagamore Health Network, Inc.



Eric Dorfmeier (center) helps the Sagamore Health Network volunteers with the balloons.

St. Vincent New Hope has a long history of hosting a Fall Festival for the individuals served by New Hope. Sagamore Health Network, Inc. hosts the party and provides the pizza, breadsticks, live music and decorations. The Sagamore Health Network volunteers make and plan the decorations for the party and look forward to this annual event. New Hope associates help with fun and creative costumes, arrange transportation and assist with set up and clean up. Thanks to Skills Trainer Tony Wilson and his band Weedz, for the rocking music. Thanks also to Domino's Pizza for their donation of pizza coupons for all of the costume winners. Special thanks to Sagamore Health Network for their sponsorship of this New Hope tradition and the wonderful volunteers who make it a special evening for all.

"It's Just a Disability"

By Marcia Carithers

I was born with cerebral palsy, but I can read.
I am in a wheelchair, but I can talk.
I can't stand, but I can sit and do embroidery.
I can't run, but I can do computer work.
I can't jog, but I can play the piano.
I can't skip, but I can paint a picture.
I can't dance, but I can sing.
Yes, I have a disability, but inside I am a person just like you.

Volunteering and Working are Fun!

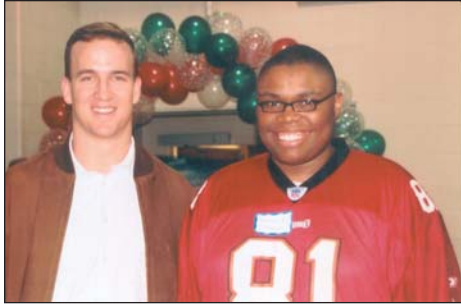
By Tammy Davis

I volunteer at St. Vincent and have many friends there. I help new patients get to their rooms and feel comfortable in a hospital environment. It can be very scary going to a hospital and I hope that I make someone feel less afraid.

My new job is working at ShowPlace Theater. I work there on Saturdays and am a greeter and take tickets. The perk of this job, is the free movies that I will be able to see. It is a nice to have both a paycheck and a job that I enjoy.

People

Peyton celebrates the holidays



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning celebrates the holidays with Terence Taylor at the Peystack Foundation's Christmas Party. *Photo credit: Karrie Taylor*

Congratulations, Kathy Ballard!

Kathy was recognized by St. Vincent Health for her many efforts to support children and families served by St. Vincent New Hope



Angie and Donna deck the halls



Angie Terhune (left) and Donna Mahan celebrated the spirit of the holidays by decorating the New Hope Christmas tree. *Photo credit: Kathe Rae*

Hospice honors JR

By Stacey Hissong



St. Vincent Hospice honored JR Eaton for his volunteer service.

St. Vincent Hospice honored **James "JR" Eaton** for his two years of volunteer service. JR was inspired to volunteer after his father passed away. JR's Community Support person from Noble, **Mike Honaker**, helped him set up this volunteer opportunity. JR goes to Hospice on Mondays and Fridays to deliver interoffice mail. He enjoys volunteering and will continue delivering the mail.



Thanks to all who attended our annual Thanks-for-Giving Soup Lunch. We raised \$150 for the Daughters of Charity Mission in Venezuela. *Photo by Kathe Rae*



Summit Academy volunteers bravely get ready for their TB test, which is a requirement for all volunteers at New Hope. Volunteers (l-r) Angela Benson, Daniel Sima, John Mark Olson, Brittany Justice, Sally Mindrebo and Ben Davidson (not pictured), have been enjoying their volunteer experience at Justin Group Home.

- Congratulations to **Paul and Geovia Balaba** on birth of twin sons, **Isaac and David**.
- Congratulations to **Dawn and Bill Cottrell** on birth of their son, **Liam Walker**.
- Congratulations to **Jason Dunderdale** on his marriage to **Dawn**.
- Congratulations to **Erron Fleshman**, SLP Team Leader, the Quarterly Leadership Award recipient for the first quarter.
- Congratulations to **Stacey Hissong** on promotion to group home manager for DeMarillac, DePaul, Justin, Rendu and Seton group homes.
- Congratulations to **Toni and Stan Ketner** on birth of granddaughter, **Eleanor Hartley Pratt** born on 12/15/04.
- Congratulations to **Garlando Lewis** on his marriage to **Camille**.
- Congratulations to **Anthony and Adrienne Rogers** on birth of son, **Andrew**.
- Welcome to **Terry Sims**, therapist for Family Preservation.
- Congratulations to **Mark Smith** for winning third place for decorating his apartment and receiving \$25 off his January rent. He was assisted by **Linda Griffith**, his skills trainer.
- Congratulations to **Clarissa Terrell** on birth of son, **Gavin Ramone**.
- Welcome to **Erika Wilcher**, Team Leader for Justin Group Home.

New Hope receives Efroymson Fund grant



St. Vincent New Hope has received a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Efroymson Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation for the art and writing program. This grant will provide six visual classes and two writing classes for 72 individuals served by New Hope. The **Artistic Expression**

program has completed the first semester of the sixth year and the funding from the Efroymson Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation has provided funding for the fall semester and will provide two more semesters of classes.

Watch for the St. Vincent New Hope art exhibit at the Indianapolis Art Center beginning July 28, 2006, to August 27, 2006, which will showcase the art and writing of New Hope artists.

The Rose Bowl Parade

By Marcia Carithers



I have never been to California to see the Rose Bowl Parade. I watch it on television. The first Tournament of Roses was staged in 1890 by members of Pasadena's Valley Hunt Club. The flowers were blooming and the oranges were almost ready. They wanted to hold a festival to tell the world about their paradise. The parade is still popular today. More than 2,000 people turned out on New Year's Day to watch a parade of flower-covered carriages. A few years later, they had marching bands and motorized floats. The abundance of flowers was the reason for the name "Tournament of Roses."

Laboure hosts a Fall Party



Taking a rest from the Laboure Group Home's Fall Party are (l-r) Tanya Flemming, Jessica Jurnakins and JoAnn Culter. *Photo credit: Kathe Rae*.



Laboure's Fall Party included hot chocolate, cider and desserts. The Lane family enjoyed time together at the festive evening. *Photo credit: Kathe Rae*

Jay's Pick of the Flicks

By Jay Bueth



The latest cinema attraction that appealed to me is called *Ray* (rated PG-13). Jamie Foxx should win an award for this performance. It is hard to believe that it is not Ray himself in this movie. It goes back to Ray Charles' life at age 7. It was at this time that he became blind shortly after witnessing his brother's death. He overcame poverty, blindness, drug addiction and racial discrimination to become one of our most beloved entertainers. He won the respect of all his fellow musicians and anyone who heard him perform. As a fellow musician, I admire his talent with the piano keyboard and give this movie a five star rating. Please go see it!

New Hope in the News

Becky Emerson, a New Hope youth mentor, was featured in a front page photo and an inside photo in the Jan. 25 Indianapolis Star. The story covered Hoosiers' concerns over cutbacks in Medicaid funding.

Your Voices



Diane Warlop (left) and Mary Van Winkle enjoy the annual Thanksgiving Dinner Party at the Louise Group Home. Photo credit: Kathe Rae



The annual Thanksgiving Dinner Family Celebration was held in Zionsville for the DeMarillac, Seton, Rendu and Rosalie group homes. Photo credit: Kathe Rae

Help New Hope sustain our mission

"It's people like Marcia who really make this job so incredibly rewarding. To know how far she has come in a relatively short amount of time is just amazing."

Bob Bill, executive director
Janus Developmental Center

Hope will help people like Marcia Carithers and others served by New Hope take writing classes at the Indianapolis Art Center through the Artistic Expression Program. Marcia is also a member of the Butler Speakers Lab and a member of the editorial board of Wings. For more information call 872-4210.

Your support of St. Vincent New

Help New Hope sustain our Mission

Many of the stories you read in *Wings of a Dove* would not be possible without the generous support of friends like you. Your gift to St. Vincent New Hope will allow us to continue our mission of caring for those we serve—body, mind and spirit.

Yes, I would like to help support the New Hope ministry.

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- Housing Assistance
- Community Access
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- Assistive Devices

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SILP Cook-Off records 9 winners

By Marilyn Walton

Once again Bob Jackson's SILP Cook-off was a big success. The delicious dishes were judged by **Karen Morgan, Celeste White, Joanna Bond, Toni Ketner and Karrie Taylor**. The nine winners received a gift certificate for a pizza (donated by Domino's Pizza). The winners were: **Barry Rodgers** for his Italian Medley, **Joe Quinn** for his Swedish fruit cake, **Kim Ratliff** for her Artichoke Dip, **Andrea Antonio** for her sweet potato casserole, **Mark Smith** for his Dirt Pudding, **Dan Kavanaugh** for his banana nut cake, **Michelle Turner** for her chocolate bars, **Bob Jackson** for his low-fat pumpkin muffins, and **Steven Weatherby** for his chocolate oatmeal cookies.



Bob Jackson gives all of the Cook-Off Participants a wave of gratitude.

Two Politicians

By John Lorton

After watching the presidential debates, I decided a fitting name for the debates is the "presidential accusations." It seemed to me that rather than showing their credentials and qualifications, the candidates chose to find fault with each other. I was hoping to hear about these great plans John Kerry had that he did not take the time to explain to the public. At least as far as I know and think all that Mr. Kerry is qualified to talk about is how to use marriage to benefit your career.

They can talk about how well the candidates stated their positions, but all I heard was a lot of talk without actually saying anything. I know everyone is free to disagree with me but ALL I HEARD WAS TWO POLITICIANS FINDING FAULT WITH EACH OTHER! By the time this issue of *Wings* is published, we will all know the outcome of the elections and I hope the best man won.

Seasons

By Amy Stant

All the leaves they come down
Down, down all over town
The leaves have left the trees
quiet and bare
Winter brings Christmas cheer
abound
Soon the spring will be around
Summer may bring cool breezes
and pleasant sounds

Our Life and Our End

By Robert Paro

Our life and our end
We choose and we find
Our life and our end

Life takes us many places
Life will choose our places
Our path, our life
Always our way? I think not
Live out the best of your life
However the Lord, our Father,
shall be in control

The Lord who is in control of
our life is
Also in charge of our end
Worry not, for the Lord shall give
us a good end in the afterlife
Thank you Jesus, for that we are
forever grateful.

Team Leader

By Jeanne Reyman

What does a Team Leader do all day?

We review the plans, work out the binds,
And on most days, we lose our minds.

We listen, and talk, and listen some more
We make out to do lists with items galore.

Agendas are made and meetings attended
Training conducted and hab goals amended.

Problems are solved and payroll is sent,
Spend downs are paid and so is the rent.

We balance the budgets and post all memos
And though quite reluctant, we even do demo's

We're crazy, quite silly and frankly berserk,

We start our sentences with "When can you work?"

Dear Rendu Staff,

I just want to thank you all for your help and for helping me with my goals. I know that sometimes I act like a fool but still...I DO like all of you. You will always be in my heart. God bless!
Robert Paro

How the holidays (eight days) inspire me. With each passing night, when I light and say the prayer over the candles, I can't help but "remember" those men and women many years ago praying and believing in their one God. It makes me feel awe-inspired to realize that with all the turmoil my people have been through, they and I still persist.

This by no means is meant to put a damper on however you wish to celebrate your holiday. Everybody has the right to believe as they see fit to believe. Throughout history, my ancestors were denied this altruistic right, making me all the more ready to give that right to others, even if I have a completely different point of view.

David Sklan