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A MESSAGE FROM CHERYL

TWO LITTLE BOYS

A mother comes into IHN with a 5 year old and a 3 year old. The little ones have no idea where they are. They have been told they are going on vacation. They thought IHN was a pretty cool place. It has a toy room with real toys. They come back to check on Mommy and see her crying a lot. They wonder why Daddy is no longer with them but Mommy covers up a lot by saying Daddy needed to go away for a while but Daddy loved them very much. She tells the five year old that while his Daddy is gone, he will be the man of the house. A job he immediately takes very seriously. He goes down the hall and starts checking and supervising his little brother. He comes back to check on Mommy and she is still crying a lot. He puts his little hands on her face and wipes away her tears and says “don't worry Mommy, I will take care of you now because I am the Man of the house”.

Many of our children do try to assume adult responsibilities that a child should never have to assume. It is usually the child sensing a need from Mommy and trying to help no matter what it is. Our children at IHN seem to have to grow up very (continued on page 3)

THE SCHNEIDER HOUSE OF HOPE IS

OPEN!!



After seven years, the renovation of the old donated Francis Inn building at 124 S. Detroit St in Xenia, Ohio, has been completed. The first hosting of displaced families occurred on June 27, 2010 and the building was dedicated as “The Schneider House” during a public dedication

and open house on August 1, 2010. In the January IHN Board of Trustees meeting held on January 20, 2011, the Board of Trustees supplemented the name to now be “The Schneider House of Hope”, reflecting the key value of IHN, a source of hope for the homeless. From mid 2003 until today over 30,000 volunteer hours have been donated by over 1050 people, to help with the renovation of this building. These volunteers and donated supplies, equipment and services assisted greatly in the renovation process allowing us to keep the actual funds expenditures under \$350,000. If this project had been completed under contract, the estimated costs would probably have exceeded \$1 million.



ELEVENTH ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON

The IHN of Greene County will hold its ELEVENTH ANNUAL GOLF MARATHON on May 16, 2011. This year we will again be playing on the WGC Golf Course in Xenia. This is a fund raising activity, and as last year, our goal is to have 40 golfers with a goal of each playing 100 holes of golf in one day. The golf course will be dedicated to our use all day and there will be a lot of very valuable prizes !! And, of course, there will be lots of food and drinks for the golfers. The goal is for each golfer to obtain sponsors for \$2,500.00 each and prizes will be awarded to the golfers who raise the most pledges. We raised approximately \$50,000.00 last year and we are shooting for \$75,000 this year. We are looking forward to this being another great event with everyone having a lot of fun while they raise funds for the IHN. If you want to play in the Golf Marathon please call Don Schneider at 232-1806 or email at info@ihnofgreeneco.org.



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. 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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