



One House At A Time News

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Another Great Year!

“2006 is quickly coming to a close and I am once again thrilled with what One House At A Time has been able to achieve this year! Throughout the year we’ve experienced great growth thanks to new partnerships, the energy of new board members and most importantly YOU! We anticipate exceeding our goal of 200 new ‘Beds for Kids’ this year, which is 33% more than 2005! One again, Thank You for your on-going support! God Bless and Happy Holidays!” Jim Tilney, Chairman of the Board

Being with family for Thanksgiving is a true blessing!

One House At A Time volunteers love helping families in need and wanted to share two of their most recent experiences that truly reflect the meaning of Thanksgiving!

Keeping a Family Together ... Last month we helped a single mother who desperately needed five beds in order to keep her children from being placed into the foster care system. Thanks to our ‘Beds for Kids’ program, this family no longer has to worry about being separated, can sleep better at night, and is looking forward to spending the holidays together!

Getting a Family Back Together Again ... Just last week, we received a very touching call from a social worker who told us about a single mother whose family had been separated. Not only were her children in foster care, each of the four had been placed in different homes. The social worker continued to explain that this mother’s commitment and passion to get her family back together again is extraordinary. In just a few months, she has found a job and a place to live. Now, she’s faced with the challenge to provide some of the basic necessities to make it a home so she can get her family back together. One House At A Time is committed to make their Thanksgiving one to be truly thankful for! By the time you’re reading this article, we will have provided the furniture, beds and household items needed to turn their house into a home! Needless to say, getting this family back together again makes this Thanksgiving very special for everyone who was involved in making this happen!



With only one paid employee (and she’s part-time), our mission is accomplished thanks to volunteers who generously give us a few hours of their time.



Getting Organized!

With numerous pick-ups throughout the week and on weekends, our storage facilities need a good housecleaning from time to time. So we throw a party.....a sorting party! This group of volunteers set up tables outside our Gloria Dei Church storage facility to sort and box dishes, glasses and utensils, organize boxes of miscellaneous kitchen items, and fold and label linens. The result...fun, fellowship and an organized shed - making it easier to find inventory and load the truck for deliveries!

Our Mission:

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

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It's a Matter of the Heart!

One House At A Time would like to recognize and thank several of our newly found friends! These compassionate friends and their organizations have partnered their hearts with One House At A Time's mission work. They consistently and generously donate furniture and household goods so that we may meet the needs of the many families who are referred to us for help and assistance.

*We believe in building
a common bond
between all people,
demonstrating our
belief that we are one
people in God.*

Thank You ... The Furniture Lady in Huntingdon Valley, New Life Thrift Shop in Glenside, Holy Redeemer Thrift in Warrington, and Impact Thrift Stores, Inc in Hatboro. It is because of this spirit led teamwork that we have been able to supply more families, and in a more timely manner, with complete home furnishings and household goods. Many of the families we help need 'everything' - whether it's due to fires or other catastrophes, their transitioning from a homeless shelter, or because of an urgent need to relocate due to domestic abuse or other violence in their lives.

So, on behalf of One House At A Time and the many families that we've helped, we would like to thank each of these organizations for everything they've done and as they continue to help us to do God's work in the world.

Fundraising News!

With your help — we raised the **\$5,000** we needed to qualify for the 'matching grant' that we told you about in our last newsletter! **THANK YOU!**

NOW we're introducing a **NEW** way to donate!

Give the gift of helping a family in need!

(See insert or contact us for more information)



How Can You Help One House At A Time?

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

In September, Program Coordinator Wendy Kahan-Winters and Board Members, Ellen Svitek and Barbara Teel shared our One House At A Time message at Mitzvah Day (also known as "good deed" day) at Congregation Beth Or in Maple Glen. The response was very positive and we are looking forward to more opportunities to spread our message and grow our support base!

Do you know how we put your donations to good use?

\$25 buys silverware for a family of 4
\$50 buys dishes for a family of 4
\$75 buys bed linens for a family of 4
\$100 buys a single bed & box spring

Check out our new web-site www.ohaat.org !

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