



# The Family Fridge



JULY 2007

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### Tuesday 7/3

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Bainbridge Street

### Thursday 7/5

3PM Prayer Gathering  
North Broad

### Tuesday 7/10

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Spruce Street

### Thursday 7/12

11AM Picnic Team Meeting  
1630 Office

Noon Program Coordination Meeting  
1630 Office

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Sanctuary

### Tuesday 7/17

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Bainbridge Street

Fire Safety and Prevention Training  
10 AM: Session One  
Noon: Session Two  
Kate's Place, 20<sup>th</sup> and Sansom

### Thursday 7/19

11AM Community Life Council Meeting  
1630 Office

3PM Prayer Gathering  
North Broad

### Tuesday 7/24

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Spruce Street

### Thursday 7/26

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Sanctuary

### Tuesday 7/31

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Bainbridge Street

## Skip and Nora – Say it ain't so!!

July marks the end of one-year full-time volunteer assignments for Skip Glover and Nora Spriggs. Skip, a Mercy Corps volunteer, will soon return to Erie, PA after his year as Bethesda's one-man Human Resource Department. Nora was a Philly Fellows volunteer and served as Community Life Assistant, coordinating volunteer activities and donation drives, editing *The Family Fridge*, and working with residents and staff to plan activities in the houses and the greater Philadelphia area. Bethesda will miss their smiles, hard work and generous volunteer spirit.



## Changing of the Guard

Nora Spriggs orients Rebekah Rosenfeld, the new Philly Fellows volunteer, to her Community Life work space. Rebekah will join Bethesda on July 30<sup>th</sup>. She comes to us as a graduate of Swarthmore College with a degree in English. With Nora's trailblazing efforts this past year, and Rebekah's new energy and ideas, the Philly Fellows and Bethesda can be sure that their joint efforts will continue to build community, and support Philadelphia's most vulnerable citizens. Welcome, Rebekah!



## Welcome Home, Simone!!!

In June, Simone Lehner returned to Bethesda Project as North Broad Street's new caseworker, sporting a brand new Master's Degree in Counseling. Simone began her Bethesda career as a full-time Bethesda Missioner in 1996 and went on to serve as a caseworker at Sanctuary, North Broad Street and MBH. To paraphrase the lyrics of *Hello Dolly*: "It's so nice to have you back where you belong"!



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## Community Life Council Gears Up for 2007 Family Picnic at Ridley Creek State Park

On June 21<sup>st</sup>, Bethesda Project’s Community Life Council team headed up to Delaware County to investigate the site of the upcoming Bethesda Family Picnic and eat a delicious lunch at the home of community life director Tony Medwid. The council members gave Ridley Creek State Park two thumbs up for the August 16<sup>th</sup> picnic date. Its consolidated pavilions, wide open spaces, and colonial village won their hearts and they will soon lead the charge to recruit as many of their fellow residents to get involved with the picnic planning, (and enjoyment)!



Siran, Cheryl and Tony share stories (and Tony's special Teriyaki chicken!)



Country smiles for someone else's camera!



Sylvia enjoys the company of Terrence and Bertha

## Call for Philly Farmers Volunteer Drivers!

Bethesda residents have really enjoyed the time at Cranaleith helping with the garden and enjoying fresh air and friendly faces. If you are interested in taking a Thursday to spend with our folks doing some fun gardening and eating scrumptious food, this would be a great way to get involved!

Please contact Tony Medwid about this and other volunteer opportunities:

[tmedwid@bethesdaproject.org](mailto:tmedwid@bethesdaproject.org), or 215-985-1600 x 17



Community Life Assistant Nora, Sister Maria, Cathy, Sister Mary, Sanctuary resident/die-hard Philly Farmer Jack, and Ski of Cranaleith Spiritual Retreat Center



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**Bainbridge Residents Visit Brandywine Battlefield**



*From Case Manager James McShane:*

“The 9 greatest history buffs of Bethesda Bainbridge went to the Brandywine Battlefield in Chadds Ford yesterday to learn about the Revolutionary War battle, enjoy the fresh air, and each other’s company! We got lost trying to find the Paoli Massacre site and even though the wonderful ladies at Daylesford Abbey helped us, we ran out of time and could not see it. Instead, we had a tour of the main line with Rev. Mosley as our tour guide.”

Gary D, Emilio B, Angel O, Arnold T, David S, Edward S and Joe B and Rev. Mosley went.

**Our Brothers’ Place guests and staff enjoy a day at Ricketts Glen**

Staff from the main office and OBP accompanied shelter guests to Ricketts Glen State park on June 22nd. The guests got to relax and enjoy the beautiful weather and fresh air as a peaceful respite from the trials and rush of city life.

We hope to report on many more trips like this throughout what is sure to be a great summer!





MBH welcomes Kristin (black shirt, third from right) and Mike (blue shirt, far right) to the family!

### Jefferson Medical Students join My Brother's House for the Summer

*From Case Manager Kate Colameco:*  
 “Medical students Kristin Doyle and Mike Mulock have joined My Brother’s house for the next seven weeks. Both of them just finished their first year of medical school at Jefferson and are working with the Bridging the Gaps Community Health Internship Program. They will be helping our residents by accompanying them to medical appointments, planning trips and in house programs, educating them on nutrition and exercise, and giving weekly presentations on a variety of health topics. We all welcome them and thank them for joining our Bethesda family for the summer!”

### THANKS TO OUR JUNE VOLUNTEERS

Bethesda would like to acknowledge and thank our June volunteers from Old First Reformed Church, My Brother’s Keeper Men’s Fellowship, St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church, the Center for Student Missions, Friends in Action, and our good neighbors from just down the street at Broad Street Ministry. Thank you for all that you do for us!



*Above, and Left:*  
 St. Matthew’s United Methodist brought three youth groups all the way from sunny NC to serve dinner from June 17<sup>th</sup> through June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Bainbridge, Sanctuary and St. Mary’s Church Shelter.  
 Thank you so much! Y’all come back now, y’hear?

**Happy Birthday**

To Greg Robinson and Mark Wilkins 7/3, Emma Lee Johnson and Sheila McClellan 7/4, Joe Jefferson 7/8, Rick Pierce 7/10, Naomi Jones 7/13, Mark B. Wright 7/14, Wayne Hill 7/16, Larry Smith 7/26, Lisa Bowman 7/27, Dorothy Clark 7/28, and Lawrence Harris and Tina Pagotto 7/30



(and welcome back) to new hires Rodney Wyatt and Simone Lehner!