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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

HVAF OF INDIANA, INC.
HOSTED SEPTEMBER'S BROWN BAG



HVAF of Indiana, Inc. is dedicated to eliminating homelessness for veterans and their families through prevention, education, supportive services

and advocacy. HVAF provides supportive, structured housing to Indiana veterans and their families who are recovering from homelessness. Additionally, it provides veterans and their families with the assistance necessary to ensure successful independent living in the community.

HVAF of Indiana, Inc. was started as the Far From Home Foundation, Inc., Indiana Chapter, in 1993. In June 1996, the organization completed its first housing project, establishing a home for five veterans. This project became the first supportive housing unit for homeless veterans in Indiana. HVAF's name changed to HVAF of Indiana, Inc. in 2006 to reflect the mission of helping both homeless veterans and their families.

The Residential, Employment and Substance Abuse Treatment (REST) is a two year program offered to veterans. It is a supportive, recovery-dynamics based housing program for homeless veterans whose primary goal is to maintain sobriety while obtaining employment and permanent housing. Veterans receive individual and group counseling, psycho-educational classes and intensive case management. Through the Continuum of Care HVAF offers 140 supportive housing units, emergency shelter, case management, mental health services, substance abuse treatment and housing placement and assistance. The Veterans Services Center provides food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and training and education.

On October 10, 2008, HVAF will host the grand opening of the Don Moreau, Sr. Veteran's House. This long-term supportive housing has 40, one bedroom units available for both men and women veterans. Case management will also be onsite for the veterans housed at the Don Moreau, Sr. Veterans House.

For more information visit HVAF's website at www.hvaf.org. For volunteer opportunities, please contact Tina Shelley at 317.951.0688.

CHIP UPDATE

CHIP's Blueprint Celebration will take place Wednesday, October 8, from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at the Indiana State Museum. Blueprint Champion Awards will be presented to the people and organizations that are making a significant progress in the implementation of the *Blueprint to End Homelessness*. As a result of their efforts, hundreds of homeless families and individuals have moved from the streets into housing. A hors d'oeuvres reception will be provided. Tickets are \$50. To register, please contact CHIP at 317.630.0853 or at chip@chipindy.org. Please respond by September 30, 2008.

Indy Homeless Connect will be Friday, March 20, at the Indiana Convention Center. Indy Homeless Connect is a one-day event that offers our homeless neighbors the opportunity to connect with needed services. Services include: housing, employment, entitlements, legal aid, medical health, foot care, and mental health services. For more information, contact Emily Hervey at ehurvey@chipindy.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Homeless and Low-Income Voter Registration Week will take place September 21-27, 2008. For more information or to receive an informational packet, contact Suzy Grenough, with the Indiana Coalition on Housing and Homeless Issues (ICHHI) at sgrenough@ichhi.org or 317.361.4844.

Bags-2-Riches, an annual handbag competition and fashion show to benefit Trusted Partners will be held on October 8, from 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. at the Indianapolis Artsgraden. Entrance is free. For more information contact info@bagstorichesindy.org.

Trusted Partner's 2008 Bags to Riches Gala will be held on Friday, September 26, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Healing Arts Indy and JP Parker Flowers, 805 S. Meridian St. This will be an intimate evening to raise funds for Trusted Partners with a silent auction and mentoring moments. Tickets are \$50. For more information or to purchase a ticket, contact Jeri Warner at jwarner@trustedpartnersindy.org or 317.985.5041.

Homeward Bound, a 5K walk to raise money and awareness for 15 Indianapolis organizations that work to end homelessness will be held June 14, 2009. For more information visit www.homewardboundindiana.org.

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 Emily Hervey at ehurvey@chipindy.org or 317.630.0853.

October 8 Abbie Hunt Bryce Home
4760 Pennwood Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46205

November 12 Interfaith Hospitality Network
1850 N. Arsenal, Indianapolis, IN 46218

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 Emily Hervey at ehurvey@chipindy.org.