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THE BLUE BULLETIN

The Blue Bulletin is a monthly publication intended to help keep our community partners aware of upcoming events, issues, and news related to the implementation of the *Blueprint to End Homelessness*.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT



Forest Manor
Multi-Service
Center, Inc.

FOREST MANOR MULTI SERVICE CENTER HOSTED MAY'S BROWN BAG

Forest Manor Multi-Service Center (FMMSC), a community based social service agency founded in 1973, works

to empower and enhance the lives of their neighbors, primarily in the Northeast area, by providing individuals and families with services that enable them an opportunity to become self-sufficient. They offer many different programs such as: Homeless Prevention, Workforce Development, Senior Wellness, Before/After Care Adventure and Teen Time. Other services include mental health counseling and HIV care coordination. For more information visit their website at www.fmmsc.org or call 317.545.1204.

Mark Vonderheit, Provider and Members Service Manager for the Office of Medicaid, presented information on the Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP). HIP is a new, affordable health insurance program for uninsured adult Hoosiers between the ages of 18 - 64. HIP offers full health benefits including hospital services, mental health care, physician services, prescriptions, diagnostic exams and disease management. Individuals must earn less than 200% of the federal poverty level, not have access to employer sponsored health insurance coverage and be uninsured for the previous six months. To apply, download an application on www.HIP.in.gov or pick one up at various enrollment centers. To find a location or to get more information call toll-free at 1.877.GET.HIP.9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trusted Partners is seeking sponsors for its annual *Bags 2 Riches* designer handbag contest and fashion show. They are also seeking designers to create handbags. For more information contact Trusted Partners at 317.985.5041 or visit www.bags2richesindy.org.

Homeless & ReEntry Helpers, Inc. has created a newsletter to provide resources to those wanting more information on homeless and reentry services. To be added to the distribution list, contact Don Hawkins at Hawkins@reentryhelpers.com



REBUILDING THE WALL, INC. HOSTED JUNE'S BROWN BAG

Rebuilding the Wall, Inc. (RTW) is a unique housing ministry in the inner city of Indianapolis launched in 2001. Their mission is to stabilize and empower low-income families by renovating vacant inner city properties and giving the families the opportunity for homeownership. RTW combats social injustice by building relationships across racial and socio-economic barriers and stabilizing community by the recycling of resources within the neighborhood. Currently they have completed three transitional houses and will have sold six renovated homes by the end of this summer to low-income families. They receive referrals through faith based organizations and community partners. If you would like to refer a family for our homeownership opportunity, please contact Shelley Landis, THRIVE Coordinator for RTW at shelley@rebuildingthewall.org or 317.925.9789. If you would like more information on RTW or to learn more about the volunteer opportunities please visit their website at www.rebuildingthewall.org or call 317.925.9789.

CHIP UPDATE

Join us for "A Conversation with Sister Mary" on July 14th from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Ivy Tech Community College. Sister Mary Scullion will share innovative and effective ways faith-based groups can help those experiencing homelessness. This session will include a time for Q&A. Please RSVP by July 9th to Lucy Houchin at lhouchin@chipindy.org or 317.630.0853.

CHIP's Annual Meeting will be held July 15th at 7:45 a.m. at Barnes & Thornburg. Guests will include Pacer's Head Coach Jim O'Brien and Sister Mary Scullion, a devoted homeless advocate and founder of Philadelphia's Project H.O.M.E. Register online at www.chipindy.org or contact Lucy Houchin at lhouchin@chipindy.org or 317.630.0853, ext. 209.

SAVE THE DATE! CHIP's Blueprint Celebration will be held October 8, 2008. Join us as we celebrate the community's achievements and award our Blueprint Champions. For more information or to learn about sponsorship opportunities please contact Jen Hunt at jhunt@chipindy.org or 317.630.0853, ext. 208.

ABOUT BROWN BAGS

The Brown Bag luncheons are an opportunity to network and learn about continuum of care and *Blueprint* updates. Grab your lunch and join us on the second Wednesday each month at 11:30 am. For more information contact Michael Butler at mbutler@chipindy.org or 317.630.0853.

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We encourage the submission of news items about new programs, upcoming workshops or trainings, grant opportunities, or agency spotlights. Please limit the items to no more than 150 words and submit to Michael Butler at mbutler@chipindy.org.