

Renovation Celebration!

There were balloons, a giant red ribbon, and lots of excited supporters and tenants - **on Wednesday, January 18 we hosted a ribbon cutting at The Mt. Kemble Home** to celebrate the completion of our \$1.5M extensive, multi-phased renovation! The renovation, which incorporated many safety and mobility enhancements, began in June 2015 and has increased The Home's capacity from 19 residential rooms to 22; this means **three additional senior women of limited means will have safe, affordable housing in Morristown.**

Homeless Solutions CEO Dan McGuire welcomed the crowd, saying, "Our Homeless Solutions team is thrilled and proud to have been able to complete this extensive renovation. Thanks to the **TD Charitable Foundation**, the **Federal Home Loan Bank of NY**, **Valley National Bank**, and our capital campaign supporters, the residents of The Home are living in an updated and safe environment."

The Mt. Kemble Home was founded in 1883 to provide affordable housing for senior single women of very limited means, and it is listed on national and state historic registers, in part due to its unique, purpose-built social mission. Effective May 1, 2013 Homeless Solutions welcomed The Home to our organization as one of our programs providing shelter, housing, and supportive services to low income people.

Major components of the renovation included:

- completely renovating every residential room, all common areas, and the office of the resident manager
- enlarging the existing elevator shaft and replacing the cab and mechanicals to ADA standards
- remodeling all of the bathrooms
- converting a small kitchenette into a commercial grade common area kitchen
- modifying electrical, plumbing, heating, and sprinkler systems
- replacing the roof
- repairing and painting the exterior of the Home
- repaving and curbing the parking lot
- regrading the rear and installing drywells to control runoff



TD Bank Retail Manager Ruth Kranik, HSI Board Chair Sarah Canberg, MKH resident Meg Bennett, MKH House Manager Elizabeth Johnson, Valley National Bank EVP & Chief Administrative Officer Andrea Onorato, Morristown Mayor Tim Dougherty (back) – HSI former Trustee Janet Foster, Principal of Lia Construction Tony Lia, HSI CEO Dan McGuire & HSI Housing Development Director Tom Clark

TD Bank Community Development Manager Roxanne Vivanco said, "TD Bank's funding in this worthy project aligns with our overall commitment to housing and stabilization of neighborhoods. We are pleased to see our contribution has expanded this historic home and the overall project will preserve this housing resource and make it more accessible."

Interested in creating outreach activities to inform the larger community about this social, housing, and historic resource? Consider joining **The Mount Kemble Home Advisory Committee**. Contact Housing Development Director **Tom Clark** at tomclark@hsinj.com.



HSI Chief Development Officer Stephanie Cicale, HSI Trustee Darla Wilkinson, HSI CEO Dan McGuire, HSI Trustee Mary LeBlanc, HSI Board Chair Sarah Canberg, HSI Housing Development Director Tom Clark & HSI Trustee Karen Grexa



Tim Connolly, HSI CFO Laura Lannin, and Greg Campbell.

Bridging the Digital Divide

We were recently selected as a beneficiary of the **Electronic Access Foundation (EAF)**, a unique organization established for the purpose of donating surplus electronic equipment to qualified charitable organizations in need. EAF **recently donated 30 computers to families and individuals at**

our shelter, in our Transitional Housing Program, and in our Outreach Program. This is a significant step forward in helping our guests bridge the “digital divide.”

Searching for a job, taking college classes, and attending high school without ready access to a computer and the internet is extremely challenging, and, unfortunately, it’s a situation many of our guests and tenants in our outreach program find themselves in. Electronic access, which has become an everyday necessity, is something they simply can’t afford.



HSI Case Manager Jackie Zapata with one of the families that received a donated computer.

Olivia* is one example; she is a hardworking mother of two earning her college degree online – without access to her own computer. Every day, between job interviews, she would bring her two daughters to the library so she could login to her school account and do her work. It was challenging, but she was determined and was moving ahead with her studies. Then EAF entered the picture, donated a newly refurbished computer, and changed Olivia’s life. Now she is the proud owner of her own computer and can do her course work in her family’s room at the shelter!

EAF obtains donations through partnerships with corporations, universities, and organizations by offering them an alternative to recycling their surplus electronic equipment. They accept bulk donations of retired computers, wipe them clean of data, and install an operating system and basic software. The organization then donates the computers to low income people and provides monitors, keyboards, a mouse and cabling. Their philosophy is **“Donating surplus electronics can save the earth and change people’s lives.”** To learn more about EAF or to donate equipment, visit them at <http://e-access.org/>.

We send our heartfelt thanks to EAF Executive Director **Ryan McFadden**, EAF team members **Greg Campbell, Tim Connolly, Derek Campbell**, and the entire EAF organization - you are making a significant difference in people’s lives!

*Name has been changed.

Save the Date

**Gran Fondo NJ
September 10, 2017**

Morristown

Contact Lacey at laceyberdela@hsinj.org for our discount code and to join the HSI “Riding for Homes” team!

Women’s Day

**New Date - Monday, October 16, 2017
New Venue - Hamilton Farm Golf Club in Gladstone**

Staff Supports Appeal

We recently completed our 2nd **Annual Staff Appeal**, and we are so proud to share that we had **88% staff participation** in this voluntary giving campaign. Such a high level of participation is further evidence of just how committed and passionate our staff members are about the housing crisis in our community.

Director of Programs & Services **Wes Gaynor** said, “The employees’ involvement in the staff appeal not only affirms their belief in our mission, but displays their willingness to go the extra mile to help someone in need.”

Way to go, team HSI!

Holiday Elves!



The ladies of Delta Sigma Theta hosted an amazing Holiday Party for our Transitional Housing participants. These dedicated and generous ladies have hosted this party for 20 years - making the holidays brighter for so many people!

Thank you so much to all of our “holiday elves” whose dedication and enthusiasm made the holidays more special for our guests! Our volunteers hosted parties, donated and wrapped gifts, and prepared holiday meals. Our staff works very hard to make our guests’ time at our Shelter and/or our Transitional Housing Program productive and pleasant, but not having your own home is challenging, especially during the holidays. **We offer our sincere thanks to everyone who gave of themselves to make this a happy, joyful time for our guests!**

Party with a Purpose!



Chrissy Slapsys, Kim Doyle, and Elizabeth Seitz.

On December 7, Homeless Solutions' Young Professionals hosted their annual happy hour at the Laundromat Speakeasy in Morristown. Over 50 Young Professionals enjoyed an evening of networking, raffles and live music in support of HSI's shelter guests. The group donated \$1,000 in gift cards to brighten the holidays for families in need!

Young Professionals Council member

Andrew Lewis said, "**The Party with a Purpose was a tremendous success** as we saw a lot of new faces come out to this event. HSI's Young Professionals is very much in growth mode - a stable core of volunteers working with incredible HSI Staff to create a group that provides for fun, casual opportunities to network, make friends and, most importantly, **to be active members of this thriving community by advancing the mission of a local non-profit that is providing critical services to our neighbors in need.**"

HSI's Young Professionals is a group of community-minded individuals under 40 who live or work in Morris County. This quickly growing group offers networking, educational opportunities and the chance to impact the community by giving back. Regularly centered around local networking events, the Young Professionals connect those passionate about raising awareness and fundraising to those in need.



Olivia Ford, Andrew Lewis, Andrew Buttitta, Katie Johnson, and Kate Nelson

What's next? Join the group for the upcoming annual spring fundraiser. Interested in learning more, please contact HSI Event Manager **Lacey Berdela** at (973) 993-0900 x25 or laceyberdela@hsinj.org.

Coming Soon – More Homes People Can Afford!



Representatives from TD Bank, Morris County Department of Human Services, Morris Township, our Project Team and HSI Executive staff assembled with hard hats and shovels for the official groundbreaking.

Friday, December 9, 2016 was an exciting day for Homeless Solutions as we **broke ground on our latest new project at 24 Walnut Street in Morris Township.** Braving a bitter cold day and biting winds, members of the County and Morris Township municipality, representatives from our funding organizations, members of the community and our Project Team, came out for this momentous occasion. It was the first step in an effort that will result in two environmentally friendly, two bedroom housing units for low and moderate income households.

In addition to Homeless Solutions funding for this project, we are grateful for support from our partners: **The Hyde and Watson Foundation, TD Charitable Foundation, Morris Township,** and the **Morris County Office of Community Development.** We also acknowledge the professional team working on this project, including **Schommer Engineering, Limitless Construction,** and **Designs for Life.**

HSI CEO Dan **McGuire** said, "Breaking ground on this project is an important milestone, and we are excited to move forward with the development of two more units of housing people can afford in our community. **Thanks to the assistance from our supporters, these homes will move from plans to reality in 2017.**"

All units in Homeless Solutions developments are deed restricted as "affordable", and tenants' maximum rents are set at 30% of income. There is a lengthy waiting list for HSI apartments; however, the specific needs of each tenant, such as number of bedrooms, drives availability. We expect to complete this project later in 2017 and we will keep you posted on additional developments along the way!

Tribute Gifts to Homeless Solutions September 1, 2016 – January 31, 2017

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In honor of all the homeless folks who shared their life stories with me in the late '90s when I was doing my big 7 month research trip.
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