



# HOSPITALITY

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## A MESSAGE FROM CHERYL

How can anyone not be affected by the tragedy we see unfolding day after day with the aftermath of hurricane Katrina. Horrors upon horrors these people have had to face, the hurricane, levy failure, and then the violence and looting. These people live in the best nation in the world and this nation and it's citizens will mobilize and support them as soon as possible. The outpouring of the assistance from the private sector has been nothing but outstanding.

Yes, you all know me well enough to know this is somehow going to come around into an article on homelessness, Interfaith Hospitality Network or both. You are right! By no means do I want to compare the natural disaster that occurred to the Gulf coast people to homelessness in Greene County. The point that I do want to make is two fold. We do live in the best nation in the world. Homelessness should not even have to be considered by anyone in this nation, outside of natural or manmade disasters. No child should have to sleep on a cot in any shelter. No person should have to worry about whether to buy medicine, groceries, or pay rent. And any of these choices should not have to lead to possible eviction, further illness or hunger! We live in a great nation!

Please, I ask you to remember and help these hurricane evacuees anyway you can in the aftermath of the most devastating natural disaster in our country's history. There are so many places you can help financially, materially, or by volunteering.

But, I also ask that after you have helped these evacuees, please remember the people that are displaced due to other circumstances. Many of them now sit in our IHN and other local shelters and also need your assistance.

## IHN SUPPORTS THE UNITED WAY

Please support the vital network of services in our community by giving generously through our local United Way. Your gift to the Community Solutions Fund is vital for those in need, and you can support an agency or cause that is special to you. You can direct all or part of your gift to the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greene County or to any 501©(3) organization providing a health or human service in the Miami Valley by simply entering the name on the pledge form. There are no code numbers for IHN this year. Thank you for your generosity.

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## WE SAY GOODBY TO REBECCA MCKEE

Rebecca McKee resigned from her position as the Coordinator of Coordinators at the end of the school year early this spring and has moved to Michigan. We were very sad to see her leave! Rebecca has served on the board with great fervor and has served us very well. Doug Tryloff , the IHN coordinator for Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Beavercreek has stepped up to the job of Coordinator of Coordinators. Welcome aboard Doug, we are glad that you are able to join us.

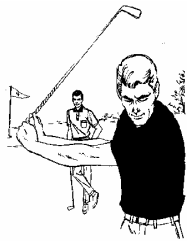
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## HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL NEEDED

Winter is approaching faster than many of us want. IHN is in need of a health care professional to come in on a volunteer basis at least twice a month (or on an as needed basis). We simply want this person to look down throats, in ears, check blood pressure, take temperatures, etc. IHN is having many more guests in the program which equates to colds, flu, and upper respiratory infections running rampant throughout our shelter. We want to



**FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON UPDATE**



We held our FIFTH ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON on May 23 at the Sebastian Hills Golf Course east of Xenia. We had another perfect day for golf!!!

We had 32 golfers (our goal was 40) and all but one golfer played 100 holes or more! A total of \$47,891 were pledged to help support our IHN guests.

Mark Brooks won a custom set of Calloway golf clubs and a golf vacation for raising \$6,850 in pledges. Other winners of golf vacations for raising \$2,500 or more in pledges were Dennis Ditto, Keith Simpson, Bob Emerson, Tom Joch, and Mike Vogel. Bob Emerson won a putting Iron for closest to the pin all day and Robert McDowell won a huge driver for the longest drive all day. John Mark Brooks won a golf vacation for winning the chipping contest at the Kick Off party. We really appreciate the hard work of all of the players in that this fund raiser is our largest fund raising effort of the year. THANKS GUYS AND GALS FOR YOUR HARD WORK!!!

We are again in the process of planning our SIXTH ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON for next spring. Keep watch for the announcements for this and come join the fun while you raise funds for our great charity, the IHN. We will again hold the Marathon at the Sebastian Hills Golf Course and it will be on May 22, 2006. Mark your calendars now for a great day of fun, food and fund raising!!

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**BOARD MEMBERS RESIGN**

Being responsible individuals, Mark Brooks and Randy Persons have decided that it is not fair to the IHN Board to remain on the board if they cannot attend the regular meetings and fulfill the responsibilities as a board member. We are sorry to see them go but understand that they have responsibilities to their employers that they must fulfill. We will keep them on as Friends of IHN and look forward to seeing them around once in a while. If you would like to help on the board call the Day Center.



**HOTEL REHAB WORK**

Rehab work on the hotel has been very active this summer.

The finalized architectural drawings have been submitted to the Greene County Engineers and we expect to receive approval any day.

In the mean time we have removed all the plaster, lath and drywall from the studs, made major structural repairs in the basement, ripped out more water pipes, removed two chimneys, and separated the old frame structure from the brick structure preparing it for demolition.

Through the help of a Community Development Block Grant, we have been able to replace the roof and the soffits, trim, fascia and rain gutters. We expect to demolish the back structure soon and then replace it with a new cinderblock structure. We will continue to work during the fall and winter as weather permits.

We are always looking for help. If you would like to help please call Don Schneider at 429-0620 and he will add you to his workday emailing and keep you apprised of the work.

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**FUNDING NEEDED!!!**

We do not like to keep mentioning it, but we are always in need of additional funds. Yes, we raised a substantial amount of funds with the Annual Golf Marathon, but that will only fund about half of our annual needs. We are continually experiencing additional expenses as we try to serve our guests. Also, as noted earlier in this newsletter, we will not be receiving any contributions through the Combined Federal Campaign from which we have previously received approximately \$5,000 each year. So please help us by responding generously to the funding appeal letter you will be receiving in the mail in late November. Thank you for your help.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greene County is a nonprofit interfaith ministry committed to uniting the religious community in Greene County to provide shelter, meals and assistance to homeless families and single women. Our mission is to reach out as messengers of God, reflecting His unconditional love with compassion and acceptance, providing help, hope and a safe haven for our guests while they seek permanent employment and affordable housing.*

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