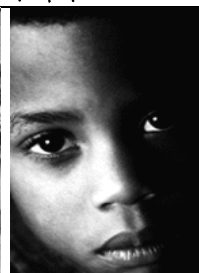


# NEWS FROM THE HOMEFRONT



2ND QUARTER, 2008

## HEALTH COVERAGE

Covering Kids and Families of Central Indiana is a program of the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County and advocates health coverage for Indiana's families. There are three healthcare programs they promote. Hoosier Healthwise is for women who are pregnant, children up to their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday and children or adults with medical disabilities. Wishard Advantage is designed to provide basic medical care for applicants aged 19 and older residing in Marion County who are unable to afford private insurance. The third program is Healthy Indiana Plan for uninsured Hoosier adults between the ages of 19 and 64. Homeless service providers are encouraged to contact Terrence Ridley, Outreach Worker for Health and Hospital, to discuss health coverage options for individuals and families they are serving who do not have insurance. Terrence can be reached at 317.221.3185 or [tridley@hhcorp.org](mailto:tridley@hhcorp.org).

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

### Marion County Housing Trust Fund FY2008

\$2,000,000 in total funding is being made available for creation of high-impact, focused development in lower-income communities in Indianapolis in FY2008. The next deadline is **July 31<sup>st</sup> 2008**.

### Requirements:

- All clients served must be at or below 80% AMI.
- 50% of clients served must be at or below 50% AMI.
- Proposals must be directly related to housing, supportive services linked to housing, or housing supports.

Any nonprofit entity, for-profit entity, governmental or quasi-governmental agency that is engaged in or related to the development, management, or operation of housing units for households of low- or very low-income in Marion County, Indiana, is eligible.

Eligible Programs: Single-Room Occupancy "Conduit Housing"; Focused Strategic Neighborhood Housing Development plans; and Single Family Unit Development plans.

Further information: Jim Naremore, [jnaremor@indygov.org](mailto:jnaremor@indygov.org), 317.327.3766.

## WELCOME TO CHIP, TIMOTHY JOYCE



The Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention is pleased to announce Timothy Joyce as our new Executive Director.

Joyce has an extensive background helping create opportunities for those most economically challenged, both here in Indianapolis and on assignment in other communities across the eastern half of the country. He also has more than 10 years experience serving as a leader in Indiana State Government including serving as Chief of Staff to the late Governor Frank O'Bannon.

Joyce spent nine years working with young men and women in and around the Job Corps Program, a youth residential education and training program focused on addressing high school dropout and youth runaway issues. It was those direct youth counseling experiences that make Joyce uniquely qualified to head the advocacy efforts to end homelessness across the city.

Now in the sixth year of implementing Indianapolis's 10 year plan, *The Blueprint to End Homelessness*, CHIP expects that the community will continue steady progress toward making Indianapolis the first major city in the country to end the scourge of homelessness. We are all confident that under the leadership of Joyce, CHIP is ready to meet and overcome the many challenges that lie ahead.

Thanks to all of you who offered your support and guidance during this transition period at CHIP. Timothy Joyce, the rest of the CHIP staff, and the Board of Directors look forward to continuing to work with each of you.

## SAVE THE DATE! CHIP'S ANNUAL MEETING

CHIP's Annual Meeting will be held on July 15, 2008 at 7:45 a.m. at Barnes & Thornburg, 11 S. Meridian St. Please join us to hear an update on the community's *Blueprint to End Homelessness*. Guest speakers will include Pacer's Coach Jim O'Brien and Sister Mary Scullion, a devoted homeless advocate and founder of Philadelphia's Project H.O.M.E. For more information or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jennifer Hunt at 317.630.0853, ext. 208 or [jhunt@chipindy.org](mailto:jhunt@chipindy.org).

**2008 INDY HOMELESS CONNECT**

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention and Prevention hosted the third annual Indy Homeless Connect (IHC) at the Indiana Convention Center. Made possible by over 45 service providers, municipal agencies, and the City of Indianapolis, the event offered much needed services, support and care to nearly 600 homeless individuals. Homeless neighbors were able to access an



*A busy Medical area provided acute care, dental and vision screenings and foot care.*

array of services including housing, employment, benefits and identification, legal aid, mental health, acute medical care and dental and vision screenings. In addition to these vital services there were extra “add-on” services available: haircuts, massages, free phone calls to friends and family, email access, free book distribution and a quiet room for meditation or prayer.

IHC would not have been possible without the community-wide support it received. Over 500 community volunteers and professional service providers participated in planning the event, bringing services to homeless men and women, and welcoming and helping their less fortunate neighbors make their way through the event. The organizations and individuals who provided financial and in-kind support were also essential to the event being a success.

IHC focuses on connecting individuals to the services they desperately need. One woman, a nursing student and mother of two, had received an eviction notice the day of the event. Through the help she received at IHC, she was able to get help with her rent and an advocate to help her with financial aid from her school. She and her children were kept off the streets and in their home because of the connections she made at the event. Another man who had not spoken to his daughter in 30 years was able to call her and was assisted in sending a photo of himself and receiving one of her. After he got his beard and hair trimmed, he sent her another photo. The volunteers in that area said they saw the man “come alive” after being able to connect with his daughter.

Although IHC was primarily focused on helping people experiencing homelessness, the event had a profound effect on hundreds of volunteers who offered their time, talents, and compassion. Many of these volunteers commented that the experience demystified the concept of homelessness for them and was very rewarding for them personally.

Not only was IHC a day to offer services and caring, it was also an opportunity to raise awareness about homelessness in Indianapolis. It was a day to bridge the gaps between our homeless neighbors and the community to which we all belong.



*A homeless neighbor and housing counselor work together in the Housing area.*



*A neighbor receives a haircut at the third annual Indy Homeless Connect.*



*Pacers' Coach Jim O'Brien "tips off" Indy Homeless Connect 2008 with a volunteer pep rally!*



*A volunteer helps a homeless veteran receive benefits.*

**INDY HOMELESS CONNECT SUCCESS STORY**

In 2007, Curtis returned to Indianapolis after working briefly in Columbus, Ohio. However, he was unable to locate a job and therefore was unable to afford housing.

During this time, Curtis stayed at Wheeler Mission Ministries, where he first heard about Indy Homeless Connect. He was not familiar with the event but decided to give it a chance. He knew this could be the opportunity he needed to make a change in his life.

Local homeless service providers volunteering at Indy Homeless Connect provided free transportation from Wheeler Mission Ministries to the Indiana Convention Center. During the day, Curtis accessed services in the housing, employment and medical areas. Although the services and information he received at the event were very helpful, he was skeptical that the agencies would follow-up with him.

His worries were put to rest a week later, however, when he moved into transitional housing through New Life Transitional Services. He also found steady employment through One Force Staffing and has begun to turn his life around.

After three months of living in transitional housing, Curtis saved enough money to move into his own apartment. He is thankful for the assistance he received at Indy Homeless Connect that got him back on his feet. “Everyone was very friendly and helpful. This day changed my life,” said Curtis.

# THANK YOU 2008 INDY HOMELESS CONNECT SPONSORS

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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

CHIP in collaboration with the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), is offering a "Housing First and Harm Reduction" training. Housing First is based on the belief that housing is a basic right, not a privilege. It values consumer choices and addresses needs from the consumer's perspective. Within a Housing First model, homelessness is the only condition for gaining access to housing. This model is the foundation on which the process of recovery from a mental illness and/or addiction disorder can begin. This training will re-introduce this concept and the skills to demonstrate unconditional regard and caring to help individuals obtain and maintain their housing. This training will be held on Tuesday, June 3 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the Mary Stewart Training Room at Choices, Inc., 4701 N. Keystone Avenue. Lunch will be provided. The facilitator will be Ed Stellan, Director of Resource and Community Development with Heartland Health Outreach in Chicago. Please register by May 23 to Janis York at [Janis.york@csch.org](mailto:Janis.york@csch.org).

## HVAF OF INDIANA

HVAF has acquired a 40-bed apartment building, the Donald W. Moreau, Sr. Veterans House. The first of its kind in Indiana, this residence will provide 40 homeless veterans with private apartments and will benefit from two on-site social workers and a security team.



HVAF is in need of donated furnishings to make this a home for our veterans. Financial contributions will be designated for the transformation, maintenance, and operating costs of these 40 new homes. Donations may be sent to: HVAF of Indiana, Inc., (Attn: Operation Heartland) 964 N. Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204. Contact HVAF at 317.333.8975.

## "CELEBRATE, EDUCATE & COLLABORATE"

On April 10, CHIP and a consortium of faith-based homeless service providers held a summit for leaders in the faith community entitled "Celebrate, Educate & Collaborate". More than 75 people were in attendance for the first ever event.

The summit featured three expert panel discussions that provided information on housing, services and experiential volunteer opportunities. Panelists included Pastor Frank Alexander, Oasis of Hope Baptist Church; Natalie Auberry, Second Presbyterian Church; Donna Belding, Interfaith Hospitality Network; Sally Bindley, School on Wheels; Michael Bowling, Englewood Christian Church; Merlin Gonzales, Faith, Hope & Love; Chris Provence, Rebuilding the Wall, Inc.; Sally Schrock, Second Starts, Inc.; Michael  
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Shildmyer, Praise Promos; Jeri Warner, Trusted Partners; Mark Warner, Wheeler Mission Ministries and Ashira O. Young, Caring Churches Network. Panelists shared practical ideas that individuals or congregations could implement to serve the homeless. The goal was to enhance the collaborative efforts of the faith community.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success. Attendees expressed interest in learning more about housing, services and volunteering, and we will continue following-up with them to keep the momentum going!

If you would like more information on the faith summit "Celebrate, Educate & Collaborate" or would like to learn how your congregation can help in the fight to end homelessness, please contact CHIP at 317.630.0853 or [chip@chipindy.org](mailto:chip@chipindy.org).

## WHO'S NEW



CHIP is pleased to welcome Cathy Trieschman as our new Administrative Specialist. Cathy brings to CHIP a wealth of knowledge and experience after having worked at The Arc of Indiana for 23 years. Cathy's email is [ctrieschman@chipindy.org](mailto:ctrieschman@chipindy.org) and her phone number is 317.630.0853, ext. 201.



Rick Feuille, a formerly homeless veteran now working with HVAF of Indiana as a Peer Counselor, joined CHIP's Board of Directors in March. Rick, who had served in the US Air Force in Vietnam, became homeless in 2005 after struggling with alcoholism and depression. He soon began receiving services from the Indianapolis VA Medical Center and HVAF. After living in the Carson Apartments for a year, he accepted a full time position with HVAF. CHIP welcomes Rick to the Board, and we look forward to his participation as we continue and expand our efforts to implement community-wide solutions to ending homelessness in Indianapolis.

## CHIP NEWS

### SECOND HELPINGS CELEBRATES TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY



children and adults every day and to distribute them free of charge through local social service agencies in Greater Indianapolis. Second Helpings also trains unemployed and underemployed adults for meaningful careers in the culinary industry.

Congratulations to Second Helpings, Inc. for ten years of success in Indianapolis! Their mission is to accept donated perishable and overstocked food to prepare nutritious meals for thousands of hungry

Second Helpings began operations in Spring 1998. In its first full month of operation, 37 volunteers helped rescue 7,000 pounds of food and prepare 3,074 meals. Since then they have collected nearly ten million pounds of food and provided over 3.3 million meals to recipient agencies. More than 300 adults have graduated from their Culinary Job Training Program.

If you would like to become a part of the wonderful work Second Helpings does everyday, contact Becky Fox, Director of Volunteers at 317.632.2664 or [becky.fox@secondhelpings.org](mailto:becky.fox@secondhelpings.org). You can also visit [www.secondhelpings.org](http://www.secondhelpings.org) for more information on their programs.

## THANK YOU!

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**We would like to additionally thank the Vectren Foundation for supporting the Street Count and HMIS.**

There are a variety of ways to support the *Blueprint*. For more information, contact Jennifer Hunt at (317) 630-0853, ext. 208.

## SAVE THE DATE

#### MAY

**20 Mapleton Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, 10:30 a.m.**  
3454 N. Pennsylvania Street

**28 Earth House Open House, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**  
237 N. East Street

#### JUNE

**11 Brown Bag Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**  
Rebuilding the Wall, Inc.  
2322 N. Guilford Ave.

An opportunity to network and learn about continuum of care and *Blueprint* updates.

For a complete up-to-date listing of community events, visit the CHIP website at [www.chipindy.org](http://www.chipindy.org).

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