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Turkey Trot

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Thanksgiving Morning
Along the Wissahickon Creek in Fairmount Park

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2016 Turkey Trot

It's that time of year again! Join us for the 24th annual Turkey Trot!
Online registration will close on November 20, 2016 at midnight
(after that registration will be \$40 for those 12 and up...it is \$10 for those 12 and under.)

Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2016

Rain or Shine

Same day registration begins at 7:00am

Race begins at 9am

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NEWS & NOTES

The Regulars *Sydney Wienberg*

It was when I was doing my Senior Project at the William Penn Charter School that I first realized how much a part of my life Face to Face had become. My project was inspired by a photographer named Sarah Stolfa, who photographed individuals at a local bar she went to routinely. She compiled the works into a series called "The Regulars" - portraits that captured the beauty and personality of those who were frequent visitors to the tavern. My senior project, was also entitled "The Regulars," but featured portraits I took of regular guests at the Face to Face Dining Room. The Dining Room is like a restaurant in that the guests are seated at tables and served their food and drink. Guests are able to feel safe and at home while sharing a meal and conversation with other guests, friends and family members. During my time working on my project I would go to the Dining Room every weekend and sit with individuals as they ate: learning about their lives, their interests, their families and how they arrived at Face to Face. I became particularly close to a number of individuals, many of whom still know me when I return to the Dining Room now, 6 years later.

The individuals I've met throughout the years have been through so much, yet the resilience they demonstrate as they continue to fight their way out of their current situations is truly inspirational. There was Alice (since passed away), a woman who was so inspired by the writing courses she was taking at Face to Face that she enrolled in a writing program at the local community college. Another gentleman (whose name I will keep confidential) told me about how he had played football at Harvard University until he became injured and lost his scholarship. Unable to afford college on his own, a series of events led him to find himself at Face to Face nearly 20 years later. However, he was a passionate reader, and every week we would discuss the latest piece of literature he was reading. He once told me something that I



will never forget and words that I continue to live by to this day; "Always expect the best out of life but be prepared for the worst." These are just two examples of the incredible individuals that I came to know and love during my time volunteering at the Dining Room.

Today, 6 years later, my relationship with Face to Face remains strong. I continue to visit the Dining Room whenever possible and I have found a powerful mentor and friend in the organization's Executive Director, Mary Kay Meeks-Hank. I have seen Face to Face transform from simply the Dining Room to a fully functional program that encompasses legal services, a health center, an art program, programs that provide a safe haven for children in the area and much more. Face to Face now offers showers to those individuals who do not have the ability to cleanse themselves on a daily basis and guests can even get a haircut thanks to a lovely father and daughter duo who come in weekly. Seeing the transformation and growth of Face to Face over the past 6 years is truly a sight to behold.

Face to Face is beyond question a one of a kind organization that I am lucky enough to have become a part of. The guests in the Dining Room have taught me about patience, kindness and resilience and have encouraged me to follow my passions in life. I cannot thank Face to Face enough for all the ways in which my life has been enriched by my involvement and the relationships that have grown out of my time in the Dining Room. I can't wait to visit again this Fall and hear my pal Eugene who I first met when I came to Face to Face six years ago say "Hey photography girl, where's your camera? I'm looking pretty good today."

October Volunteer Training

Face to Face Volunteer Training provides an opportunity for new volunteers to explore more deeply what our clients may experience on a daily basis. We ask that all volunteers attend one session. The remaining 2016 training session will be held:

Sunday, October 9 - 12:00PM - 1:30PM

Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP by October 7th with our volunteer coordinator, Becky at becky@facetofacegermantown.org.

Wish List

Face to Face would like to thank the many organizations, businesses, individuals and families who take time out of their busy schedules to remember the people in our Germantown community. The numerous gloves, coats, hats, toiletries and other supplies you generously donate bring the gifts of comfort, warmth and dignity to many. We couldn't do it without you!

Soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, shaving cream
New or gently used men's and women's t-shirts, sweatpants and sweatshirts (S, M, L & XL)

- Men's and Women's athletic socks
- New or gently used warm coats, hats, gloves
- Laundry Detergent
- Ground coffee and sugar packets
- Septa tokens
- ACME gift cards
- Walgreens gift cards
- All-purpose white copy paper

Our Adult Art Program is always grateful for the following items:

Acrylic paint, Art paper, sketch pads, markers

With the exception of the items listed above, Face to Face does not accept donations of clothing or household items.

Items may be dropped off at Face to Face, 109 E Price Street, Philadelphia, PA 19144 Friday through Tuesday, 9AM to 2PM. We are closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Please contact Marie McCabe at 215-438-7939 or marie@facetofacegermantown.org for additional information



Volunteers Needed: Tuesday Meal

As the word spreads of our new noontime Tuesday meal, we are looking for volunteers to help out! We need volunteers from 10AM - 1PM for meal prep and from 11:30AM - 2:30PM for meal serving. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out an [application](#) or email Becky at becky@facetofacegermantown.org.

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