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FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Mission:

Peace House Community (PHC) nourishes its members' bodies and souls by providing a safe space for economically marginalized women and men. PHC enriches the lives of its members, volunteers and students by offering a place to belong for everyone who comes through its doors.



PHC HAPPENINGS

End-of-summer barbecue

It was a brisk but sunny day on September 28 for the end-of-summer barbeque. Earl grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, and volunteers brought salads, chips, watermelon, cake, and of course blue jello. The nice jazz music in the background helped set the tone for a very pleasant afternoon. We had a big turnout and people enjoyed being able to go back for seconds, and sometimes thirds.



Seminarians

In June and July, PHC hosted four students from St. Paul Seminary for three days a week. Phil, Nick, Brent and Luis were part of a pastoral care course. They spent time interacting with and sharing stories with community members and volunteers. It was a meaningful experience for them, as well as for our community.

We need some help!

Are you looking for another way to help the PHC community members? We are in desperate need of hygiene products (travel-size soap, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc.), socks and underwear. Join with your neighbors, friends or fellow parishioners and collect these essential items. Email us at contact@peacehousecommunity.org to arrange for a time to drop the supplies off at PHC or possibly have them picked up. The community thanks you for your generosity!



Introducing Rick Mantley

As part of a broader reorganization of PHC, we are pleased to announce that Rick Mantley has been hired as our new Program Director. Before you get too upset, rest assured we have not lost Marti Maltby! He has been promoted to Executive Director, and in this new role will be able to spend more time working on strategic planning, creating partnerships with other agencies, and securing the resources PHC needs to meet its community's needs.

Rick comes to us with a wealth of experience in organizations serving the homeless and other underserved populations. Most recently, he worked with the Union Gospel Mission. He has also served with Take Action Minnesota, Simpson Housing and the Dorothy Day Center in Saint Paul.

Rick spoke about the differences between his other jobs and PHC in terms of rules and regulations. PHC feels much more tolerant and less restrictive, he explains. His years of experience have taught him that the key to making people feel welcome and keeping them in the community is to listen to them first, and to take their concerns seriously.

Rick has only been with PHC for a couple weeks, but his initial impressions are positive. He likes the stability and sense of community shared by community members and volunteers. He said it is apparent that people view Peace House Community as more than just a drop-in center. He also appreciates the group conversation/meditation, which he says gives the community members a voice to share their thoughts and experiences. It's a part of the daily routine at PHC that keeps it welcoming and unique.

Please join us in welcoming Rick to Peace House Community's family.



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Peace House Community values our donors, and we consider you to be just as much a part of our community as everyone else. You join with the staff and volunteers in creating a safe space for our community members who seek fellowship and belonging at our building. We know that you

have many options for how to use your resources, and that we are privileged to benefit from the generosity you show to PHC. You want to make a difference with your money, to make the world a better place, and to have an impact for good in society. By supporting PHC, you are saying that you trust us to use your money well to accomplish your goals.

With that in mind, I am excited to announce that two of our supporters have set up not one but TWO donor challenges for the last months of 2022. If we meet these challenges, we will be able to increase the impact your support creates.

The first challenge will give \$5,000 to PHC if 200 donors sign up for automatic monthly donations before December 31. The amount of the monthly donation does not matter for this challenge; signing up is the only thing that matters. Even donating \$5 a month will move us towards our goal. You can also ask your friends to join us so that we can win this challenge.

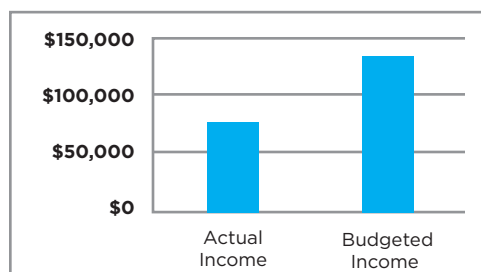
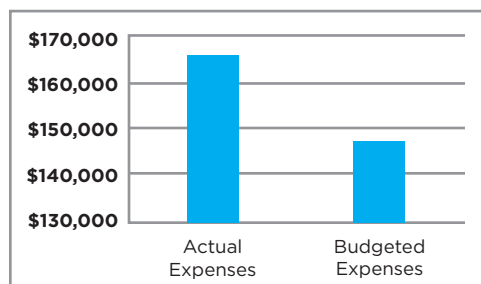
Having said that, the second challenge will give PHC another \$5,000 if the average monthly gift at the end of 2022 is at least \$10. For \$120 a year, you can help PHC secure \$10,00 through both challenges.

The donors behind these challenges want to join you in making PHC as effective as possible in meeting the community's needs. If we meet both challenges, PHC will have at least \$24,000 of guaranteed income each month. Such a steady stream of income will make it so much easier for PHC to budget properly and ensure that we can be there for all of the community's needs.

If you want to help us meet these challenges, please sign up through our website's Donate page, or contact me at 612-870-7263 or marti@peacehousecommunity.org for help setting up the payments. If you already donate once or twice a year, please consider splitting your donation into monthly amounts, or even adding monthly donations to your regular donation, to make sure your money blesses as many people as possible.

Once again, thank-you for your support. Nothing we have done or will do is possible without you.

Marti Maltby



Finances from January 1 through September 30

As usual, this is the time of year we start worrying about whether we will end the year with enough income to cover all of our expenses. This year is a little more stressful than usual, as we have added a new staff position, which has added noticeably to our costs. And as mentioned in the Director's Corner, our normal operating costs have increased as well. The following graphs will give you some idea of how we are doing on our revenue and expenses. While the graphs paint a bleak picture, we are confident that we can end the year with a balanced budget, especially if we can win the donor challenges mentioned in the Director's Corner.

If you want more detailed information on our finances, please contact Marti Maltby at marti@peacehousecommunity.org.

IN MEMORIAM



In September, PHC lost a longtime community member and friend, Frank Four Bear. Frank was a colorful character, well known for the cardboard signs he created to help him raise money while panhandling. We held a memorial service for him on September 16 at PHC. Friends, community members, volunteers and staff spoke about Frank with touching, deep-felt, and often funny memories. As a tribute, many people created signs saying farewell to Frank and offering prayers for him.

RIP Frank Four Bear



Curt Davis was an important part of PHC for many years. The story goes that he sat in the corner by the front door for many years. One day he said to Sister Rose, "Nobody does anything around here. Someone should do something." Rose said, "You are somebody." and he stepped up and started taking charge. Thus began the era of Curt helping

keep order at Peace House. He made everyone feel welcome, but also let them know when they needed to settle down or head out. He stayed until ALS forced him to retire. He is dearly missed.



A very dear supporter of PHC passed away suddenly in September. Carla Kjellbergh was extraordinarily generous at Christmas when she donated hundreds of MTC bus cards to the PHC. She

offered her beautiful home for our fundraisers and introduced many of her political friends to PHC. She will be deeply missed by us and all of the world.



We are thrilled to announce that these generous donors have joined with us to serve our community and further our mission.



Peace House Community was named a fall recipient of a \$15,000 grant from the Richard M. Schultze Family Foundation.



Open Your Heart Foundation approved our request to purchase a badly needed new freezer and food prep table.

Bread of Life Ministry is now delivering food to us every week. This will greatly help us with offering the community more food variety, fresh produce and hand foods that they can take with them.