

Transitions

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A Fresh New Look!

Welcome to this edition of *Transitions*. In its seventh year of publication, *Transitions* was in need of a face lift. Though the layout has changed a bit, you'll still get to enjoy the same great articles and pictures just as before. Enjoy!

TLP Yard Sale 2006 was a Success!

A little rain sure didn't dampen Stepping Stone's yard sale! Because of all of our generous community members and friends who donated goods to our sale, we were able to raise a solid amount for our youth and the program. This one is definitely going down in the books as a success. Don't forget to keep us in mind throughout the year as you do your spring (or summer, or fall or winter!!!) cleaning.

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Mailing List Reminder

Do you know someone who you think would like to be added to our mailing list and receive a copy of *TRANSITIONS*? If so, please contact Kate Sager, Assistant Director, at (814) 234-2632. Also, if any changes need to be made to the address that we have for you (or if you would like to be removed from the list), please do not hesitate to call so we can update our mailing list with your correct information. Thank you!

Upcoming Holiday Season

It's never too early to wish our readers a happy holiday season! With the cold weather fast approaching, we would like to remind you to be safe this holiday season. To our Alumni ... consider spending some time with your olds pals at TLP. Whether it is for a warm meal or a phone call to say "hello", we would love to catch up with you.



Former resident Amber lending a helping hand



Former resident LaShaunda working hard to make a sale



Vanessa (BSYH staff), Jen, and Andy ready for business (and hoping the rain holds off!)

United Way Day of Caring Gives TLP a “Face Lift”

Each October, Stepping Stone is honored to be one of the many non-profit service organizations to receive volunteers through the United Way’s annual *Day of Caring* event. This year members of the Penn State OPP department, the Penn State Lady Lion Basketball team, Penn State Hospitality Services, and Seligman Friedman were on site to help with several projects, including recarpeting the living room, repainting the

siding on the exterior of the house, staining the fire escapes and landscaping. Stepping Stone can not thank our volunteers enough for the hard work that truly made the day a huge success. Stepping Stone staff and residents would like to extend a big thank you to the Centre County United Way and all of the volunteers who donated their time to this wonderful cause.

A volunteer from PSU Hospitality Services hard at work on the carpet project

Staff Profile: Kimberly Wood

You may recognize the face but maybe not the name. Stepping Stone would like to “reintroduce” Kim Wood, formerly Kim Meuer. Congratulations on your marriage Kim!

Kim began her career at Stepping Stone as an intern back in 2004 and then became TLP’s Aftercare Coordinator. In 2005 in the midst of a

staffing shift, Kim took on the task of juggling both the Aftercare position as well as that of Case Supervisor. Now as only Case Supervisor, Kim gets the opportunity to assist the youth on her case team in reaching their independent living goals. TLP is proud and lucky to have such a dedicated staff as Kim. A big thank you to Kim for all of her hard work

and dedication to the youth of Stepping Stone.



TLP Picture Picks: More photos from the Day of Caring



Stepping Stone Norms: *Safety*

Safety is a top priority of the Stepping Stone program. Not only is it important to our staff to keep the youth in our program safe, but it is our goal to teach our youth self-awareness and ways to keep themselves safe as well. The following are norms that each youth are expected to follow while both in the house and out in the community:

- *When you are angry, talk to staff (or a trusted adult) to avoid becoming escalated.*
- *Make sure electrical items are away from water sources.*
- *Make sure items are in good condition before using them to avoid hazardous situations.*
- *If you see something in the house that needs to be repaired, inform staff immediately.*
- *Be sure to hang around safe people and at safe places. Poor peer choices will not only affect your progress, but can affect the progress of fellow residents and the safety of the house in general.*
- *If you feel threatened in any way, inform staff immediately.*
- *Be aware of fire hazards (turn off lights not in use, do not have clutter around vents).*
- *Always be aware of your surroundings in the house and out in the community.*

Working together to keep our youth safe!



REFERRAL NOTE: If you or someone you know would like to apply for admission, please call to reserve a slot in our interview schedule and to ask for an application (our application can also be accessed online at www.ccysb.com). Please be aware that Stepping Stone is not an emergency shelter. If you would like to know more about the program, we do offer tours of our facility and can send you further information.

2006 Donor List

(those who have donated time, goods, service, etc. this year)

Jane Graham	Carl Bankert
Melissa McDonnell	Mary Jean Murgas
State College Volleyball League	Claire Cox
PSU Waste Not Project	Dallas Luke
State College Presbyterian Church	Isabell Myers
Peter Shaw	Marggie Kozak
Richard Kilhofer	Michelle Chronister
Ruben Guillermo	United Way Day of Caring
Bruce Homan, YSB	PSU Lady Lion Basketball
Nicole Tabatabai	PSU OPP Department
Katie Brunner	Seligman Friedman
Jane Votral	Penn State Hospitality Services
The AIDS Project	Peter Kaufmann
Philadelphia 76ers	Brandon Zlupko
Women's Resource Center	Jim Karchner
Karen Haar	Andra Reason
Bobbie Beebe	Bernadette Price
Laurie and Ken Chertow	Anne Smith
David Kilmer	Michele Reese
Anne Slawson	Matt Conrad
Paul Newfeld	Karen Rhode
Bonnie Spetzer	Heather Trimp
Glen and Ruth Blume	Shannon Weaver
YSB Special Events	Steve Weaver
Anson McClellan	Meredith Monroe
Episcopal Student Ministries	Meggan Quinn
United Church of Christ	Sue Sherburne
John Sheridan, SCASD	Mike Miller
The Second Mile	Annie Troyan
Forever Broadcasting	Tyra Grant
Jacki Taas, CCCS	Courtney Molinaro
PSU Int'l. Speaker Series	Amanda Brown
Meagan Collins	Adrienne Squire
Josh King	Charity Renfro
Andrea Jacono	Mashea Williams
Stephanie Workman	Brianne O-Rourke
Healthworks	Rashida Marks
Corey Cook	Linda Strauss
Mansour Khalid Al-Omran	Julie Cryan
Swing Phi Swing	Debbie Reynolds
Shirley April	Jim "Smiley" Burket
Travis Peterson, YSB	Bob Cain
Maureen Garthwaite	Dana Aschman
Roger Garthwaite, YSB	Kris Peterson
Corey Whitsell	Schlow Library
Lowes of State College	Ray Forliat

Thanks to all of you who have supported Stepping Stone over the years. Thank you to all of the anonymous donors as well!



Upcoming Events

TLP Halloween Trick or Treat for Unicef/Halloween Party

Tuesday, October 31st

6pm-?

TLP Alumni...Come and join TLP staff and residents for a night of fun and a chance to give back to the community. Come by at 6pm if you'd like to join us for dinner. If interested, please call a week in advance to give us a heads up.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thursday, November 23rd

6pm-7pm

TLP Alumni and friends...come and join us for a Thanksgiving feast! If interested in joining us, please call ASAP so we can make sure to have plenty of food for all. Bring a dish to share if you'd like!

First Night Celebration

Sunday, December 31st

TBA

Just as in year's past, TLP will be heading out to see the beautiful ice sculptures and maybe even indulge in some kettle corn. Call ahead if you'd like to join us!



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