



One House At A Time News

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Off to a strong start in 2006 after a great 2005!

*“2005 wrapped up with One House At A Time delivering Christmas presents to the children of families we helped throughout the year! Thanks to you, **over 150 beds** and truckloads of furniture helped more than **70 families** last year. And, I’m excited because our new partnership with Gloria Dei Church is allowing us to reach out and help even more families in 2006!”*

Wendy Kahan-Winters, Program Coordinator

An Exciting New Partner — Gloria Dei Church

One House at a Time is proud to announce that Gloria Dei Church of Huntingdon Valley has adopted ‘Our Mission’ and made it a significant part of their Ministry Outreach. While helping others through an outreach program with New Creation of West Kensington, Jim and Jill Tilney of One House At A Time and Gloria Dei members, Anthony and Cherie Brummans, were introduced. The timing was perfect, Gloria Dei Church had been pondering what to do with an empty building they had, and Anthony found One House At A Time to be an ideal new ministry for Gloria Dei! So, Anthony carried his vision back to his congregation with high hopes. The rest is history.

More Storage! As a part of their commitment, Gloria Dei gave One House At A Time exclusive use of their empty building (555 Welsh Road in Huntingdon Valley) for storing excess inventory and new beds.

More Volunteers! Last count of Gloria Dei’s energetic volunteers was 28 and growing! As a result, it is not unusual to see the new storage facility go from full to empty in one weekend. On more than one occasion, deliveries on Saturday were made by two separate crews, with a few more volunteers heading out on Sunday. Just last weekend several teams went out and delivered more than 20 beds to a dozen families in need! The volunteers are energized by the affect they see they are having on so many families.



More Board Members! The Gloria Dei partnership has also brought us two new board members.... Anthony Brummans joined the One House At A Time board in December 2005, followed by Ken Barber, in April 2006. This partnership is truly a blessing!

Formula for Success:

More Storage + More Volunteers +

More Board Members = More Results!

We are already experiencing fabulous growth and looking forward to continuing to grow throughout 2006.

Our Mission:

To provide household furnishings to families without the basic necessities of life.

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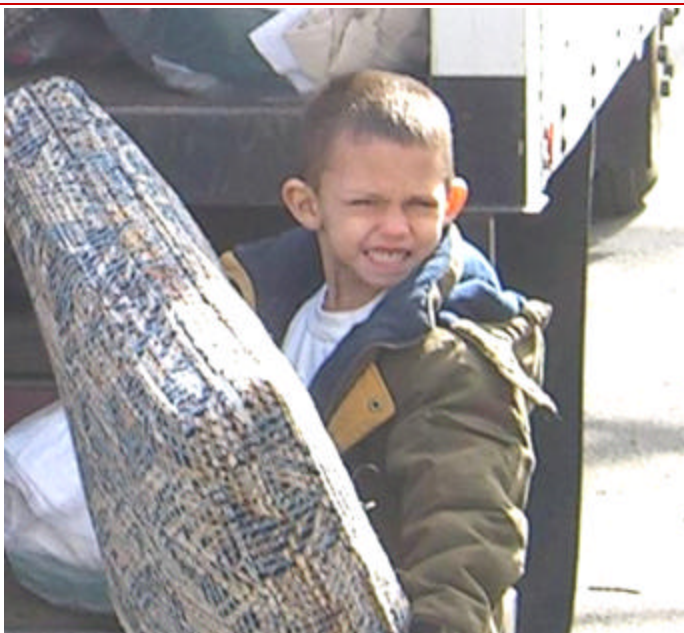
Hot News!

If we raise **\$5000**, we will quality to have one of our grant providers match it!
With your help we can do it!

A Wonderful Volunteer Experience

by Emily Jeske

What a great delivery run it was! Three of us volunteers met on a Saturday morning at the shed to load the truck with much needed items for a family of six in North Philadelphia. After loading the truck with beds, furniture, dishes, pots, pans, linens and incidentals... off we went. When we got to the house we saw that the family was thoroughly prepared for us. Grandpa and his hospital bed had been moved out of the living room to the back of the house so that we would have no trouble bringing in the furniture. What was so amazing was seeing the house slowly come alive like a beehive. One by one various family members came out and began helping us unload. Our favorite was little five-year-old Ricky (see picture at right) who was such a trooper. He was like the Energizer Bunny – just kept coming back out to the truck for another load. One time he tried to sling a big bag of goods over his shoulder and nearly toppled over with the weight of it. With everyone helping, we were done in no time and the family expressed their deep gratitude with big smiles on their faces – a chance for a new start in life!



How Can You Help One House At A Time?

- ◆ Make a financial contribution directly to One House At A Time or via the United Way of Southeastern PA, Donor Choice #14144.
- ◆ Make an indirect contribution by enrolling with eScrip (www.escrip.com) and designate One House At A Time (#15560069) as the group ID. A percentage of your purchases at Genuardi's, Pep Boys, Eddie Bauer and numerous other retailers will automatically be sent to us.
- ◆ Donate "gently used" furniture and household items. Call Wendy at (215) 646-7812 to schedule a pick-up today.
- ◆ Volunteer to make furniture pick-ups or deliveries (< 3 hours per trip). Drivers and lifters are always needed!
- ◆ Spread the word about One House At A Time to your family, friends and colleagues!

Thanks Nancy!

In the early days of One House At A Time, Nancy O'Brien heard about our mission and said "This is important, I want to be part of this". Not only did Nancy volunteer and spread the message of our mission to her church, Carmel Presbyterian of Glenside, she joined the board of directors and helped us with planning and managing growth. After 8 years of dedicated service, she is retiring from the board — we will miss her!!

Thank you Nancy for all you have done!

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