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 To offer shelter, services
 and supportive housing to homeless
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HD update – exciting news!

In December, HSI finalized the purchase of an existing four apartment building on Harrison Street in Morristown. The property is referred to as “The Point” because of its triangular shape and prominent location at the intersection of Harrison and Grant Streets.

The attractive property is in an excellent location – it’s a nice neighborhood of working class homes with a small park at the end of the street. Speedwell Avenue, with its retail opportunities and bus lines, is less than a quarter-mile away.

We plan to renovate the apartments over the winter and rent them to income-eligible families as soon as renovations are complete. The project has already received a Declaration of Intent for funding from the NJ Housing & Mortgage Finance Agency, and we will work with other partners to obtain the necessary additional subsidies.

Closing on the property on Harrison Street is certainly exciting, but the time we’re most looking forward to is when renovations are complete, and our new tenants will be able to move into their homes! Stay tuned for updates. ▲

Morris County SHRM and Jumpstart Give Artistic Tech Gifts

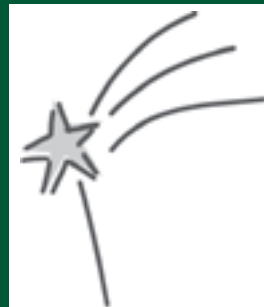


Left to Right: Valerie Egan, Shannon Eick, Suzanne Sena

On a blustery December night, 45 members of Morris County SHRM – Society for Human Resource Management – gathered at the College of St. Elizabeth to build computer tables for ten HSI families. Guided by Jumpstart president Susie Schub and teaching artist Karen Titterton, the human resource executives formed teams to construct and decorate the tables, choosing themes and patterns, then cutting and adhering exotic papers to create desktop works of art. To sweeten the gift, SHRM also underwrote and donated ten netbooks, given at deep discount by Best Buy, and gift bags of desk supplies courtesy of Schering Plough. SHRM will also link 1 adult per family with Dress for Success for a new outfit. ▲

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Bank of America honors HSI as a Neighborhood Builder®

Homeless Solutions, Inc. is thrilled to announce that we have been named as a Bank of America 2009 New Jersey Neighborhood Builder®. As part of this honor, we will receive a \$200,000 grant to grow our capacity to develop affordable housing, and we will participate in Bank of America’s Neighborhood Excellence Leadership Program® with other nonprofit leaders from 45 communities across the country and in London.



Betsey Hall, CEO of HSI, and Dan McGuire, Headquarters Development.

HSI President, Dr. Elizabeth Hall, says, “We are honored to have been selected as a New Jersey Neighborhood Builder®. This fund-

ing will enable us to have a tangible impact on affordable housing in our area, and it will help change the lives of men, women and children

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Mark your calendars now

HSI’s 10th Annual Dream Builders’ Bash is almost here! This year’s event will be held on Friday, March 12 at the Madison Hotel in Convent Station, and it will be an enchanting evening. The Bash will include cocktails, dinner, dancing, and our popular silent and live auctions. This year, we are pleased to honor David Grant, President of the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.



This year’s theme is “There’s no Monopoly on Caring.” Bash guests will be invited to ‘play’ Monopoly on an oversized game board featuring HSI properties (Abbett, Landing, Jean Street, etc.) in place of traditional names like Park Place, Broadway and Marvin Gardens.

For some pre-Bash excitement, please check our online auction, which opens February 5 at www.biddingforgood.com/homelessolutions. We have many

fabulous auction items, including Juicy Couture handbags, a Samsung 46” LCD TV, and Droid cell phones.

For more information or to purchase Bash tickets, contact Wendi Zimmerman at 973.993.0900, x21 or at wendizimmerman@homelessolutions.org. Hope to see you at the Bash! ▲

HSI welcomes new Board member



Lillian Fortunato Geswelli

HSI is excited to announce the appointment of our newest Board member, Lillian Fortunato Geswelli. Lillian has resided in Morris County for 20 years and holds a BS in Marketing from American University and a JD from Emory University. She has volunteered at various area charitable organizations and currently serves as Vice-

President of the Board for "Make Some Noise", a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting pediatric cancer research.

Lillian joined the Board in November and serves on the Development Committee. We're so happy to have her! ▲

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as they move into stable, safe, energy-efficient and affordable housing while they work in New Jersey to grow our economy."

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation supports nonprofits in New Jersey, providing funding to address critical social issues through the bank's Neighborhood Excellence Initiative (NEI). The program, which is helping to sustain nonprofits during this challenging economic time and increase their long-term viability, is investing \$20 million globally this year in addition to the more than \$90 million committed over the last five years.

"Bank of America is supporting the New Jersey community through the Neighborhood Excellence Initiative and other lending, investing and community development programs that address critical social issues and align with our corporate social responsibility efforts," said Robert Doherty, President, Bank of America New Jersey. "In our current economy, communities need our support more than ever, and this program is designed to give that support through the effective combination of partnership, leadership development and flexible funding." ▲



Thank you OHHA!

The Oak Hill Homeowners Association of Morris Township held its second annual Vendor Charity Night on November 12, and the proceeds were donated to HSI. Pictured are Gwen Della Pelle, Mechelle Evans, and Cristina Cappy presenting HSI Director of Development Pam Palumbo with a check for \$2,141. ▲

Three cheers for Adventurous Women!

September 21 was a beautiful day for an ARTventure at the Morris Museum in Morristown! Sixty-five ladies joined us for our second annual Women's Day of Adventure, and they created work-of-art scarves and jewelry, enjoyed a lovely lunch and raised \$14,000 in support of Homeless Solutions' programs and services.



HSI Board member Evangeline Tross and event co-chair Michelle Davis

Event chairs Michelle Davis and Ellen Eppie and their committee put together a wonderful event for the attendees. The day started with a continental breakfast, a viewing of our film, and some words of inspiration and appreciation from HSI President Dr. Elizabeth Hall. Then it was time for the creative part of the day – designing scarves and jewelry. Susie Schub and her Jumpstart staff set the stage, and each attendee made one piece for herself and one piece for a shelter guest - there were some stunning creations.

After the designing was complete, we moved on to a scrumptious lunch and some exciting raffles. A good time was had by all! The good will from that day was still felt several days later at the shelter when the jewelry and scarves the attendees made were delivered to HSI guests – everyone was so appreciative of the beautiful gift they received and of the thoughtfulness of our Adventurous Women for HSI. Thanks to all who were a part of this very special day! ▲

HSI receives "Building for a Greener Tomorrow" Award

HSI was honored to have been selected as a recipient of an Award for Exceptional Achievement by the Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority's (MCMUA). We received the Building for a Greener Tomorrow Award, and our own Dan McGuire was on hand to accept the award at MCMUA's 22nd Annual Recycling Awards dinner on November 6 at Hanover Manor. MCMUA honors organizations and individuals whose plans and actions have contributed to the success of waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and litter abatement.



HSI was recognized as one of the first non-profit developers in New Jersey to embrace green building techniques. Our Abbett Avenue Apartment development, for example;

- has Energy Star approved design and appliances.
- is located within Morristown's Transit Village radius, allowing residents to walk to buses, the train station, and amenities.
- was built to include bamboo floors, low-flow toilets, and compact fluorescent lighting.
- has healthy building features, including low or no VOC paints, caulks, flooring, and sealed cabinets.

We thank Penny Jones and her team at MCMUA for recognizing us with this honor, and we look forward to continued green building! ▲



Supporting HSI - visit our web site at www.homelessolutions.org to learn more about online giving and becoming a member of our Legacy Society. ▲

Beads for the Bash!!!



Volunteers Ellen Eppie and her daughter Pierelle led a bracelet making workshop at the shelter in December. Shelter guests created beautiful beaded bracelets for themselves and to be used as a fundraiser at the Bash. ▲

Sad news

Long time HSI volunteer and dear friend, Mary Van Kirk passed away in December. Mary was an incomparable woman whose passing leaves a void that can not be filled. She was a tireless advocate and fundraiser for the homeless with HSI, as founder of the Country Mile Event, Bash Chair and continuous Bash Committee Member, among other roles. Mary was the beloved wife of HSI Board alum Phil Van Kirk.



Mary Van Kirk

We will miss Mary dearly and are forever grateful for having known her. ▲

If you're able to make a donation...

Paper towels and toilet tissue are always in short supply at the shelter. For more information, contact Tamala Reynolds: TamalaReynolds@homelessolutions.org ▲