



HIGHLIGHTS

Spring 2017

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Wishing you a fun-filled summer.



Generous Donation to Stephen's Place

Stephen's Place receives a generous donation from Partners for a New Beginning

Partners for a New beginning was born out of the passion of a group of Mothers who had experienced the devastating effects of the opiate addiction in their own families. Their mission is to raise awareness to the heroin epidemic as well as raise funds to help organizations that are working with drug addicted individuals.



Saturday, May 20th, Partners for a New Beginning held their 2nd Annual Opiate Awareness Day. Stephen's Place was honored to be a part of this inspiring stigma changing event. The women who started the mission of Partners for a new Beginning awarded Stephen's Place, as well as Nehemiah Wall, a home for woman, a generous gift to help aid us in our common goal of battling addiction and giving these recovering addicts an opportunity to learn how to live productive lives free of drugs and alcohol. We are extremely grateful for their support and confidence in our mission!



Just a reminder that we have two big fund-raising dates coming up; our Annual Cash Bingo will be held on Oct. 22, 2017 and our GALA is being planning for April 22, 2018. That year will be the 25th Anniversary of Stephen's Place. Msgr. Sacks, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, has agreed to have us hold these events in Marian Inn. More information will follow concerning these events. In the meantime if you wish to donate to Stephen's Place go to our web-site: www.stephens-place.org and make your donation online or send it to 729 Ridge St. Bethlehem, PA 18015.



Stephen's Place Annual Easter Egg Hunt



Traditionally, Sister Virginia Longcope hosts the annual Stephen's Place Easter Egg Hunt for the residents, graduates, and their children and families on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter. The kids get to meet the Easter Bunny as well as hunt for Easter eggs and play a game of Pass the Peep Bear!

This event is made possible with the help of volunteers who donate baskets and assist in putting the baskets together. Beforehand, the residents color an Easter egg for each child attending the hunt with their name which goes into their personal Easter basket. Just Born donates the candy for the event. The children look for plastic eggs which have prize slips in them. At the end of the hunt the children use those prize

slips to pick out prizes from a big tote placed on the patio.



One of the children receiving her Easter basket from the



Children playing the game "Pass the Peep Bear". One of the residents is timing the music for the game.

After the game of Pass the Peep Bear refreshments are served. This consists of fruit, punch and a piece of Bunny cake baked and decorated by a volunteer.

Everyone leaves this event with the Easter spirit in

Some of our Success Stories...

Randy K. is employed as a Physical Therapist Assistant at Cedarbrook Nursing Home in Fountain Hill.

Tom R. is currently employed as a Case Manager with the Lehigh County Welfare Dept. He and his wife recently bought a home in Salisbury.

Mike J. is the Kitchen Manager at Outback Steakhouse in Bethlehem. He and his wife recently bought a home in Bethlehem Township.

Darius Webb. recently received a full football scholarship for Texas A&M for the fall of 2017. Note: you can read Darius' story on our Stephens Place Facebook

Help us Spring into Summer Activities

Trip to Ocean City, N.J.



Cassady, Randy, Tom, Mike

Through the continued support and generosity of our donors we will be taking our annual beach trip to Ocean City New Jersey in July! This trip is one that is integral to the Stephen's Place Re-Entry experience. This year the total cost will be around two thousand dollars. We will be getting a hotel at Watson Regional Estates from Friday July 14th in the evening until Sunday morning. Saturday morning one of the residents will cook breakfast for all the other residents; after which the residents will be free to enjoy a fun day at the beach without the presence of drugs or alcohol. After having a meal together Saturday night the residents will attend a Narcotics Anonymous meeting in Ocean City. The remainder of the evening will be enjoyed on the boardwalk. This annual trip is more than a tradition for Stephen's Place, it tends to be a major bonding experience for the residents and all who attend. We will depart Sunday morning following brunch.

This major recreational activity has been a tradition since 2006 and is something that the residents anticipate all year round. We thank you for making this and other activities possible through your financial support and your belief in our mission!

Dorney Park and camping trip

It is our hope at Stephen's Place that the men who work our program get to experience firsthand what life beyond drugs and alcohol looks and feels like. The residents who go through our program build healthy habits that are rooted in structure, support, and accountability. They learn how to cope with life when challenging events are presented as well as how to find true joy and meaning in their life's without drinking or getting high.



These recreational bonding experiences provide the men re-entering into the community after incarceration something to work towards and a positive experience that incentivizes them to stay sober, focus and goal oriented. It is our hope that through your financial support this summer's recreational activities will be made possible! A donation envelope has been provide for your convenience.



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Stephen's Place Mission Statement

Stephen's Place believes that men coming out of prison should have a safe, spiritual environment in order to address early recovery issues from substance abuse as well as develop personal life skills. Therefore, Stephen's Place provides a Half-Way House to help these men transition back into the community as productive citizens.



All donations are tax deductible.

The official registration and financial information of Stephen's Place may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling 1(800)732-0999.

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I would like to pay a special tribute to our Board of Directors. Their support and input, empowers Stephen's Place to grow and develop.