



Wings of a Dove

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Happy 30th Anniversary, New Hope!

By Executive Director James C. Van Dyke

St.Vincent New Hope turns 30 this year. We're short of middle age but no longer an adolescent. As New Hope has matured, we've gone through some remarkable changes. For many years our services have been provided in the large facility on Payne Road. At its peak, more than 200 people lived in the building. In the late '80s, after years of financial struggles, we became an affiliate of St.Vincent Hospital and the Daughters of Charity. This provided some improvement to our financials with a strong management team, but the real strength provided by the hospital was in its sense of mission and the commitment to services for people with developmental disabilities. We now had some security.

Around this time, we opened several group homes and so began our future in providing community-based services. We also acquired several more group homes from another provider in the early '90s. About this time, our philosophy of care evolved to the point that we realized that community-based services

were preferred by most of our consumers and were a more inclusive, humane model of service provision for most individuals. We petitioned the state to close the Payne Road facility by moving individuals into homes purchased with the help of a \$3.4 million grant from the Daughters of Charity. In 1996, the last individuals moved out of Payne Road.

As we entered a new century, our services continued to expand. We opened a youth program that serves children still living in the family home, providing much needed support for moms and dads. We also expanded our adult services to include individuals who needed less than 24-hour care.

Several years later we made our most radical departure from our service roots as we received a grant from Marion County to provide counseling and support to children and families in which the child had been abused or neglected. The program quickly grew to serve more than 200 families annually.

Now it's 2008 and we've come full circle as

we are once again providing services at the Payne Road facility in our new Day Services Program. However, instead of living there, individuals come from around Indianapolis for a meaningful day of activities based on their interests and abilities. Once the day is ended, they return to their homes.

St.Vincent New Hope has had a 30-year commitment to serving individuals with developmental disabilities. We are now branching out to serve other groups in need of services, but individuals with DD will always hold a central place in our commitment to serve. We want to thank everyone who has had a hand in lifting up this mission throughout our long history. We owe special thanks to the Daughters of Charity who have given us uncompromising support over the years. And we look forward to another 30 years and more of services to people in need. Our future of service is bright indeed as we remember the words of St. Vincent De Paul, "Let our hands and our voices be the agents of our hearts."



▲ Steve Cook (left), vice president AWS; Jim Van Dyke (center) and Jim Hammond, executive director of INARF, celebrate Jim's Special Leadership Award presented to him at the INARF Conference. Jim, long-time chair of the Community Supports Section, was recognized for his many years of service to the INARF Association.
Photo credit: *Kathe Rae*



▲ Teresa Moulton enjoys the Providence Group Home Blessing with her sister, Julia Baumgart and mother, Mary Moulton on May 12. Photo credit: *Kathe Rae*



▲ Danny Baker with catechist Carol Struewing loved the SPRED Dinner Dance.



▲ Retiring board members Roger Brunkow, Carmen Hansen-Rivera, and Steve Thomas were honored by the St.Vincent New Hope Board for their dedicated service. Roger accepts a thank you gift from Jim Van Dyke. (not pictured) Carmen Hansen-Rivera and Steve Thomas. Photo credit: *Toni Ketner*



◀ Jay Martin and his mother Sue Phillips celebrate his new home on Gifford Place at the Blessing Ceremony. The house was purchased and renovated by the Crooked Creek Northwest Community Development Corporation in partnership with St.Vincent and other organizations.

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

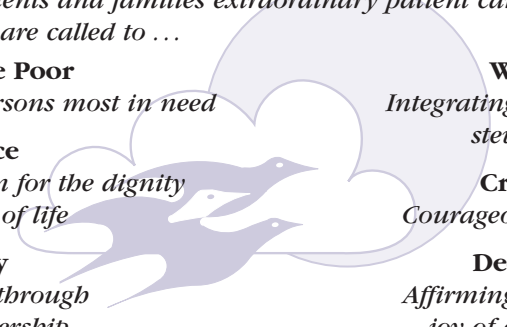
Reverence
Respect and compassion for the dignity and diversity of life

Integrity
Inspiring trust through personal leadership

Wisdom
Integrating excellence and stewardship

Creativity
Courageous innovation

Dedication
Affirming the hope and joy of our ministry



Our Tribute

Susan Robinson, retiring manager of Staff Development, started at New Hope of Indiana in 1978 as a behavior clinician intern while working on her master's degree. She liked it so much she came to work and stayed 30 years. She held many job titles throughout her years at New Hope. The job titles were: behavior intern, behavior clinician, core team leader, director of Developmental Services, director of Rehabilitation Counseling Services, manager of Pre-vocational Division and director of Behavior Services.

Dear Susan,

What can we say about you who are such a "faithful servant" of God's special children - people of all ages who were born or became more dependent on the love and care of others during life's journey. You have and always will look into each one's eyes and see the Face of God - knowing that each one was born in the image and likeness of God - and loving each one as you love God.

We, the Daughters of Charity - your Sisters in ministry and in your personal life—rejoice that Divine Providence brought you to us to share in our Indianapolis ministry as part of St. Vincent and New Hope, and to become a special member of our Community as one of our Affiliates. Using the words of St. Vincent to Sister Jeanne so many years ago, we can easily repeat these words - "You are a humble daughter of Charity; always smiling and always good natured." That is who you have been and are in our eyes and, more importantly, in the eyes of those you have served. You are the personification of more words given to us by St. Vincent who told us, "After the love of God comes the love of the neighbor - I speak of that love which consoles, which is tender-hearted and courteous toward everyone for the love of God." These words, our dear friend, are perfect in describing who you are and what you have done and will always do in service of others.

So as you move into new experiences of service to your family - especially your precious grandchildren - your friends, and all who meet you along your path, we say Thank You and We Love You. May the days ahead be filled with as much joy for you as the joy you bring to others.

With love,
Your Sisters at St. Vincent



Members of Community Outreach Department send out a long thank you to Susan Robinson for her loving support of their work.

Photo credit: Kathe Rae



Sister Cathy Kelly, D.C., and Susan enjoy a moment at the New Hope tribute to the Daughters of Charity 125th Anniversary.

A Tribute to Susan Robinson



I have so many memories of Susan Robinson. The first time I met her was at New Hope with Sr. Mary Elizabeth Cullen before I was assigned to St. Vincent Health. New Hope had been newly initiated into the St. Vincent

Family and I admired how Susan worked diligently with Sr. Mary Elizabeth to make sure that the "specialness" of New Hope was not lost within the larger organization. Through the years, Susan has been one of New Hope's biggest advocates in every area.

As I was assigned to St. Vincent in 1995, Susan became an integral part of Mission Integration. She was one of the pioneers in

the Epiphany Certification Course in 1996 and thereafter continued to support successive classes by inviting them to her home for a social evening. She became a true friend of Fr. Adrian van Kaam and Dr. Susan Muto of the Epiphany Academy in Pittsburgh, PA.

Susan is ever the generous, loving and supportive friend to the Daughters of Charity. Because of her generosity and her outstanding ministry to others, she was named as an Affiliate of the Community. She has become the favorite of many and especially the retired sisters at Seton Residence in Evansville.

One of the memories that I personally will always cherish is the trip to Ireland with Susan. As I was asked to provide consultation to the Ministry to Persons with Disabilities in Ireland, I requested that I bring someone who was a specialist in

working with staff in this ministry. Susan Robinson graciously agreed. Our trip was a life-changing event for both of us. I was awed by Susan's ability to facilitate the various groups of staff in this ministry in Dublin and in Limerick, and how everyone gravitated to her warm presence. The Daughters of Charity would affectionately address her as "Sister" Susan. Truly Susan Robinson is a sister to the residents, the staff, and to so many of us.

You are very much loved and cherished, Susan. Thank you for all of your years of tireless and loving service at New Hope, at St. Vincent and at Seton Cove.

Sincerely and Affectionately,
Sr. Sharon Richardt, D.C., Councillor
Mater Dei Provincialate, Evansville, Indiana

to Susan



Susan and Sister Francine, D.C. at New Hope.

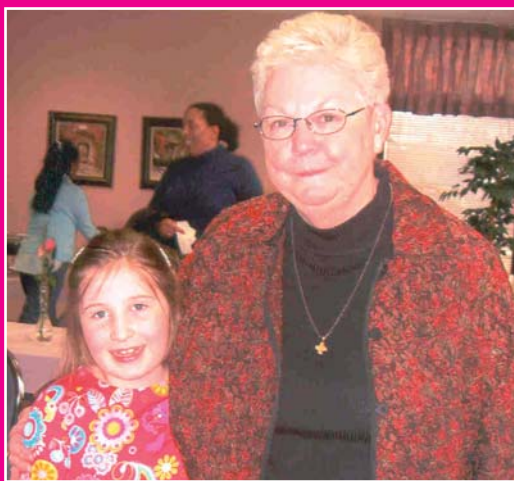
Susan has definitely left a significant mark of love and caring on all of us. She has watched New Hope grow from New Hope of Indiana, Inc. to St. Vincent New Hope and everything in between. She has also watched many of us grow from being new, entry level associates to seasoned and, hopefully, mature members of a caring environment called New Hope. She has held many official titles within the organization and probably has a train of ID badges to prove it! But there are many unofficial, yet just as important, titles/descriptors that she has held over the years for many of us... leader, mentor, guide, spiritual guide, guardian angel, pray-er, friend, party-planner and provider, listening ear, a sunny smile on a cloudy day, wisdom figure, how to face cancer with a positive, can overcome attitude, and a friend beyond compare.

Susan has retired her last ID badge but still continues with her many unofficial titles/descriptors. Now she will have the time to enhance and expand new ones to her vast repertoire... great Mom, fantastic friend, wonderful Gram, and being there when and where she's needed most!!

Susan, thank you for your many years of caring for so many! We look forward to your continued supportive prayers for we know New Hope, New Hope families, clients and associates have carved a special place in your heart.

Sr. Francine Brown, D.C.

Gracie has special words for her grandmother, Susan.



Dear Grammy,

It will be sad to leave your really good friends at New Hope. You will see me more often now so I am really, really happy!

Love,
Gracie

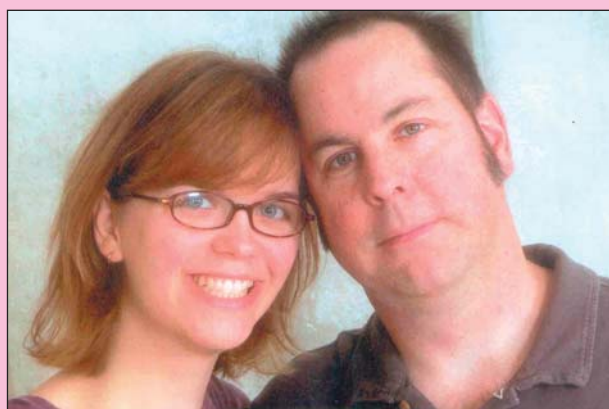


Susan's Legacy

By Jim Robinson

Today marks the end of Susan Robinson's "official" career in the field of disabilities. It's "official" only in quotes. We all know she will end up doing as much work as she can at New Hope or elsewhere; partly because she likes to be busy, but mostly because she believes in a simple yet compelling truth: All people no matter their color, religion, gender, and of course, their capabilities, deserve access to a world in which they are treated with dignity. It's important, and it's been important to all of us. But she has earned her rest, and her grandkids have earned time with her. My main reason to stand here today, though, is to represent how her work and the truth it embodies will live on. I am involved in the education of people with disabilities, and I married a woman who does an even better job in this same field. So we will carry on the fight. But it is important to note that it was my mother who helped put me where I am, and not just in the typical motherly ways, although she did those just fine too.

We have to go back about 25 years. I was 12 or 13 and she took me to work with her. I never had thought much about her work. I



Susan's son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Jennifer Robinson

knew these folks at her job were different, and that was DEFINITELY OK - we had been raised to celebrate differences. But I never spent much time thinking about these people for whom she cared so much. But this was one time: I sat down with a man in his early 20s - I don't remember his name - who had been in a car accident, suffering a traumatic brain injury. We played chess and he beat the pants off me several times. That, of course, was and is no great feat, as I am a terrible chess player. But this young man struggled to talk. In 20-30

minutes we were together, he probably managed to produce five words. I could look in his eyes and see the search for language. He *knew* what he wanted to say and had the words in his mind but the mechanics failed him every time. He was frustrated but still determined to work it out. Later my mom told me that he had been his high school valedictorian before his accident and that it seemed he had lost his ability to communicate. His mind was sharp as ever. I struggled with the idea that someone would be trapped like that and said how sorry I felt for him. My mom stopped me and explained that sympathy was not as important as doing something about it. "We don't pity the people we work with; we find ways to help them live better lives." That is really it, isn't it? It goes back to dignity - something that Susan Robinson has been helping people achieve for over three decades. It is my honor to try in my own small way to carry that torch forward. So, as we celebrate her retirement today, let us do so by remembering that her work still goes on.

Thoughts about Susan:

You are truly the "Spirit of New Hope." May God bless you and bring you much happiness, good health and many wonderful memories.

Susan, I remember my interview for the executive director position when you grilled me extensively on what I would bring to the Mission. Walking out of the meeting, I thought, wow, what a tough person to please. Soon enough I realized it did not take much to please you. I just needed to demonstrate some of your compassion for the inherent dignity of all people and your sense that we had to strive always for justice for the individuals we are called to serve. Thanks for the education.
Jim Van Dyke

What can I possibly say after all these years? I was a young and impressionable woman when I started 23 years ago. You have been a role model, educator, sounding board and spiritual leader. You have been a great friend too. I will miss not seeing you every day. I do know how to contact you, though! Enjoy retirement and Lucy.
Amy Flint

Just think, all the time in the world to spend with those wonderful grandchildren. P.S. Remember those wonderful Steak & Shake milkshakes.
Toni Ketner

I vividly recall my first week at New Hope and the first lesson you taught me. I have learned many valued lessons from you since that time. Thank you for being my mentor and my support.
Mary Wagner-Shields

I would never have imagined what these past years would mean to me when I came to Staff Development. It seems like a short time ago, but here we are, embarking in new adventures in our lives. Our seemingly effortless camaraderie will always be a cherished memory.
Leah Steere

I cherish our friendship and so appreciate your support and guidance. I have learned so much from you and truly feel honored to be taking on the role you have lovingly crafted. We are so happy you will still be able to help with retreats. Enjoy your precious time with those grandkids!
Kathe Rae

A huge thank you for my life at SVNH. My hope for you is a life filled with love, good health, and happiness. Perhaps an end to your good work here will reveal God's plan for your next mission.
Celeste White

To Susan, who has had such an influence on my life as a teacher, mentor, source of support and wisdom, and as a friend. I really cannot imagine New Hope without you.
Lynn Feldman

I remember Susan as Dana's advocate. She was instrumental in Dana becoming the woman she is today. Susan truly demonstrates our philosophy and core values.
Donna Richards

I will miss you. Come and see me in my new home in Ohio. I love you.
Dave Rump

Thank you, for all the years of kindness, understanding, friendship and prayers that we shared. We truly love you and have benefited greatly just knowing you. We hope you will continue to visit for dinner with Kathe.
Vi Reynolds and staff and individuals at Louise Group Home

Susan, you are a great role model, mentor and inspiration and all around swell person.
Gail Martin

You are a New Hope treasure and I wish you peace and joy in your retirement.
Mary Pomprowitz

Thank you for always being available. You have a kind, warm, spiritual heart. I feel special in your presence. You will be thought of often and greatly missed by me and others.
Julie Burrows

Many faces have come and gone. To me, you have always been the face that has best represented what New Hope is about. You have impacted many and should be leaving with a smile on your face. I know from RT we always felt your support.
Nancy Stamm

Since joining New Hope, I have come to share your passion for the ministry and the people we serve. Although you will be missed, I am convinced you will be busier than ever with your kids, grandkids and volunteer efforts.
Laura Tomlin

You have been such a wonderful inspiration to me on my new journey at New Hope. I will truly miss your smiling face. Thank you so much for all of your words of encouragement.
Nicole Ridenour

I love you! You have been a very good friend to me over the years.
Lisa Clyngenpeel

Congratulations on your retirement. I hope it is a very long and happy one. We will miss you around here.
Judy Duncan



Friends always, D

*My very dear New Hope,
I thank each of you
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seeing you
With love and
Susan*

**On Susan's last day,
the top 10 reasons
"Spirit of New Hope"**

By Kathe

10. Has made sure we have had plenty of time for retreats
9. Has always been the voice of reason
8. Has been our spiritual guide
7. Has "adopted" an individual into her family and brought her to Graceland for this person's 40th birthday
6. Has taken our training to new heights and encouraged more learning
5. Has been a safe haven for the weary
4. Has mentored, nurtured and lifted up others
3. Has strived to enrich the lives of others
2. Has committed to the SPRED (Specialized Pastoral Retreat) for eight years, a program cherished by many who have been involved
1. Has made sure the mission that is New Hope is always to be in our hearts!

God Bless you

e to Susan



Dana and Susan

Susan is the most wonderful person at St. Vincent New Hope and she will be missed by all of us who love her. I would like to tell her that she has been a wonderful, caring, and understanding friend throughout my years at New Hope.

Dana Zunk

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John Lorton (center) with Kathie Rae (left) and Susan, thanks Susan for her dedication to the SPRED Program.



Curt Shields, Bob Cannon, Mary Wagner-Shields and Susan smile remembering the "old days."



Sister Mary Satala, D.C. (left) and Susan sharing a special moment at Susan's house.



(l-r) Marilynn Marshall, Susan, Dave Rump, Laura House, Peggy Tinney and Gloria Gordon enjoy the party. Photo credit: Curt Shields



Susan's daughter, grandson and granddaughter, (l-r) Henry, Melissa and Grace. Photo credit: Curt Shields



Sylvie, Susan's granddaughter, and Becky Nash at the party. Photo credit: Kathie Rae



Susan has worked under three executive directors during her years at New Hope. All three were on hand to celebrate her service to New Hope (l-r) Jim Van Dyke, Steve Cook and Bob Cannon. Photo credit: Curt Shields

People

Welcome **Maureen Broaddus**, new mentor for Day Services.

Welcome **Chantlé Cooke-Brown**, team leader for SLP Cluster I.

Welcome to **Lisa Davis**, team leader for Family Community Services Program, Community Outreach Department.

Welcome to new Team Leader **Sara Davis**, for Family Community Services Program, Community Outreach Department.

Welcome to **Alexandra Del Biondo**, case manager for Home-based Counseling Program, Community Outreach Department.

Welcome **Amanda Esbaum**, new team leader for SLP Cluster II.

Congratulations to **Maija Augenbergs (Fenwick)** and **Ronnie Fenwick** on birth of their son Griffin Wesley Fenwick.

Welcome to **Lesley Gillum**, behavior consultant.

Welcome **Lone Guy**, new mentor for Day Services.

Welcome back to group homes **Paula Guynn**, team leader for Laboure.

Welcome to new nurse, **Aretha Jethroe**, LPN.

Welcome to **Karen Kidd**, office assistant for Day Services Program, Community Outreach Department.

Welcome to **Gary Larreategui**, Behavior Consultant.

Welcome **Jamie Odom**, Home-based Counseling Program, Community Outreach Department.

Welcome to **Alison Phillips**, therapist in Home-based Counseling Program, Community Outreach Department.

Congratulations to **Angie Reed** on her new position of Human Resources Coordinator.

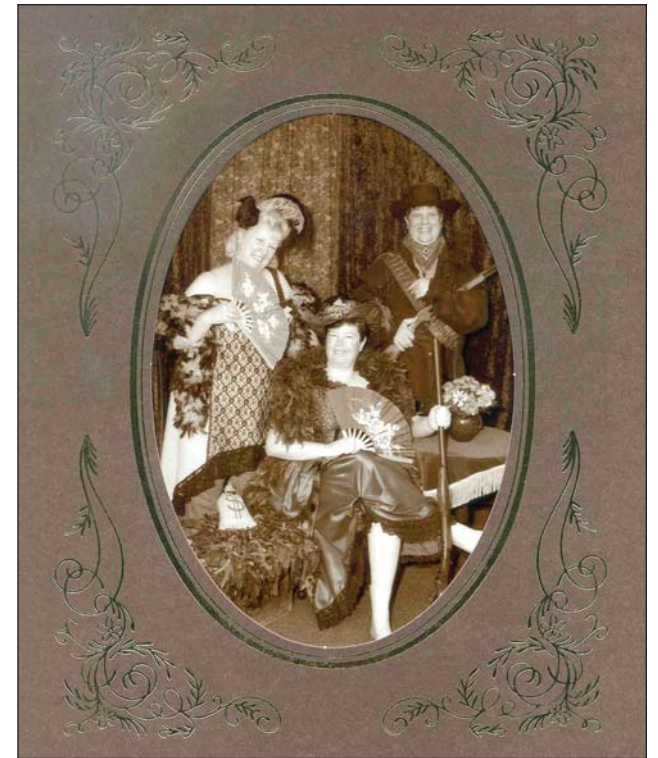
Welcome to new SILP Team Leader, **Christa Robinson**.

Welcome to **Shannon Rude**, case manager for Home-based Counseling Program, Community Outreach Department.

Welcome to **Tanya Willis-Robinson**, team leader for SLP Cluster II.

Welcome to **Karen Schmigel**, therapist, Home-based Counseling Program, Community Outreach Department.

Welcome to **Sarah Witchie**, office professional for Community Outreach.



Can you identify these old timers? Just in case you cannot, they are Cheryl Barnes, Phyllis Teusch and Dave Rump.

Your Voices

Beef & Boards

By Kevin Cuevas

I would like to thank Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre for a great time at the matinee for "West Side Story." There was a big crowd from New Hope there and everyone was treated very well. From the minute we entered until the time we left, we had wonderful food, service and entertainment. I would recommend this theatre experience to anyone who has not yet attended one of their performances. A big thank you to Shelly Bruns, marketing director for Beef & Boards, and the entire staff for hosting us!

Trip to the Indianapolis Library

By J.R. Eaton

Editorial Note – Statement by Andrew Cornetta, manager of Day Services Program. The Day Program's ambition is to engage Indianapolis as a community. We intend to frequent Central Library to enjoy its resources for discussion and learning. This first trip was just a visit to get acquainted with the library. In the future, we will be forming a literary group to discuss books and short stories.

We headed downtown in a van. There were only a few of us and Andrew was good company. The library is very modern. It was easy to get into and move around in. The library has a group of computers and Andrew helped me check my e-mail. There are plenty of books and CDs/DVDs/audio books to check out. We had a good time.

Fundraising Effort

By Stacey Hissong, Group Home Council



Tommy Blankman and Ashley Bragdon had fun selling baked goods. Photo credit: Gail Mehrlich

Thank you to all who supported and contributed to the Group Home Council bake sale. Each of the Group Home Council members, skills trainers and team leaders contributed some bake sale items to be sold. Group Home Council made \$110, which was contributed to the American Cancer Society in the name of all the staff past and present who have been or are survivors of some type of cancer. Thomas Blankman from DePaul Group Home helped with both the bake sale and collecting money at the fundraiser. A special thanks to **Tommy and Ashley Bragdon**, our volunteers, who also helped.

My Track Experience

By Jason Chang and Lisa Davis



Jason and Lisa enjoyed the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum.

This is my first year going with "Friends of the Fox" to the track. I saw race car drivers, got their autographs on a hat and saw my friend BJ. Bill Ray, Friends of the Fox photographer, let a couple of us go to the Menards suite to pick up Pit Passes and we spent the rest of the day in the pits while the drivers were qualifying. I went to the track a total of three times this year. I got two T-shirts, two hats, a blue bracelet, and got a police escort to the parade. I had a lot of fun and can't wait to go back again next year.

A Salute to Our Volunteers

By Mary Pomprowitz

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

St. Vincent New Hope appreciates all of our volunteers who spend their time making a difference in the lives of those we serve! This year St. Vincent New Hope hosted a small ceremony to recognize the volunteers who have reached a milestone in their service. The highest award

that a volunteer or organization can receive is the Beverly Dyken Outstanding Service Award. This year, Beverly Dyken and Jim Van Dyke presented the award to Summit Academy for Friday Community Outreach. The students from Summit Academy have been volunteering at New Hope for

the past four years. It has been an amazing partnership and everyone has had fun providing meaningful activities for group homes and supported living, especially the guys at Amherst.

The President's Volunteer Service Awards and Cup of Kindness Awards were presented to **Ashley Bragdon,**

Claire Chappell, Lora Harvey, Chris Jones, Mike Maquire and Michael Simmons. Each of these individuals has made a significant difference in the lives of the people we serve.

Congratulations to all the volunteers who serve New Hope so well!



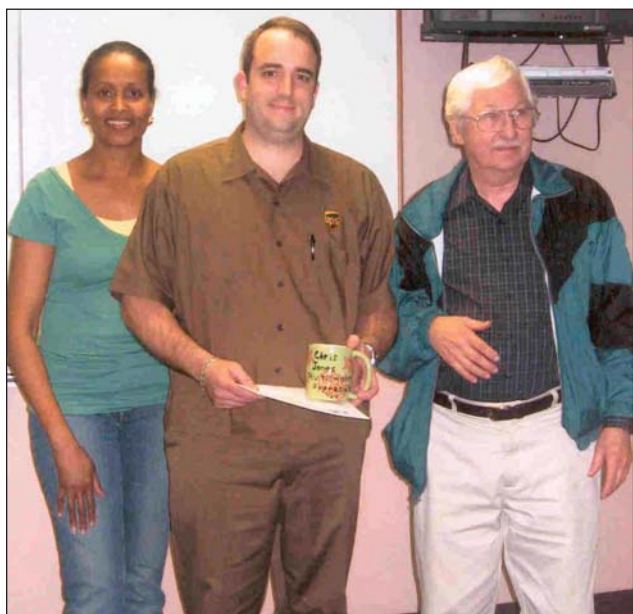
Thom Green presented Lora Harvey her awards on one of their many outings which included the recognition ceremony. *Photo credit: Amy Flint*



Claire Chappell (center) with Barrett Moxley and her family accepts her awards. *Photo credit: Amy Flint*



Ashley Bragdon (center) accepts her award from Jim Van Dyke and her proud mother, Gail Mehrlich, team leader for DeMarillac Group Home. *Photo credit: Amy Flint*



Chris Jones (center) receives the Cup of Kindness and President's Volunteer Service Awards from Dorothy Love and Sam Wade. *Photo credit: Amy Flint*



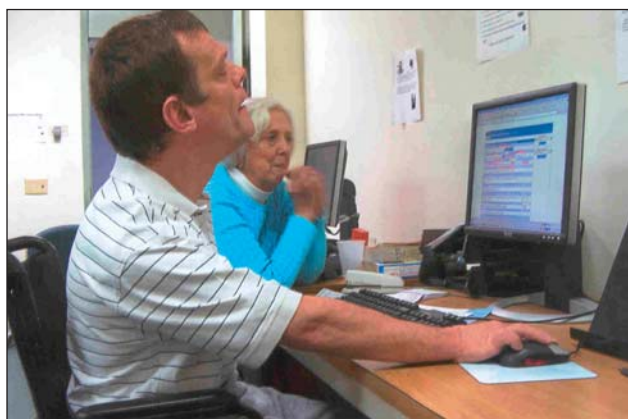
David Sklan accepts the Cup of Kindness and The Presidents Volunteer Service Award for his friend and volunteer, Mike Maquire. *Photo credit: Amy Flint*



(l-r) Dana Zunk, Angie Cole, Marcia Carithers, Brenda Simmons (Michael's sister and New Hope skills trainer), Julia Kemp and Michael Simmons celebrate Michael's volunteer recognition. *Photo credit: Amy Flint*



With the help of his friends, Bruce and Nancy Allen, Jerry DeBaun took a stroll around the track to benefit the Humane Society of Indianapolis.



Jerry Byrd is teaching his team leader Toni Carter how to do an online tax return. Jerry has been preparing his own tax returns for the last five years.



Beverly, Jim, Dan, Steve and Jeff presented the Beverly Dyken Outstanding Service Award to Summit Academy for Friday Community Outreach. (l-r first row) Dan DeVries, Steve Reiff, Jeff Yeiter, (second row) Brittany Justice, Rachel Miller, Hannah Zehner, Dawn Sites and Daniel Finley, Beverly Dyken and Jim Van Dyke. (Not pictured: Nicolas Klopp and Josiah Goeman) *Photo credit: Amy Flint*



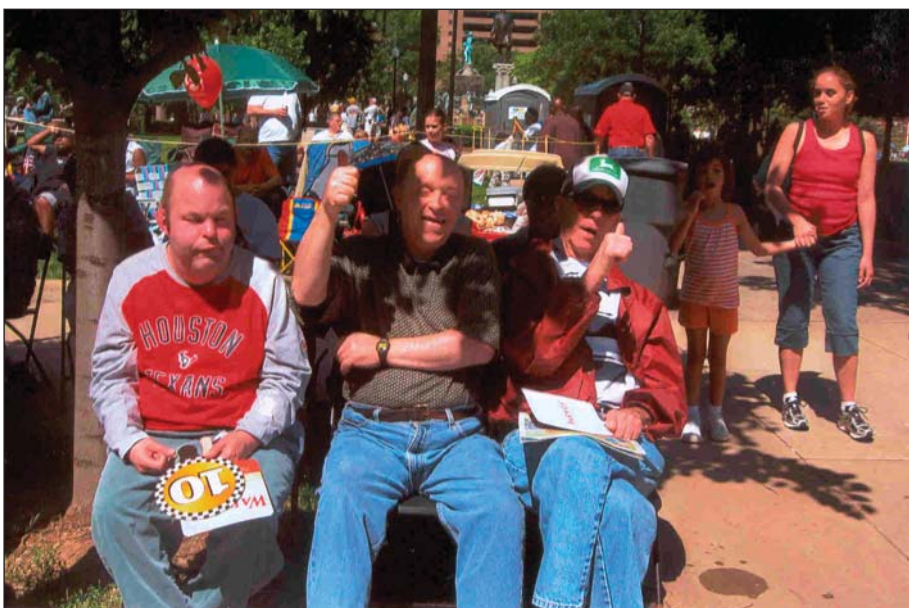
(l-r) Dave Thomas, vice president, Indianapolis Art Center; Joyce Sommers, president and executive director of the Indianapolis Art Center; New Hope artists Darren Golder, Lee Mehrlich, Emily Scott; Jim Van Dyke, New Hope executive director; Lee Ann Hoy, grants manager for Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust; and Patrick Flaherty, exhibitions associate at the Art Center.

Photo credit: Lisa DeHayes, director of marketing at the Indianapolis Art Center.

The St. Vincent New Hope Artistic Expression Program celebrated our exhibit with a reception at the Indianapolis Art Center. The program started in 1998 and has continued to provide creative opportunities to individuals served by St. Vincent New Hope. Art work by New Hope artists is on exhibit at the Art Center through June 22. The classes were funded by a two-year grant from the Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust.

Two Thumbs Up for the 500 Festival Parade

By Jim Howland and Anthony Rogers



(l-r) Mark Bowers, Jim Howland and Tom Guilfoil had a great time at the Parade.

Wow, we were treated like royalty being escorted by a police officer from uptown to downtown when we went to the Parade. The traffic was stopped and everything. The best thing was sitting in the front row and seeing all the cars, floats, and people waving and just moving with some of the Indy drivers. We had so much fun I can't stop talking about it. We felt so special being there.

May with Friends of the Fox



John Leach (left) and Brad Mifflin get autographs from Vitor Meira.

Photo credit: Bill Ray, Friends of the Fox photographer



Linda Palmer, Lisa Hahn and John Cagle have their hats signed by Milka Duno.

Photo credit: Bill Ray, Friends of the Fox photographer

In 1999 Friends of the Fox was started by Stan Fox, eight-time Indianapolis 500 starter and his friend Jack Kerwin. Stan was critically injured in the first turn of the 1995 race when his car ripped apart in what became a six-car accident. Both Stan and Jack, who also suffered a head injury in a bus accident in 1988, wanted to do something for other individuals who had suffered traumatic brain injuries. Their original purpose was to bring fellow head injury survivors to visit the track. However, Friends of the Fox includes individuals with disabilities served by St. Vincent New Hope in their track visits. After Stan's death in 2000, Jack Kerwin has continued as executive director.

May in Indy was another fun-filled month with Friends of the Fox for 150 individuals served by New Hope. They had breakfast at Steak 'N Shake, and then headed to Gasoline Alley to meet the drivers, see the cars, get drivers' autographs and visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum.

Special thanks to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Steak 'N Shake, Friends of the Fox representatives Jack Kerwin, Bill Ray and Ron Kucer for this annual event for the individuals served by St. Vincent New Hope.



Becky in her honeybee costume.

Remembering our Friends

Rebecca Keller

March 26, 1952 - March 21, 2008

By Mac Bellner

Becky moved into the newly established Rosalie Group Home almost four years ago, coming to us from Muscatatuck State Hospital. She was a delight to know and loved the attention she received from staff when they brushed her hair and painted her nails. She enjoyed shopping and listening to music and dressing up for parties. Becky won the 2007 New Hope Fall Festival costume contest with her honeybee costume. She is missed and lovingly remembered by all the staff at Rosalie as well as an extended circle of friends in the New Hope community.