



"Far away in the sunshine are my highest aspirations. I may not reach them, but I can look up and see their beauty, believe in them, and try to follow where they lead."  
Louisa May Alcott

# Wings of a Dove

A P U B L I C A T I O N O F S T . V I N C E N T N E W H O P E

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## A Day with Friends of the Fox

By John Douramacos, New Hope skills trainer



David Sklan at the Indianapolis Speedway Museum. Photo credit: Rael Michira

This year's Indianapolis 500 had the ideal combination of beauty and speed for millions of world-wide fans. Individuals served by New Hope and staff had the unique privilege to meet and collect autographs from the drivers. This year, three women competed on equal terms with their male



Individuals served by New Hope gather round Indianapolis 500 driver Jimmy Kite. Photo caption: Bill Ray

counterparts. Sara Fisher and Milka Duno are superstar drivers and a picture of grace and humility. We witnessed this through their interactions with the fans from New Hope who were visiting Gasoline Alley. Special thanks to Friends of the Fox for sponsoring this outing. Many



Rob Miller and Heather Jones enjoy their visit to the track. Photo credit: Rael Michira

thanks also to Steak N Shake and to all others who made the track visit happen. It was indeed a day to remember. Mike has the joy of the moment on his face in the photo with Sarah Fisher and it reflects the mood of all of us who visited the track that day.

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## Foundation grant benefits New Hope

The St. Vincent Foundation presented a \$2,320 grant for St. Vincent New Hope that will fund movie tickets, swimming passes and Indianapolis Indians tickets. The grant was presented by the St. Vincent Foundation Grants & Education Committee. Sue Anne Gilroy and Dr. Maryland joined New Hope representatives who accepted the grant.

(L-R) Robert Robison MD, St. Vincent Foundation board member and grants and education committee chair; Rael Michira, SILP team leader; Sue Anne Gilroy, executive director St. Vincent Foundation; Mary Pomprowitz, coordinator, Volunteer Services; Amy Flint, director, Placement & Support Services; Donna Richards, Quality Assurance coordinator; Patricia A. Maryland, DrPh, president, St. Vincent Hospitals and Health Services; and Karrie Taylor, SILP team leader. Photo credit: Jon White



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

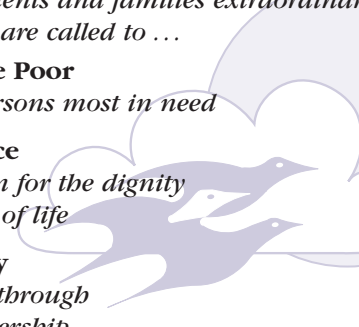
**Reverence**  
Respect and compassion for the dignity and diversity of life

**Integrity**  
Inspiring trust through personal leadership

**Wisdom**  
Integrating excellence and stewardship

**Creativity**  
Courageous innovation

**Dedication**  
Affirming the hope and joy of our ministry



## A Day with Friends of the Fox *(continued from page 1)*



Mike Van Lieu with Sarah Fisher. *Photo credit: Rael Michira*



Bill Ray presents race lover, Jerry DeBaun, with tickets to the race.



Milka Duno autographs Beatrice's hat while Bill Ray, Friends of the Fox photographer, gets ready to take their photo. *Photo credit: Rael Michira*



Indianapolis 500 spirit was on display at Rosalie Group Home. *Photo credit: Denise Schmidt*



Darren Golder poses with Indy car driver Sarah Fisher. *Photo credit: Rael Michira*

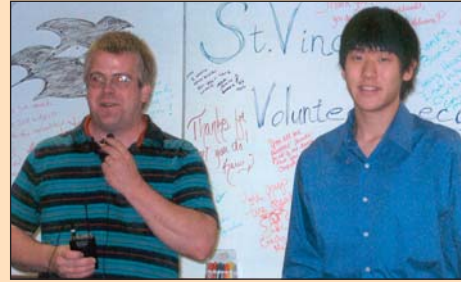
## New Hope Volunteers Reach Milestones



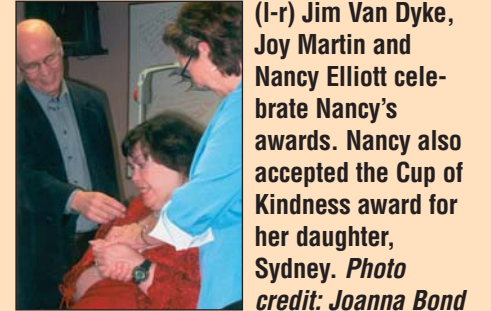
Congratulations to the Speakers Lab of Butler University on the Beverly Dyken Outstanding Service Award. (L-R) first row, Marcia Carithers, behind Marcia, Dr. William Neher, Krissy Wilkerson, Margaret Hermanek, Sean Brady, Alyson Harmon, Kevin McGinley, Paul Sandin, Director of the Speakers Lab, Julia Kemp, Herb Kemp, Beverly Dyken and Jim Van Dyke. *Photo credit: Joanna Bond*



Herb and Julia Kemp (left) honor their volunteer, Christine Gathers. *Photo credit: Joanna Bond*



John Leach (left) presents Kevin Kim with his awards. Kevin joins his brother, Peter as a recipient of the Cup of Kindness and Presidential Service awards. *Photo credit: Joanna Bond*



(l-r) Jim Van Dyke, Joy Martin and Nancy Elliott celebrate Nancy's awards. Nancy also accepted the Cup of Kindness award for her daughter, Sydney. *Photo credit: Joanna Bond*



Thanks to Indianapolis Baptist Temple van drivers who transport individuals served by New Hope to church on Sunday. (L-R) Jim Price with wife Kathy; Melvin Moore, Linda Moore, Doris Carter who accepted the award for her husband Clarence (Bud) Carter and her brother, Wayne DeVellen, James Pinner, New Hope transportation department, and Sam Wade, team leader for transportation. *Photo credit: Joanna Bond*



Amy Leland (left) and Tammy Davis celebrate their friendship and Amy's awards. *Photo credit: Joanna Bond*



Roseann Fogle (left) and Mary Albrecht receive Cup of Kindness and Presidential Service Awards from Lee Mehrlich. *Photo credit: Joanna Bond*



(L-R), Sarah Mooney, Joanne Rouse, Kathy Ballard, Kathleen Seegers and Maija Augenbergs were on hand to present the awards for Joanne and Kathleen. They were recognized for their volunteer work with the PEERS Group. *Photo credit: Joanna Bond*



Nancy Elliott (left) enjoys her Cup of Kindness Award with Beverly Rackley. *Photo credit: Joanna Bond*



Tom Franklin (left) presents the Cup of Kindness Award and Presidential Service Award to Larry Smith. Larry could not attend the New Hope ceremony so Tom created his own recognition event at Arni's Restaurant.

## The Old House on the Corner

By St. Vincent New Hope Writing Club members Marcia Carithers, Ron Hart-Hults, Julia and Herb Kemp, John Lorton, Cindy Sears and Brenda Simmons.

This old house has seen many changes through the years. It has seen the Civil War and all the events after. As we take pictures of the house it makes me think of the history of Mr. Bates and how President Lincoln stayed in his hotel. The house is good looking in the springtime. I wish I could go in and see the inside. I am thankful for this weather and how it makes me feel. I know the house has seen many springs. I hope it will see many more.

I wonder who lived in the house through these many years. I also wonder if the house is haunted. It makes me feel good to know the house is still lived in. A house should have a family to keep it company. Houses like people gain character with age. This house has a great history even if it was built by a man named Bates who owned a hotel or was that a motel?



This Old House. *Photo credit: Cindy Sears and Fran Neberieza*

# Remembering our Friends



## **Brown Grisby Jackson**

By Lisa Nuckles

Brown was the third son of Ernest Jackson Sr. and Sarah (Grisby) Jackson. He was born on April 16, 1934, and passed away on May 4, 2007. Brown was a farmer most of his life in Elkmont, AL. One of Brown's cousins remarked that for the longest time Brown did not speak. No one was sure if Brown kept up with the conversations. He just always seemed to set himself down somewhere and be quiet. His cousin will never

**Brown Jackson will be missed by everyone at DePaul Group Home. Photo credit: Gail Mehrlich**

forget the first time he heard Brown utter a small sentence. He heard his voice and looked over and Brown was talking to a pretty girl he had seen in church. When his cousin asked him why he never spoke at home around the family, Brown said, "You're not a pretty girl; I talk all the time to the girls!"

Everyone liked Brown. He often enjoyed sitting in with the crowd wherever they were. He enjoyed going to church, singing gospel songs, watching Gospel programs and having the Bible read to him. He enjoyed going to parties and helping others. He greeted everyone in the house with a smile and a wave of his hand. He will be missed for his thoughtfulness, good humor, laughter and gentle manners.

## **Kyle "Eric" Lett**

By Gail Mehrlich

Kyle "Eric" Lett went to be with God on May 17, 2007. He was a lovable guy who liked to sit in the sunshine. Everyone had to watch their coffee cups or they knew the coffee snatcher would be by to drink it. He loved to go to Speedway to get his cup of coffee. Staff took him every week to visit his mother, Bettie Lett.

Eric cherished his favorite green car. On the day he passed away, he visited the track with housemates and staff and enjoyed taking in all the sites. We will miss him very much!



**Eric will be missed by family, housemates and staff at DeMarillac Group Home.**



**Linda with her cat, Muffin.**

## **Linda Lou King**

**December 18, 1946 - May 10, 2007**

By Adriana Powell

Linda was born in Terre Haute and is survived by a twin sister, Sandra Hargis of Indianapolis, and three brothers, Ron King of Swannanoa, NC, Terry King

of Terre Haute and Randy King of Indianapolis. She adored all her nieces and nephews and was even excited to meet the great-nieces and nephews.

Linda King spent most of her St. Vincent New Hope years in the SILP Program. I had the opportunity to serve her for at least two of those years. Linda was always kind and willing to help. She loved her cats, Smokey and Muffin, and enjoyed attending the Indiana Ice hockey games at the Pepsi Coliseum. Linda's nurse, Peggy Tinney, remembers how much Linda thought of her family, housemates and staff. She left many friends at New Hope who will miss her dearly.

## **Greg Nevitt**

By Jennifer Peters

When someone suffers a traumatic brain injury in the prime of their youth, we may wonder what their quality of life will be. For Greg, it was a good smoke of a cigarette, a fast moving wheelchair, a Colts football game and a cold beer in his feeding tube. Greg had a wonderful sense of humor and loved a good joke. Most of all, he loved going to church on Sundays.

While Greg had many trips to the emergency room, I particularly remember when Greg had fallen transferring and needed stitches. Sitting by him and teasing him, I mentioned that maybe we should get him a helmet. Greg laughed and picked up his communication board. He told me that he had his helmet of salvation on every day. He faced adversity with a gentle smile and a wonderful faith. Greg will be sorely missed but never forgotten by all who knew him.



**Gregg Nevitt will be missed by family, friends housemates and staff at Parker 2.**

# Your Voices

## **Comedy Characters**

By Lawrence R. Smith

I have the honor of being Tom Franklin's friend. I met Tom as a New Hope volunteer reading tutor. Tom wanted to become a better reader and I wanted to find an excuse not to go to the gym. Over the years, Tom has taught me much more than I taught him.

While reading a science-fiction thriller one day, Tom mentioned he liked "comics." He said he was interested in working with comics. Silly me as I thought "comics" told jokes in clubs and appeared on Jay Leno or David Letterman. Other types of comics wore baggy pants and performed with circuses making children and adults laugh. Luck would have it that the annual Shrine Circus was coming to town. We waited and waited and planned our trip to see if Tom could become a comic. His tryout went very well. He was an instant success as you can see from the photo. We were

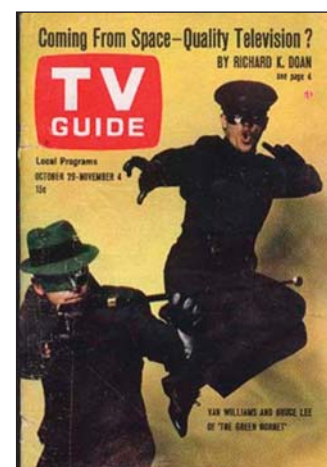
told he was a natural and didn't even need make-up.

Later Tom taught me about comics and introduced me to the fun of collecting serious animation art called cels. He took me to a



**Photo credit: Larry Smith**

comic collector's show. We visited a gallery with animation art of all the superhero action figures. We looked through hundreds of original classic comic books. Many were protected in museum quality frames. Tom was the hit of the show. He is a walking encyclopedia of comic book literature and action hero history. While talking to a collector from Ohio, he found a rare copy of a TV Guide with the classic Green Hornet television series on the cover, starring a young Bruce Lee as the leaping Kato. Next time you see Tom be on guard, he might jump out and give you a karate chop. Ahh haaa....



# People



Dana Zunk was recognized for 25 years of service by Goodwill Industries. Photo credit: Angie Ebert-Cole

## Jazz Kats Play and Record

By Jay Buethe

If you like Big Band music, you will find my story a flash from the past. In May, we performed at Robin Run for our Big Band Spring Concert. More than 200 people attended and we gave them a show.

The very next week, we took the same music to a recording studio and made a recording that will be "mastered" into a CD. The

money raised from sales of the CD will be used for the Alzheimer's Unit at Robin Run. If you are interested in purchasing one of the CDs, contact Ron Hart-Hults.

This marks the sixth year that I have played with the Robin Run Big Band and the second year Herb has assisted me. Music has always been my escape from the everyday and a big part of my life. Herb is also having fun with it! In our

opinion, if you do not find time for music then you must be dead. We are very much alive!



Herb Kemp (left) and Jay Buethe make music together. Photo credit: Ron Hart-Hults

Welcome to **Andrew Cornetta**, new team leader for SILP.

Congratulations to **Javier and Priscilla Cortes** and big brother, **Jaiden**, on birth of **Jarrett Elias**.

Congratulations to **Kathy Koning** on her promotion to manager of Behavior Services.

Congratulations to **Randa Montgomery** on birth of her son, **Caleb**.

Congratulations to **Susan Robinson** on birth of twin grandsons, **Henry and Fynn**.

Congratulations to **Nicole Redenour** on her promotion to team leader for Frederic Group Home.

Congratulations to **Rosalie Group Home** on your excellent S.D.O.H. Survey.

Congratulations to **Heather and Kyle Willman** on birth of their daughter, **Lily Noela**.



John Stant (front row), Mary Wagner-Shields, and Jim Van Dyke celebrate Michael Spear's (left) 28th birthday. Photo credit: Keith Abel

## Diversity Council

By Susan Robinson



Rael Michira at the group home quarterly.

The St. Vincent New Hope Diversity Council has been working on a new initiative of better understanding each other. In beginning this program, **Rael Michira** is giving a wonderful presentation about her home country Kenya in the summer quarterlies. In each quarterly, Rael has inspired informal sharing by associates from different countries. Our hope is to create several presentations from various countries throughout the year. As we better understand each other, we can better unify our efforts to provide great services. We will also see that we are not as different as we thought. If you would like to be a part of the diversity council or present information in the future, contact **Susan Robinson** at 338-4506.

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## Editorial Board of *Wings of a Dove*

By David Sklan



Editorial Board members (L-R first row), John Lorton, Jay Buethe, David Sklan, Marcia Carithers (second row) Herb Kemp, Jon White, and Julia Kemp. Bob Jackson is also a member of the board.

Just what is an Editorial Board and what do they do? The Editorial Board members meet quarterly with Jon White, Marketing and Communications, to discuss the upcoming issue of *Wings of a Dove*. We decide where the articles will go in relation to other stories. The importance of each article is measured against the content of other stories. We invite spotlight or guest Editorial Board members to come each quarter and share their opinions with us. If you would like to be a guest member, contact either me or Mary Pomprowitz. We will make sure that you are invited to one of our quarterly meetings. I want to thank Jon White for his ongoing help in making our newsletter better and better each issue! Send your comments, suggestions, photos, and news for the New Hope quarterly newsletter to *Wings of a Dove* at *St. Vincent New Hope*.

## My story about Lisa Davis

By Linda Palmer

(Editor's Note: A similar article was submitted by Marcia Carithers that acknowledged the good job that Lisa does as a skills trainer and congratulates her on her new position as team leader).

Lisa had left St. Vincent New Hope. She went to Kentucky to work with children with mild disabilities. Lisa returned from Kentucky and decided to stay home for a while before returning to work. She then came back to New Hope and also worked as a waitress part time. Lisa worked at Ansar with all four of us who love her dearly. She is a hard worker and a good worker. She not only works but also goes to school at IUPUI. Lisa is getting her master's degree in counseling. With all of her skills and her kindness she will do well. Lisa was recently promoted to team leader. I am proud of Lisa and love her beautiful smile!



Linda Palmer (left) and Lisa Davis.



Gail Lanham (seated), who lives at Rosalie Group Home, has taken one ceramic course and two painting classes at the Indianapolis Art Center. She loves painting and has become very good at it. Gail had a one-woman show at New Hope from May 8 to June 8. Gail, shown with team leader Denise Schmidt, had a small reception for the opening of her show.

Keith Abel (center) celebrates his birthday with (L-r) Rusty Gasper, Katrice Abel (his sister), Marcus Guyse (job coach in back), Keith, Kindra Peeler, Ruben McKenzie, Chelsea Abel, and Kilik White. Photo credit: Mary Wagner-Shields



Lisa Thacker and other Noble participants recently enjoyed the VIP treatment at the Flower and Patio Show last March. Lisa's artwork was on display for the event. Photo credit: Jeanne Reyman