



NEWS & NOTES

March 2013

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual auction, "Celebrating the Hospitality of Face to Face", will be held on Saturday, April 13th at Ancillae Assumpta Academy. This event is a significant fundraiser for our organization, and all proceeds support the programs that benefit the residents of the Germantown community we serve.

We invite you to share in this vital work through your Sponsorship of and/or Donation to the auction.

Young People Inspiring Us All

In the space of a few days in January we received two extraordinary donations; extraordinary because of their generosity and extraordinary because of the young age of their donors. Sinead Scullion, a third grader at St. Hilary's Elementary School in Rydal, PA, sent us an envelope containing \$37.71 (the entire contents of her piggy bank). Sinead sent it to the people of Face to Face with a card that said, "May you welcome the season with an open heart and a joyful spirit." Sinead's donation was motivated by Ms. Sue Semple, who heads the social outreach program at St. Hilary's and regularly brings volunteers to Face to Face. Sinead's mother explained that her daughter always thinks of others, especially children, who do not have the blessings that she shares with her family.



A few days later we received a note from Jacob Taylor along with a check for \$500. Jacob explained that he had just made his Bar Mitzvah and wanted to share his gifts with the people of Face to Face. Jacob volunteered at Face to Face as part of his preparation for his Bar Mitzvah at Keneseth Israel in Elkins Park, PA. Included with Jacob's donation was a note thanking Face to Face for the opportunity to "work in our dining room for others." He explained that "he had a great time and [that] it made me feel great." Jacob's mother noted that her son was changed by his mitzvah experience at Face to Face and plans to return to volunteer in the future.



These gifts energized all of us at Face to Face with the knowledge of the kindness and selflessness of an 8 and 13 year old; each set on changing the world. The people at Face to Face were changed as well by the kindness and love of two remarkable young people who clearly have open, joyful hearts.

Dining Room Flower Shop

Two days before Valentine's Day our dining room was transformed into a flower shop thanks to Board Member Peg Havard. Peg supplied all the materials and tools and led 15 guests in creating gorgeous arrangements of roses, carnations and wild thistle. The dining room was lively and festive as guests chatted and discovered their talent for creating lovely center pieces. The men and women bonded with each other and Peg as they chose flowers and discussed design techniques and life in general. Our staff was drawn to the class by the sound of laughter and friendship echoing through the halls. As is so often the case here =at Face to Face, the experience was mutually transforming for all involved. The power of the beautiful flowers and the creative act of designing transported everyone away from their everyday struggles to a place where beauty and companionship were the focus.



Peg's idea to offer the flower arranging class at the regular Tuesday morning art program was truly inspired. The participants loved it so much that Peg has promised to return for another session soon. In the meantime, she is scheduled to teach a class on how to make "Irish Potatoes" for St. Patrick's Day.

Volunteers

Volunteers are at the heart of Face to Face. Without their time, talent and resources, we couldn't fulfill our mission to the Germantown community. We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups, including meal preparation and service, indoor/outdoor clean-up, and administrative assistance.

Currently, we are in need of the following volunteers:

1. Administrative aide to our staff;
2. Handy man/woman; and
3. Web designer.

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