



The Family Fridge

MAY 2006



MAY MENU

Tuesday 5/2

3PM Prayer Gathering
Spruce Street

Bethesda Project Auction and Party

6:30PM Diamond Club at
Citizens Bank Park

Thursday 5/4

3PM 12-Step Prayer Gathering
Sanctuary

Tuesday 5/9

3PM Prayer Gathering
Bainbridge Street

Thursday 5/11

9:30AM—2PM
Blueprint to End Homelessness
Workshops
Project HOME 1515 Fairmount

3PM Prayer Gathering
North Broad

Monday 5/15—Friday 5/19 Bethesda Staff Retreat

Sea Isle City

Session 1: 5/15 – 5/17
Session 2: 5/17 – 5-19

Tuesday 5/23

3PM Prayer Gathering
Bainbridge Street

Thursday 5/25

Staff Training
Eastern University
990 Buttonwood, 6th Floor

9:30AM to 12N –
Stages of Change

12N to 3:30PM –
Models of Harm Reduction

11AM Community Life
Council Meeting
Sanctuary

3PM Prayer Gathering
North Broad

MAY RETREAT: May 15 – 19 Sea Isle City – Here We Come!!

"Being Family -- Doing Justice"

Bethesda staff are readying themselves for the annual Staff Retreat at the Sisters of Mercy *Trocaire* house in Sea Isle City.

Two groups of 30 staff each will spend three days and two nights re-creating, relaxing, and reflecting on the Bethesda Mission to be "family with those who have none".

This year's theme will celebrate the faith and hope of post-Katrina New Orleans as Bethesda re-commits its efforts to addressing the causes and effects of our city's homelessness.

Getting the Word Out about Homelessness

presents a Public Private Task Force workshop: "Spreading the Message, Increasing the Awareness" on Thursday, May 11th from 9:30 AM to 2 PM at Project Home (1515 Fairmount Avenue). For additional information, contact Nicole Harris, 215-851-1810.



Walk Against Hunger: April 8, 2006

On the outside - a rainy, cold, windy Saturday morning; on the inside - the 'never say die' spirit of Team Bethesda!! Students from Bishop Eustace Prep, organizer Kate Colameco, Coach Ann Bacharach, and a stalwart band of brothers from Bainbridge and MBH leaned their trim frames into the wind and walked up over \$1,000 to take a bite out of hunger in Philadelphia. 'Thank You' to Ann



Bacharach for her adept fundraising, Dolores Bacharach for donating our fashionable shirts, the students at Malvern and Bishop Eustace, the residents and staff from our houses for their financial support. And congratulations to David Martin, who gets the Endurance Award for walking the entire route!



Welcome Home Dan Dougherty, former Bethesda Missioner, case worker and senior staff member – and currently doctoral candidate at Temple University -- will soon be returning to Bethesda as a Summer Intern. Thanks to a Samuel S. Fels Fund grant, Dan will lead a project to develop educational materials about the history and causes of homelessness in Philadelphia. (Photo: Dan and his sons, Alec and Sammy)



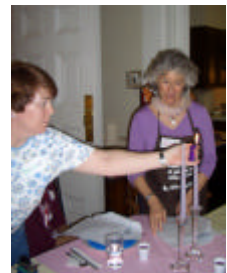
**TUESDAY NIGHT, MAY 2:
Phillies Head the Line-up at Bethesda's Spring Auction!**

On Tuesday, May 2, Phillies President **David Montgomery** will greet our guests at the annual **Bethesda Project Auction and Party**. The Phillies and Phillies Charities are this year's lead "Grand Slam" sponsor. The event begins at 6:30 PM in the beautiful Diamond Club at Citizens Bank Park. **For tickets and information, call Bethesda at 215-985-1600.**

Word on the Street

Jessie Zelnick, Susan DeLone and Beth Palubinsky prepared and served a seder at **Spruce Street** on April 19.

Monica Roach and Susan light candles at the meal



Several of the **Spruce Street** residents and staff enjoyed an outing to **Susie and Jim Farrell's** where they celebrated Mass with **Fr. Joe Serano** and met up with some good friends--former volunteers--**Kay Shields, Ann Leavitt and Madeline Christenson.**

Bethesda enjoyed the company and hard work of April volunteer groups from **Langhorne Presbyterian Church**, the **Marquette Alumni Club**, **St. Francis Prep** from Fresh Meadows, NY; **Notre Dame HS** from Batavia, NY; **Camden Catholic HS** and yet another **Notre Dame HS** from Lawrenceville NJ.

Ahmed Fletcher, a staff of **Our Brothers' Place** day room, was recently featured in an Inquirer article for his role as valedictorian at the **Ready, Willing and Able** graduation on April 21.

North Broad Street enjoyed a massive Easter Dinner prepared and donated by Bethesda friends from Berwyn (**Karen's Kitchen Krew**), Paoli (**St. Norbert's**) and Villanova (**CCD**). **Larry Smith** worked his culinary magic and served dinner to a huge turn-out of residents.



On Friday **North Broad** was off to the circus, compliments of **Villanova CCD.**



**SEND
HELP**

**OUR BROTHERS' PLACE
needs your help:
200 MEN HAVE JUST FINISHED THEIR SHOWERS
AND WE'RE SHORT ON SHORTS!
(Especially M, L and XL!)
And toiletries (especially stick DEODORANT)!
And men's dress shoes (for those job interviews)!
And couches, wooden chairs & floor rugs for the 2nd floor!**

Memorial Day Summery Delights

Karen Leimkuhler and her Kitchen Krew (of Christmas and Easter dinner fame!) have assigned themselves a new challenge: a Memorial Day Summery Dinner for all of Bethesda's residences (142 grateful men and women). The aromas of barbequed turkey, salads and summery desserts will soon be wafting their way from Berwyn to Center City. Nothing short-order about these cooks!



Our compliments to the chefs!!



And here are those May flowers we've been waiting for --
Bethesda's May Birthdays: Wayne Baskerville 5/6, Ed Braxton 5/14, William Murray 5/15, Tony Medwid 5/16, Maxine McCleary 5/18, Ameen Purdie 5/20, Younis Gill 5/22, Arnold Shedrick 5/22 and James Mitchell 5/31.

Join Bethesda in welcoming our newest staff members:

Valerie Leaks, Diana Black, Leslie Blackwood, Thomas Daniels, Eric Dublin, Wayne Hill, James Hollis, Ricky McCarter and Stephen White.

