



Genesis House

“Be The Light In Someone’s Darkest Hour”



UPCOMING EVENTS

December 21st, The Longest Night of the Year, will be Luminaries Night in Olean. Just imagine your home, your neighborhood, the whole city aglow with the warm inviting light of thousands of candles. Would you like to help bring awareness to the issue of homelessness and raise money for Genesis House?

Call Genesis House (373-3354)

Or

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In place of the Director’s Letter, this letter from a former resident says it all ~ Linore

A Special Letter from Patricia

I would like to take a moment to express my gratitude to all the wonderful staff and all who make life possible at the Genesis House. I have never met more caring and compassionate people. While there, I was asked daily of my concerns and ways for the staff and volunteers to help with them. They worked with and for me on a daily basis to make sure I had everything I needed to make a better life for myself and it didn’t stop there. Now thanks to all their wonderful help and other agencies in Olean I have my own apartment! I am doing great, but the staff at Genesis House still regularly checks in with me. I know if ever I need anything even a companion or sympathetic ear, they at the Genesis House will always be there for me, with good will and kindness in their hearts. So I thank you Genesis House and all who support it and make it possible. May God bless you all as he has blessed me by showing me your kind loving hearts. Thank You.

Former Resident,

Patricia Selden

Bethel's Annual Chicken BBQ and Church Bazaar

On August 8th Bethel held its annual Chicken BBQ and Church Bazaar in support of Genesis House. The event included a BBQ dinner, bake sale, children's games, entertainment, basket auction, and homemade crafts. Including supplemental funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Chapter #30714, a total of \$4,072 was raised. 839 volunteer hours were generated to make this event such a success. Genesis House gives thanks to all those who participated and made this event possible. Special thanks go out to chair people Bryan and Mary



Wave "Hi" to Rev. Paula at the BBQ

Dr. Kalsman's Korner HCH Update Fall 2009

H1N1 (Swine Flu) and What It Means For You

2009 H1N1 virus, commonly known as swine flu, has become widespread in our communities and therefore people need to know what to do about it. Here are some frequently asked questions and answers.

What is swine flu?

H1N1 is a novel flu virus that initially was thought to be similar to a flu virus commonly found in North American pigs. It has since been determined to be from different origins.

What are symptoms of H1N1 flu?

The symptoms of H1N1 are similar to seasonal flu, which include fever, headache, chills, fatigue, sore throat, cough, and body aches. Diarrhea and vomiting can occur, but in a smaller percentage of people.

How does it spread?

Like other viruses, H1N1 spreads by direct person to person contact with someone who is sick and coughing or sneezing. People can spread the virus from 1 day prior to onset of symptoms for 5-7 days.

How does H1N1 differ from the regular flu?

In many respects, H1N1 is very similar to the regular flu. Certain populations, such as the elderly or chronically ill, are usually considered at risk for complications or severe illness. H1N1 differs in that elderly seem to be at less risk and younger populations and pregnant women appear to be at more risk for complications, including the rare complication of severe pneumonia and death.

What should people with symptoms do?

Avoid contact with others. Do not go to work or school. If you do go into public, wear a mask and wash your hands frequently. People are considered contagious for 24 hours after fever resolves.

Are there medicines that can be given?

There are two prescription medications that can be given, however recent evidence shows that H1N1 has become resistant to Tamiflu.

Is there a vaccine available?

A vaccine is to be released this fall in late October. It will be distributed through the health departments to local agencies and physicians. High risk groups: pregnant women, children, parents of young children, elderly or chronically ill, will get highest priority.

Where can I get more information?

The Center for Disease Control has extensive information at:
www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu



Sr. Noella Lachat, OSF 8th Recipient of the Marion B. Scott Award

Sister Noella was born during "The Great Depression" in a small town in western Connecticut, the 6th of 8 children. She was appropriately given the name Marie Noella since she was baptized on Christmas Eve.

Sr. Noella Lachat has been a great supporter of the Genesis House. She visited the House on a regular basis and particularly enjoyed helping the children with their homework or reading to them. Although currently living in Massachusetts, Sr. Noella is still committed to Genesis House. For her, the mission of Genesis House is an example of how we as individuals can do our part to bring peace in this world.

Eagle Scout and Genesis House Volunteer

While working towards his Eagle Scout badge, Tim Crino, of Olean, N.Y., volunteered at Genesis House. He built a very sturdy table and shelving for the shelter to store food. Tim was recognized at the Harvest Gala for his leadership skills. As you can see, the shelving units are excellent and were immediately put to use.

Tim was also the recipient of the 2009 Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau's Youth Citizen Award. Crino is a senior at Hinsdale High School, a member of the National Honor Society, Physics Club, a yearbook editor, and plays various school sports.

Tim's community service includes being a member of the St. Mary's of the Angels Youth Group, Pro Life Group and Eagle Scouts. He also volunteers with the Warming House, Youth Rally and at area can drives and clean-ups. WOW!



OUR Volunteers

Thank You Genesis House volunteers past and present! There are a total of 70+ volunteers who do various jobs during a given year. As of Sept. 3rd, 2009 42,077 volunteer hours were accumulated at Genesis House – wow! There is no way the house could run without all of these wonderful gifted people. Volunteers are teenagers, working people, retired people, and college students. Sometimes people work alone, sometimes in a group. Whatever anyone does for Genesis House is greatly appreciated by staff and residents. Thank all of you for your continuing support. What a wonderful community we live in. It is truly a blessing for me to work along side all of our volunteers and staff. *Muriel*

To volunteer call Muriel-Volunteer/After-Care Coordinator at (716)373-3354



Thank You Emergency Nurses Association

Emergency Nurses Association member Jacquie Glendenning presents Genesis House Director, Linore Lounsbury with food products collected by the Olean General Hospital Emergency Department during Emergency Nurses Week in October.

AWARD WINNING AGENCY

Genesis House was honored to accept the 2009 Ecumen Award from the Greater Olean Association of Churches for working with all the area churches. Genesis House is a keystone in the community bringing together people of all faiths to serve for the good of all, which is why the GOAC unanimously decided to bestow the Ecumen Award to Genesis House this year. One of the services Genesis House has offered to all the congregations is to help provide case management with the pastors to help provide information to them concerning services available to their congregation and others who come for assistance. Rev. Dan stated, "Genesis House fosters the commitment to Christian Unity".

The Board of Directors, Staff and Volunteers thank GOAC Board President Rev. Dan McDowell, and the GOAC Board for their kindness.

A Challenge Grant

The Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation has issued a challenge to Genesis House, Warming House, and Olean Food Pantry. The Community Foundation has offered to match \$1.00 to every \$2.00 donated from October through December 31st, up to \$1,000. Donations can be sent to the Foundation or directly to the Genesis House. Linore the executive director stated, "What a wonderful opportunity. One more way we can work with the other two agencies in order to assist people with few or no resources."

A Thank You from Jeff

Words cannot adequately convey my heartfelt gratitude and great feeling of fullness for the ladies of Genesis House.

At a time of great tribulation they offered a spark of hope. And it was that spark that ignited a fire of inspiration.

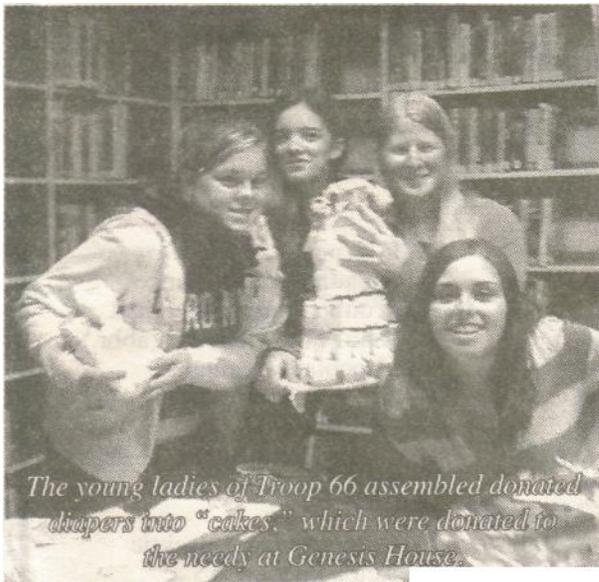
I feel truly blessed to have them in my life.

~Jeff

A Letter for Deborah (Case Manager of Genesis House)

I have just completed my first year at Genesis House. Linore hired me for the accounting position, but she saw early on that my heart was for the people who live at Genesis House. So... as soon as the Case Management position opened, I was there. I have to say that I feel blessed indeed. Linore and Muriel have been wonderful and are excellent mentors. I have been given the gifts of serving and encouraging as well as being able to use life experiences to help those in need. I don't believe there is any better position on this earth than this.

~ Deborah Tucker



The young ladies of Troop 66 assembled donated diapers into "cakes," which were donated to the needy at Genesis House.

Courtesy of Olean Times Herald

A Letter from Gregory Koontz (Men's Shelter Security Manager)

I am grateful to be able to serve this community as security manager for the Genesis House Men's Shelter. I am committed to the issue of those I serve. I am also blessed to serve my church with my music education as worship leader. My personal heart felt thanks to all those who serve those in need. I look forward to meeting you.

~ Greg

Diaper Cakes

Everyone at Genesis House was awed by the magnificent diaper cakes that Portville Girls Scout Troop 66 created. The diaper cakes were layers upon layers of diapers along with other essentials for baby. We were impressed with your creativity and all of our babies and their mother's thank you very much.

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Creekside board as a monthly Ken Tesco members and a tour enjoyed the Ken challenge monthly s

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WISH LIST

Call 716-373-3354 for drop-off time's		Programmable Thermostat
Men Volunteers	Dairy products/ milk/eggs	Plumber's Snake
Batteries	Night lights	Can openers
Siding	Meat	Light bulbs
4-slice toaster	Laundry Detergent	Men's' socks/ gloves/ hats
Slippers	Pillows	Paper products

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