



# The Family Fridge

## AUGUST 2006



Anna and Kate get the word around!

### BETHESDA FAMILY PICNIC

Thursday, August 17, Neshaminy State Park

The long anticipated annual picnic is just around the corner! Over 180 of Bethesda's guests and residents will soon succumb to the lure of hickory smoke, field events and lying back in the shade. And our special thanks to Karen and Jerry Leimkuhler for providing the fixings for this year's family picnic!

**BUT** we still have some **Picnic Needs** – especially prizes for our raffle, sports events and bingo prizes! Join our family picnic in spirit by donating gift card prizes in \$5 denominations – or send us a check and we'll do the shopping. Practical suggestions? For starts, how about phone cards, Starbucks, McDonalds, Wawa, Dunkin Donuts, American Express, Target, Gap, CVS, Rite Aid gift cards? Send your Picnic Prize, or a designated check, to Tony or Nora at 1630 South Street.

### AUGUST MENU

#### Tuesday 8/1

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Bainbridge Street

#### Thursday 8/3

3PM Prayer Gathering  
North Broad

#### Tuesday 8/8

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Spruce Street

#### Thursday 8/10

3PM 12-Step Prayer Gathering  
Sanctuary

#### Tuesday 8/15

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Bainbridge Street

### Thursday 8/17 Bethesda Family Picnic

Neshaminy State Park

#### Tuesday 8/22

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Spruce Street

#### Thursday 8/24

11AM Community Life Council Meeting  
1630 Office

3PM 12-Step Prayer Gathering  
Sanctuary

#### Tuesday 8/29

3PM Prayer Gathering  
Bainbridge Street

#### Thursday 8/31

3PM Prayer Gathering  
North Broad Street



### A Mid-Summer's Day Dream!

MBH took a summer trip to Sandy Cove Retreat Center in Maryland on Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, armed with high hopes and a good-sized picnic lunch. The day was spent boating on the Chesapeake Bay, playing volleyball at the pool and escaping Philly's heat and humidity.



### May She Rest In Peace

Phyllis Martin, one of Bethesda Project's founders and a very effective and influential volunteer during Bethesda's initial development phase, died in Germany on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Father Domenic Rossi sent the following message on the day Phyllis died. "Phyllis Martin, great woman of God, returned to her maker shortly after life support was removed this morning. She was in Germany attending the Norbertine General Chapter. She completed her earthly mission and the Lord seemed eager to have her return to Him.

She will be greatly missed by those of us who were privileged to know her. Perhaps the Lord will allow her to continue to serve us with her inspiration and her prayer. Let those of us who are grieving, support one another with our prayers."

With Father Rossi, I believe Bethesda Project now has someone to whom we may pray.

*Requiescat in pace.*

**Angelo Sgro**



### Special 'Thank You's' *All Around*



This summer has witnessed an exceptionally large number of young volunteers, both recent college grads, summer interns and high school 'faith and service' workers. A special 'thank you' to volunteers Carl (Daylesford Abbey), David (Lafayette University), Marty (St. Charles Seminary/St. Patrick's Parish) and Hannah and Sumon (Pendle Hill: Young Adult/Youth Programs) for their summer volunteer commitments at Our Brothers' Place, and Rob and Melissa (Jefferson University: Bridging the Gap Program) who worked at MBH. We can't tell you how much we appreciate your enthusiasm and commitment to the men and women of Bethesda Project.



Bethesda hosted high school volunteers from St. Xavier High School, Cincinnati, OH; Bishop Ahr High School, Edison, NJ; Notre Dame High School, Lawrenceville, NJ; St. John the Evangelist Youth Group, Lower Makefield, PA; and St. Bede the Venerable Youth Group, Holland, PA. Two special organizations, The Romero Center and the Center for Student Missions, run wonderful programs which enable high school and college students to commit a week of service and spiritual reflection among the poor. Bethesda is proud to collaborate with these faith-based social justice programs.

### Changing of the Guard

Good-bye to Dan Dougherty, and our sincere thanks for his work as a Fels Summer Intern! Dan researched and produced a workbook and PowerPoint presentation on the history and causes of homelessness for Bethesda's advocacy work. And a warm August welcome to Nora Spriggs, Bethesda Project's very own Philly Fellow for the coming year. Nora, an '06 graduate of Haverford College, hails from Atlanta, Georgia, and will serve Bethesda's shelter guests and residents as the Community Life Assistant this year with special responsibilities for community activities and volunteer coordination.



### **James McShane, Old Hand, New Hire**

After a full year as a Redeemer Ministry Corps full-time volunteer working at Bainbridge Street, James McShane (l.) has joined the 'Band of Brothers' as a full-time staff. We are grateful for the spirit of volunteerism which James brought to this work, and are thrilled to still have him as one of the family!



# HELP!

## Special Bethesda Needs:

How can something be special when it's an everyday event? When it's a shortage of towels and men's underwear at Our Brothers' Place. Now THAT'S special!!

Also, at this time of year we run dangerously low on casseroles! Please consider joining our casserole network.

For more information: contact Tony or Nora at 215-985-1600

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To our new Bethesda staff members  
Janet McGuire  
James McShane  
Nora Spriggs and  
Fred Purdie!

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## Happy Birthday to our most august staff members:

John Mosley 8/1, William Taylor III 8/1, Hosea Brown 8/2, Pamela Graham 8/3,  
Kate Colameco 8/5, Regina Smith 8/5, Jason Griffin 8/16, Amir Williams 8/17,  
Misty Sparks 8/19, Daniel Miller 8/25, Robert Hayes 8/26 and Monica Roach 8/30

*And many more!!*

