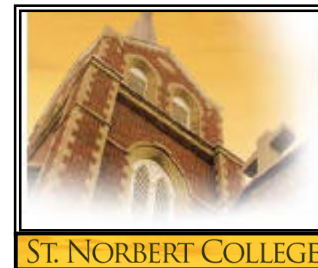




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FEBRUARY 2006



FEBRUARY'S MENU

Thursday 2/2

3PM Prayer Gathering
North Broad

Sunday 2/5

Super Bowl Party
Bainbridge House

Tuesday 2/7

3PM Prayer Gathering
Spruce Street

Tuesday 2/14

Valentine's Day Celebration
Our Brothers' Place



Wednesday 2/15

(Rescheduled) 10AM—3PM
Community Life Council
Cranaleith Spiritual Center

Thursday 2/16

3PM Prayer Gathering
North Broad

Tuesday 2/21

3PM Prayer Gathering
Spruce Street

Thursday 2/23

Bethesda Bainbridge Trip to
The Franklin Institute

During the week of January 16-20 ten members of the St. Norbert's College (De Pere, WI) community joined Bethesda's family for a week's worth of volunteer work at OBP. The week offered many opportunities to reflect on the shelter experience, as the students discerned the role of faith in addressing personal and societal ills. Fittingly, the men of OBP gave our friends a standing ovation at the end of their stay. Our special thanks to Brian, Geoff, Matt, Father Sal, Bill, Andrew, Justin, Matt, Tom and Steve - and congratulations to St. Norbert's College for making this kind of experience part of their education for life.



Martin Luther King Day of Service Project Upper Merion

On January 16th, the Upper Merion Martin Luther King National Holiday Committee brought, prepared and served a special brunch to residents of Bethesda Broad Street. Over 60



volunteers joined the residents in the meal, and read together from "Letter From a Birmingham Jail" from the book, Why We Can't Wait. Bethesda thanks our friends from Upper Merion for faithfully marching to the beat of Dr. King's drum.



February 12th is your last chance to join us for Bethesda brunch at Abbraccio Restaurant! Bring your Valentine for a hearty buffet breakfast including yummy waffles made by Angelo Sgro, Bethesda's own Executive Chef (and Director)! Call Tina for more info at 215-985-1600 or Abbraccio for reservations at 215-727-8247.

Every day is **LOVE DAY** at Our Brothers' Place...

but on February 14th Bethesda will celebrate it in a new way. On Valentine's Day all Bethesda Staff will be invited to bring their favorite meal to share with our 250 OBP shelter guests in what promises to set new standards for shelter cuisine!





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MBH SIGNS ON FOR THE 76ers

On January 11 the residents of My Brother's House attended a 76ers and Utah Jazz game at the Wachovia Center. Despite the final score, the MBH team got into the spirit with hot dogs, french fries and some wild and crazy cheering. In return, Bethesda was recognized over the P.A. system and got to see "Welcome My Brother's House" scroll across the center court scoreboard -- a wonderful way to spend rainy January evening!

Special thanks to the 76ers for their generous invitation.



READING TERMINAL

The men at Our Brothers' Place (OBP) are forming a Book Club and we need your help: we are looking for 10 copies of the following, used or new: **The Things They Carried** by Tim O'Brien, **The Life of Pi** by Yann Martel, and **Going to Meet the Man: Stories** by James Baldwin. If you can help kick things off by donating some books, please contact Tina at 215-985-1600, x 16.



Bethesda Project thanks the students of **Conwell-Egan High School** who collected over 400 winter coats for our guests at OBP. They give the phrase "warm-hearted" a whole new meaning for us and our men.



Bethesda sends a warm February welcome to our newest staff members:

Tyrone Foster, Devon Adams and John Floyd

And congratulations to our numerous February Birthdays:

Barton Brickle 2/8, Norman Jones 2/10, James Robinson 2/10, Mary Ann Best 2/10, Laverne Stevenson 2/15, Maria Hill 2/18, Barry Horn 2/20, Manuel Patton 2/22, Cyrus Banerjee 2/24, Patasha Burston 2/27 and Charles White 2/27.