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St. Vincent Foundation Golf Tournament goes to Crooked Stick

By Dennis Coltart

Three weeks before the historic Solheim Cup women's golf event, another memorable golf outing took place at Crooked Stick Golf Club. The St. Vincent Foundation's inaugural golf tournament benefiting St. Vincent Children's Hospital and St. Vincent New Hope drew associates and many St. Vincent partners and vendors who sponsor and support the St. Vincent Health mission. Although the weather at times was questionable, the men and women who came to play the private course did so with that same spirit which St. Vincent has always demonstrated in its mission to help the sick and needy.

The golf tournament raised more than \$210,000 for the St. Vincent ministry, \$90,000 of which will support New Hope services to benefit children and families throughout Central Indiana.

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(l-r) WISH-TV Sports Anchor Anthony Calhoun, New Hope Executive Director Jim Van Dyke and St. Vincent Foundation Executive Director Sue Anne Gilroy display the \$90,000 check for New Hope, courtesy of the annual Golf Tournament.

Sister Sharon appointed to Provincial Council

By Susan Robinson



(l-r) Sister Sharon, Beverly Rackley and Jim Van Dyke display the ceramic angel that Beverly and her art instructor Joani Rothenberg made for Sister Sharon.

Sister Sharon Richardt, D.C., chief mission officer for St. Vincent Health and chairman of the St. Vincent New Hope Board, has been appointed to the Provincial Council of the Daughters of Charity of the East-Central Province. Sister Sharon now resides at Mater Dei, the Provincial House in Evansville, IN. During her 10 years at St. Vincent Hospital and St. Vincent Health, Sister Sharon provided constant support for our New Hope ministry. She had an abiding love and reverence for the individuals served by New Hope. She always expressed a great appreciation to staff for their dedication and reminded us that we are doing God's work each day. We were very blessed by the gifts of Sister Sharon's wisdom, compassion and deep faith.

In celebration of all that Sister Sharon has meant to New Hope, we had a farewell reception on Dec. 1. **Beverly Rackley** presented a gift that she had made in the New Hope art class at the Indianapolis Art Center. The New

Hope classes were sponsored for four years by a grant from the Daughters of Charity's Mission and Ministry, Inc., which led to community partnerships and subsequent grants from other foundations.

In Beverly's own words as she presented the gift of a ceramic angel plaque, "This plaque is from all of us at New Hope, for you to remember all of us when you are on the road wherever you may be going. I made her arms open so she can give you lots of love every time that you think of us. Thank you for the art classes. If it weren't for you, we would not have this lovely program to participate in. We thank you and will miss you very much. You have touched our hearts with your gift of art and love for all individuals through the years that you have been with us. God bless you."

As we bid our dear Sister Sharon farewell, we will keep her in our hearts and prayers. We will remain forever thankful for all that she has given 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 ...

<p>Service of the Poor Generosity of spirit for persons most in need</p>	<p>Wisdom Integrating excellence and stewardship</p>
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Looking Back on the Holidays



The St. Vincent New Hope Holiday Choir directed by Team Leader Paula Guynn, performed for associates at the annual New Hope Christmas Party. The choir's debut may lead to a New Hope tradition as there have been numerous requests for an encore in 2006.

The New Hope Thanksgiving Bake Sale raised \$351 to support families in Community Outreach.



Janet Lloyd fixes her plate at the DeMarillac Christmas Party.



Terri Hopson with Santa (a.k.a. Rich Spencer, skills trainer at Demarillac).

Pinky visits Naseau, Louise



"SBC has "adopted" the ladies who live at Naseau and Louise group homes. This is the 11th year that Bonita Krauth and "Pinky" (a.k.a. Lynne Willis) came and celebrated Christmas with the ladies. "They do fund raising events all year to be able to shower the women with merriment at Christmastime," said Team Leader Lucinda Peterson.

Beth Kuhns and Pinky (a.k.a. Lynne Willis) enjoyed the SBC Christmas Party.

Justin Christmas Party memories



Ronnie Loller (right) with his sister, Kari James and nephew, Eric.



Jackie Wilson (seated) and Sholanda Salter enjoyed the party.

Frederic Group Home Celebrates Christmas



Danny Baker (left) and his sister Carol Kruse (center) enjoy the food and music with Peggy Bland.



Shandi sings Christmas carols with Leslie Krom-Seldom accompanying her on the fiddle.

Bob Jackson's Holiday Cook Off

By Dan Kavanaugh and Marilyn Walton



"It takes everyone to make things happen," says Bob Jackson. (L-r) Bob Jackson, Jenny Holloway, Carrie Moore, Jim Van Dyke and Julia Kemp

The Fourth Annual Cook Off was a huge success! The number of food entries has doubled and the guest list has increased to 50 folks who enjoy eating the competitive entries. This event began with Bob wanting to cook and share food with friends. Bob has developed many new friends this way and exhibited his talents as a Master of Ceremonies and amateur chef. The Cook Off also gives his friends the opportunity to showcase their culinary talents. A cookbook with five years of entries will be printed next year and will be edited by Bob. It will also include winning recipes from this year such as: Italian Chicken, Spanish rice, Ethiopian bread and this year's favorite, pineapple surprise. Thanks to everyone who participated and also those who came and just enjoyed the good food at Bob's gathering.

Artistic Ability Program receives 2005-2006 Regional Arts Partner grant from Arts Council of Indianapolis



The Artistic Ability Program began in 1999 and has continued to provide a creative outlet for the individuals served by St. Vincent New Hope. The classes are designed for adults with developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries. New

Hope artists have enjoyed the art classes and also participating in an art exhibit at the Indianapolis Art Center at the end of each two-year class cycle. The 2005-2006 Regional Arts Partner grant will be used for spring art classes. This award is made possible through an allocation from the Indiana Arts Commission, The Indiana General Assembly, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Cineman: Jay's Pick of the Flicks

By Jay Buethe

"The Greatest Game Ever Played" is a good movie and it is nice to see a usual working class golfer become quite successful at the 1913 U.S. Open. Not long ago golf used to be a sport for the extremely rich. However, the sport has now opened up to almost all classes of society.

The winner of the U.S. Open in 1913 was a 20-year-old golfer from New York City. His playing in the event marked the turning point in the history of the sport. He was the son of a working-class family and his winning the U.S. Open was amazing!

The temperatures were warm that day and no one gave this boy a chance against well-known golfers of the day. The young man proved them wrong when he was declared the winner. The surprise winner of the greatest game ever played was Francis Ouimet. I recommend that you buy or rent this movie when it is available on DVD!



Volunteers in Action



Individuals at Rendu Group Home and Coldwell Banker Alliance Real Estate volunteers enjoyed celebrating Christmas with a tree trimming and a pizza party. Everyone had a great time! Photo credit: Kathe Rae



St. Vincent Health volunteers (l-r) Dawn Davidson, Judy Coleman, Stacy Schroeder, Joe Ford and Tom Kmetz volunteered at Parker 2 for the C.P.A. Society's Day of Service. The volunteers painted the inside of the garage, organized everything stored in the garage, and painted a bathroom. The guys who live at Parker 2 can now hang out in the garage for some fun. They also trimmed the trees, washed the windows, power washed the back patio and did some inside clean up. The men who live at Parker 2 are very grateful for all the hard work done by the volunteers.



(Front row, l-r) Beverly Rackley, Joy Martin and Bethany Skinner celebrate with the C.P.A. Society's Day of Service volunteers from St. Vincent: (back row, l-r) Zach Donahue, Ginger Morrison, Sarah Cole, Steve Reynolds and Amanda Leinhart. Everyone was pleased with the spruce-up efforts at Riley Road and Center Street. The volunteers cleaned the carpets, washed the windows and waxed the floors. Photo credit: Karin King

Remembering our Friends

Remembering Susan

By Eric Anderson



Volunteering at New Hope has become a sister's memorial (l-r) Susan Osborne and Kathy Briley.

In 1999, **Susan Osborne** became a New Hope volunteer. Susan was my reading tutor and she was also my friend. Susan was nice to everybody that lived in our home and we all loved her. One day Susan's sister, Kathy Briley, came over with her. I already knew Kathy as she had worked at New Hope of Indiana in 1986. I still remember the St. Patrick's Day that Susan, Kathy and I went to a Pacer game. We had a very good time.

Everything was not always fun for Susan and me. In April 2001, Susan was diagnosed with breast cancer. Even though Susan was sick, she still tutored me. There were times that Pat, Susan's husband, would take her to my house. Other times, Kathy would take her. When Susan became too ill to come over, we talked on the phone. One time while we talked on the phone, I asked her what I could do for her. Susan told me to pray for a cure for her. I prayed for Susan then and still do today.

In May, Susan was admitted to St. Vincent. She was supposed to have chemotherapy again and other treatments. Susan became very sick and went to heaven on July 7, 2005. Sometimes, I get lonely and miss her and call Pat to talk on the phone. As for Kathy, she became my tutor in August of this year. I feel Susan reintroduced me to Kathy in case something happened to her. She knew that I would still learn to read. My learning to read was real important to Susan and Kathy and I will continue the journey in her memory!

New Hope celebrates Hat Day



St. Vincent New Hope associates celebrated Hat Day in support of Susan Robinson.

"Thanks so very much for the wonderful "Hat Day." I was so surprised and deeply touched ... once I figured it out! You have been so good to me and I have just been so lifted up by your constant support. Being a member of our New Hope community has made this journey so much easier."

Love, Susan



Cheryl Brandt
March 5, 1950 – September 29, 2005

Remembering Cheryl

By Lucinda Peterson

Cheryl will be remembered for her passion and love for Jesus. She also loved her records, musicals (especially "The King and I") and her dolls. Cheryl always greeted those she met and knew by "Who are you?" and "What is your name?" She always teased me and called me Shirley Jones from "Carousel" or "Brucinda." She had a nickname for everyone close to her and it always was related to a musical or old television show. Her personality made her a joy to be around. Her friends and loved ones will always miss Cheryl but we are all fortunate to have known her.

Remembering Phyllis

By Susan Robinson

Our beloved colleague and friend, **Phyllis Payne**, died Sept. 17 after a brief illness. She began working at New Hope in 1979 in Behavioral Services and continued until her retirement in 1996. Even after retirement, she would often return to New Hope to fill in as receptionist and as a member of the New Hope Human Rights committee. Throughout the years, Phyllis was absolutely adored by the individuals we support and loved by friends and colleagues. She had an incredible wit and zany sense of humor; making us laugh everyday over something. She especially loved to tell jokes and often quoted her favorite comic character Maxine... in many ways she was Maxine! She loved to sing in an exuberant off-key voice that would send the individuals we serve into gales of laughter begging her to stop! She loved a good party and used any excuse for celebration with friends and colleagues.

Phyllis embraced all of New Hope in her heart and loved us all. She had an abiding compassion and generosity for those who suffer or experience hardship. She lifted us up with her great love of people, capacity to see the best in any situation, and quiet simple faith in God. We are thankful for having been touched in so many ways by Phyllis.

New Hope artists display their creativity



Brad Mifflin and John Leach celebrate Brad's very successful exhibit at New Hope. Brad was one of 14 artists of the month who have had exhibits at New Hope. Each artist is featured for six weeks. The artists featured for 2005 are Peggy Bland, Toni Carter, Bob Jackson, Brad Mifflin, Don Rice, Donna Richards, Susan Sheffler and Michelle Turner.

Don Rice (left), Laundra Andoh, and Toni Carter check out Don's glass blowing exhibit at New Hope.



People

Congratulations to **Tracy** and **Rich Brabec** on birth of their son, **Aaron Mitchell**.

Congratulations to **Javier** and **Priscilla Cortes** on birth of their son, **Jaiden Javier Cortes**.

Congratulations to **Donna Early** on promotion to lead skills trainer at Rosalie Group Home.

Congratulations to **Kelly Guidry**, new case manager for the Community Outreach Program.

Congratulations to **Sherita** and **Ché Gupton** on birth of their son, **Shaun Joel**.

Welcome to **Yvonne Hughes**, new case manager for Community Outreach.

Welcome to **Bruce Joray**, therapist for Community Outreach.

Congratulations to **Robbin Mason** on her promotion to team leader at Amherst, Oakview and Woodland.

Welcome to **Kelly Owens**, new group home office assistant.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Peters** on her promotion to SLP team leader for Brendon Park and Parker 2.

Welcome to **Amanda Richey**, new case manager for Community Outreach.

Welcome to **Janet Schadee**, R.N., nurse consultant for group homes.

Welcome to **Holly Slabaugh**, new team leader at Rendu Group Home.

Congratulations to **Debora Johnson Sloan** and husband, **Stephen Sloan** on birth of their granddaughter, **Nyema Elaine**.

Congratulations to **Desiree** and **Kendall Tilton** and big sister **Iris**, on the birth of their son and brother, **John Edward**.

Welcome to **Tina Weaver**, therapist for the Community Outreach Program.

All around the town

(Editor's Note – "All around the town" will appear in each issue of Wings of a Dove. It will feature suggestions from readers for free or low-cost activities around Indianapolis.)

Help New Hope sustain our Mission



Louise Group Home Associates and individuals served by New Hope sold baked goods at the Atlanta Earth Festival in September. Proceeds are used to help fund vacations, such as a recent trip to Indiana Beach.

Group Home Client Council Picnic



Team Leader Paula Guynn paints Brenda Lane's arm at the second annual Group Home Client Council Picnic. The Council also sponsored a Hygiene and Personal Items Drive with the donation going to local Domestic Abuse Shelters.

Fun at the Fall Festival

By Kathe Rae, director of Group Homes

A round of applause to all who helped with this year's Fall Festival. Sagamore Health Network sponsored the event again this year and the decorations by Sagamore volunteers were festive and fun.

We have a wonderful new location at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, which is much more convenient and accessible. Individuals served by New Hope and associates wore great costumes and danced to some favorite tunes. The pizza and other goodies were certainly enjoyed. All who attended really pitched in to make this party one of our best. Special thanks to sites and associates, who brought canned goods and other non-perishable items for our food drive. The food is going to Community Outreach for families we serve. Everyone's support and efforts to continue this New Hope tradition are greatly appreciated!

Associate Recognition Dinner



A good time was had by all who attended St. Vincent New Hope's First Annual Associate Recognition Dinner. Five, Ten, Fifteen, Twenty and Twenty-five year associates were recognized for their years of service and dedication to New Hope.



Henrietta Day (left?) and Tracy Etter enjoy the monthly New Hope Bingo game sponsored by the North Central Kiwanis Club. The club members have faithfully sponsored the monthly gatherings for the past twelve years. *Photo credit: Barb Miller*

Takura Nyamfukudza, New Hope skills trainer, rates the Dollar Movie Theatre at 10455 East Washington Street as an affordable way to see a movie.



Stacy Evans (left) and her mother **Linda Griffith**, skills trainer for the SILP Program, enjoyed the party.

Let's hear it for Patty!

By Jeanne Reyman



Look for Patty Henderson at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

Patty Henderson was honored last September for her first anniversary of volunteer service for The Children's Museum of Indianapolis. Patty loves working with the children and taking tokens for the carousel ride.



Peggy Sales received Outstanding Employment Performance recognition for her 10 years on the job at Walgreen Drug Store in Carmel. Way to go Peggy!



Stacy Evans (left) and Kim Boyer were caught on camera at the birthday party for Stacy, Kim, John Cagle and Kevin Cuevas. Cheryl Barnes was invited but was told she had to bring her dog, Missy. Photo credit: Cheryl Barnes

New Hope goes to Handicapable Camp



New Hope was well represented at Handicapable Camp (l-r): Cheryl Barnes, Cory Robertson, Stacy Evans, April Dixon, Robin Coffey, Cheryl Hazelwood, and Steve Murphy. Handicapable Camp is an all-volunteer run camp that is specifically for adults with disabilities. The camp focuses on what the campers can do and not their limitations. This was the 31st year of operation for the camp.

Happy Birthday, Carol!



Congratulations to Carol Hooker (right), who celebrated her 55th birthday with a party at her home. Lanita Middleton also came to the party.

Welcome back, Sister Francine!



St. Vincent New Hope welcomed back Sister Francine Brown, D.C., for a lunch in her honor. Jeff Yeiter (front), Dorothy Love, Kurt Shields, Sister Francine, Vern Root, Mary Wagner Shields, and Susan Robinson were on their way to the party. Also attending the luncheon for Sister Francine (not pictured): Rachael Masoso, Cindy Twigg, Angie Reed and Connie Miller.

"This little note brings tidings of my new mission and ministry. I have moved to Farmington Hills, MI (a suburb of Detroit), to live with our Sisters there and work in Southfield, MI, at International Project Services (IPS) with Sr. Felicia Mazzola. This service of the Daughters of Charity is to help Daughters of Charity Provinces in impoverished areas of the world by writing grant proposals to obtain needed financial support as well as assist these Provinces with other financial or material opportunities that may arise. The key to accomplishing this is collaboration with others. The IPS Office is the link between the Provinces and donors who wish to partner with us in serving those who are poor."

Sister Francine

Your voices

SILP Cluster Picnic

By Jeanette Driskell



Good food, good friends, good day! Jean Driskell (left), Gina Borneman (center), and Mary Walton enjoyed their picnic lunch.

Every year a picnic is held at Eagle Creek Park for Vicki Cole's team. It is really fun and I always look forward to it. Everyone brings a dish to share and we have fun eating and talking to one another. The weather was good this year and Eagle Creek is a beautiful place to spend some time.

SILP News

Appreciation Award to **Dan Kavanaugh** and **Mark Smith** for completing Sensitivity Training.

Congratulations to **Ron Hart-Hults** for getting his glider pilot's license.

First Place Award to **Robert Jackson** and **James Pinner** for the Road Rally Team.

Second Place Award to **Dan Kavanaugh** and **Marilyn Walton** for the Road Rally Team.

Words of wisdom for single parents

By Tim Ward, Group Home Team Leader

The scene of the world is ever changing. What was done yesterday is passé today. Tomorrow is not here yet, nor is it promised. So my advice to everyone is to make the best of what we have today. I realize that everyone has his/her own issues and particular ways of dealing with those concerns. But one thing we all have in common is our desire to find peaceful solutions and bring meaning to our lives. In the following paragraphs I will give some potentially helpful advice for single parents who could use some encouragement. I must also warn you that others who may read this article may find some great advice as well!

According to the Bible in Psalm 127:3, Children are said to be a blessing and a gift from the LORD. What a wonderful provision from our creator.

Nevertheless, when children are raised in a single-parent family, they are no less precious in God's eyes. I strongly believe that

every family wants to succeed and they can be certain that God is ready to support them.

Being a single parent myself, I have found it necessary to find ways to keep motivated and realize that I have an awesome responsibility as a parent that can and will have positive effects. In harmony with this thought I have six tips that can make turning the challenge of being a single parent into the opportunity to raise fine citizens for the future.

1. Sound home management- Successful single parents strive to be well organized and work hard to coordinate schedules. Proper planning and organization are essential. It also cuts down on the last-minute details that tend to slow you down later.

2. Commitment- Successful single parents make family life one of their first priorities. They focus on putting the needs of their children ahead of their own. It is worth the effort, trust me.



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Remember to Ask First!

Sherrri Snyder asking to Debra Dabney about wheelchair etiquette.

David Ludwigson trying to maneuver a wheelchair only using his hands.

We can all use lessons in sensitivity. That was Noble East Team Leader Sherrri Snyder's thinking when she started a series of sensitivity classes in October. The first class focused on being sensitive to the feelings and needs of people in wheelchairs. Sherrri led the class by asking consumers Debra Dabney, Randy Griffin and Tracy Miller several questions like, "How do you feel when someone leans on your tray?" and "How

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Save the Dates!

Holiday Party
Friday, December 16
6:30 pm
Crown Plaza, Downtown

Breakfast With Santa
Saturday, December 3
9:00 am
Noble East Gym

Details are coming!

Vickie Cole's "Oh My Gosh" Moments

When Community Guide Vickie Cole signed up to volunteer at Central State Hospital (a state, chronic mental institution) at the age of 14, little did she know how this opportunity would lead to a lifetime of "Oh my gosh" moments. (Central State Hospital closed in 1994.)

As a teenager, Vickie started journaling her daily experiences. Now, over 40 years later, Vickie has put all

Vickie Cole with her manuscript.

her journals into a manuscript that will be published. Vickie writes, "My recollections are a punctuation of those unforgettable lives

of people who exhibit a special kind of tenacious courage, joyful strength and bold laughter. Some stories are included not only to give the patient a voice, but also because their stories ground us to a day-to-day existence in reality that is not always pleasant."

She adds in her book, "The patients created a full life within their spirits even under conditions that usually inhibit

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31 Jobs in 31 Days!

During the month of October, which was National Disability Employment Month, Noble launched a 31 Jobs in 31 Days campaign to educate the business community on the benefits of hiring through Noble's employment services.

Campaign committee members, Sandy Clark, Rita Davis, Linda Hardin, Paul

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Vickie Cole, team leader for SILP, was profiled in Visions, a publication for the Staff of Noble of Indiana, November 2005 - Volume 6, Number 11.

At the age of 14, Vickie signed up to become a volunteer at Central State Hospital. She started journaling her daily experiences and now 40 years later, has put all her journals into a manuscript for publication. Vickie shares her Central State Hospital experience with staff at New Hope and Noble of Indiana. She loves sharing her knowledge about life in an institution and comparing it with today's community life. She adds in her book, "The patients created a full life within their spirits even under conditions that usually inhibit and they lived with style! They learned that having nothing to lose can truly be a freeing experience. Now, 10 years past closure, they are becoming our neighbors and friends. They are living, working and paying taxes in communities that open their worlds to infinite possibilities."

3. A balanced approach- Successful single parents neither minimize nor exaggerate problems; they seek solutions. They accept the difficulties and try to cope with them without self-pity or bitterness. It is important to keep in mind that they world owes you nothing, but you have the opportunity to do or get anything you want.

4. Good communication- Successful single parents foster communication. They encourage clear and open expression of thoughts and feelings in the family. Personally, I talk to my children while riding in the van, eating dinner and during play time. I allow them to lead discussions and encourage them to be expressive. I find this allows my girls to really confide in me.

5. Caring for oneself- Despite the demands on their time successful single parents recognize that caring for their own spiritual, emotional and physical needs is important. I have joined

a health club that watches my children for two hours per session, which allows me to play basketball, swim and walk the dreaded treadmill. I like to call this "Daddy Time."

6. A positive attitude- Successful single parents maintain a positive outlook toward parenting and life in general. They see positive aspects in stressful situations. I realized that even if my kids do not have the latest game or hottest fashion, they have tender loving care. "Keep it simple, stupid" can be applied to this philosophy. All that is required is that the successful parent concentrate on what he/she can do and not what is outside of his/her realm. I do not think of myself as perfect (far from it) but these are just a few of the tools that I am using that I find to be of great help.

Here is wishing you a happy single parent experience!

Kiwanis sponsors Group Home Picnic

By Amber Bohall



Thanks to the Northwest Kiwanis Club members for another great Group Home Cookout!

It seems like fall and the annual Northwest Kiwanis Club cookout go together. The food is a typical barbecue of hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad and ice cream. I really like having this event in the Shelter House at New Hope as we can be near the grills and the action. We really appreciate the Northwest Kiwanis Club's sponsorship as it gives us all an opportunity to share food, laughter and fellowship. The Kiwanis volunteers did a nice job of cooking and serving the food. I am already looking forward to next year's cookout.

Where do we stand now?

By Bob Jackson

Does everyone know where the beginning and the end really are? It takes some thinking, doesn't it? Does anyone care about how many ways there are to correct problems you may have? Just focus on your deficits and then concentrate on your main strengths. Keep moving forward and setting more challenging goals and it will be helpful to both you and your family. If at first you don't succeed, try again!

Sharing My Story

By Michael Spear



Michael Spear is a popular speaker with personal knowledge about traumatic brain injuries.

I have been sharing my story about traumatic brain injury with others. I enjoy telling people what happened to me so they will understand me better. Perhaps, telling my story will bring better understanding of all individuals who have traumatic brain injuries. Some of the places that I have shared my experience are: Martinsville First Baptist Church, Crawfordsville High School baseball team's tenth anniversary, Browns Valley Baptist Church, Crawfordsville Tuttle Middle School Fellowship of Christian Athletes; Brain Injury Support Group Meeting at RHI of Indiana; and orientation for new associates at St. Vincent New Hope. A Christian radio station in Crawfordsville, 93.9 WVRG radio, made a CD of my story that they will use. Traders Point Christian Church made a video of me that will be shown at a future service. It makes me feel good to know that I can educate others about traumatic brain injuries.

After all, it was His idea

By Barbara A. White

(Editor's Note: Barbara White received the Beverly Dyken Outstanding Service Award, which is given to an individual who demonstrates extraordinary dedication and the highest level of service to individuals served by St. Vincent New Hope. Barb has been a New Hope volunteer for 20 years.)

Recently I was honored to receive a service award for New Hope. I received the award at a nice ceremony, along with two dozen of the most beautiful roses I have ever seen. Then we enjoyed a delightful small luncheon.

On the way home I thought it was a shame to have those beautiful roses all to myself as I live alone. I was very familiar with a seniors' home nearby, so I stopped there. I told the lady at the desk about my roses and asked if she thought they might be used in any way for the residents. The lady was looking at me in a strange way so I stopped talking. I understood this look after what she told me.

She said there was a group of young girls who were preparing a luncheon for some residents. It was a project their club had chosen. The lady said she had told the girls where all the things were to set up the tables. She also told them where the vases were kept. They replied that they didn't get to bring any flowers because they were so expensive. So I left 18 of the roses with the girls. I came home and enjoyed my six beautiful roses for many days. I really felt good about what happened and hoped God did also. But I know he did....after all, it was His idea.

Follow your Dream

By Kim Potts

Follow your dream wherever it leads

Don't be distracted by less worthy needs

Shelter it, nourish it, and help it to grow

Let your heart hold it down deep where dreams go

Follow your dreams, pursue them with haste

Life is too precious too fleeting to waste

Be faithful; be loyal, then all your life through

The dream that you follow will keep coming true

Purple Spirit

By Kathe Rae

The White Elephant Auction was a huge success, with more than \$300 raised to support future Purple Spirit ("Purple People Eaters" as auctioneer George Feldman referred to them) activities. Thanks to all who donated items, purchased some bargains and to the Purple Spirit members who coordinated the lunch. Everyone also really enjoyed the food and the beautiful day. A special round of applause to George, whose auctioneering was fun, humorous and certainly helped to increase the funds raised. Part of the proceeds went to Katrina relief and an additional \$650 were raised to assist fellow Ascension Health associates affected by the hurricane.

Mission Team Spiritual Resource Library

By Donna Richards

The Mission Team for St. Vincent New Hope has put together a collection of spiritual resources for individuals served by New Hope and New Hope associates. The books, videos, DVDs and tapes are available at the New Hope Library. We have an honor system check out with card box on the library shelf. If you have any spiritual information that you would like to share with others, contact **Donna Richards** at 338-4507 or **Susan Robinson** at 338-4506.

My Greatest Advisor

By John Lorton

Ever since I was in high school I have enjoyed writing. I am aware that millions, if not billions of people can write. The secret is to have people want to read what you have written but I write mainly for myself. It gives me a feeling of power knowing that what I have written was actually my accomplishment. I am too vain to take the ideas of others and try to pass them off as my own. Even though I have been through tragedy, I have learned the greatest truth of all. Of all the things I have ever done and everything I have been through, I alone can claim ownership of my actions. Even though I decide what I do, I have the single greatest advisor there is and ever will be and that advisor is Jesus Christ, the One, the Only, the Almighty, the Ever-loving God.

Bearcreek Farms

By Marcia Carithers

Bearcreek Farms is a family owned and operated resort with dining, and shopping opportunities relatively a short drive from Indianapolis. Bearcreek Farms is celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. It was interesting to see a quilt up on a loom but I missed the woman who was working on it that morning. The dining room at the resort was nice and I enjoyed the food. Some of the restrooms were not accessible. I wrote them a letter and suggested putting hand rails in the restrooms for individuals in wheelchairs.