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Thank You for Making the 2015 Heritage Farm Fare an Amazing Success!

Heritage Farm Philadelphia and Methodist Services would like to thank all of our sponsors, restaurants, donors and attendees for helping to raise over \$30,000 with this year's Heritage Farm Fare! All of these funds benefit the Farm and our programs, making it possible for us to continue to provide food to formerly homeless women living at our Bridge House and Hope Bridge programs; to teach the children we serve about nutrition and growing food; and to participate in the vibrant urban farming community in Philadelphia. **THANK YOU!**

HERITAGE FARM FARE



Partnering to Make a Difference: The School in Rose Valley and Methodist Services

This year, Methodist Services and The School in Rose Valley (SRV) teamed up to make winter more enjoyable for the children we serve. We feel extremely fortunate to have formed this partnership with the generous and socially responsible SRV. This relationship blossomed due mainly to the hard work of one of our Board members, Kate Zidek, who brought the two organizations together.

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New Venue! Save the Date!



OCTOBER 6TH, 2016

HERITAGE FARM FARE

APPLEFORD ESTATE

Make sure to save the date NOW for the 2016 Heritage Farm Fare!

Make sure to mark Thursday, October 6, 2016 in your calendar, today, so that you don't miss this fun-filled event. At this event you will be treated to a sampling of Heritage Farm vegetables, freshly prepared "Fare" from local chefs and food artisans who generously donate their time and expertise. This year we will be heading to the beautiful



Appleford Estate in Villanova. Their website describes Appleford as...

"Tucked away at the end of a long tree-lined drive, historic Appleford is the quintessential Main Line country

estate...Surrounded by 24 picturesque acres, the sprawling fieldstone home is a handsome example of early Pennsylvania farmhouse architecture dating back more than 300 years. The property, originally part of a land grant from William Penn, is carefully maintained as an arboretum and bird sanctuary. With its blossoming trees and boxwood gardens, stone walls and clear streams, Appleford provides a serene sense of beauty in every season."



Photos: Carole Boughter

We look forward to seeing you in the Fall for this, our single largest fundraising event of the year. This event benefits Heritage Farm Philadelphia and Methodist Services. ■



2015 Heritage Farm Fare

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Giving Opportunity: 2015 Toy Drive

Your support made the 2015 Christmas Toy Drive an amazing success! This year, over 1,075 children and teens received gifts, clothing and gift cards as a result of the generous support of our steadfast donors. We also received 115 personal care baskets which were given to formerly homeless women for whom these essentials are badly needed and much appreciated.

Every year, our toy drive needs your support in order to be successful! Thank you again for helping to make Christmas 2015 special for our children. ■



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IRONSTONE

STRATEGIC CAPITAL PARTNERS

2015 George Bonadio Leadership Award: Honoring Iron Stone Strategic Capital Partners

This year, Methodist Services opened the first phase of a new permanent housing program that serves chronically homeless women. This new program, given the name Hope Bridge, operates in partnership with Iron Stone Strategic Capital Partners, a real estate investment and development company with a strong presence in the Philadelphia region. The relationship between Methodist Services and Iron Stone is strong due to the shared values of both partners. Methodist Services and Iron Stone know that working together results in high quality housing and social services for homeless adults in Philadelphia. Investing in people and the communities in which they live and work is part of the mission of both organizations.

Since its inception in 2000, Iron Stone has acquired and developed over \$300 million in real estate projects. Iron Stone employs a dynamic and diverse executive team which allows them to adapt to changing markets and opportunities. Much of the work in which Iron Stone invests reflects the company's expertise in adaptive reuse, market repositioning, renovation, and historic preservation. Iron Stone is currently in the final stages of the mixed-use redevelopment of the former Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital into the Falls Center. This project is one of the largest historic redevelopments in the Mid-Atlantic region. Iron Stone also focuses a portion of its business on making a real life impact

on local communities and is committed to investing in and helping to revitalize urban areas. Practically speaking, this means that when Methodist Services and Iron Stone started working in concert with one another, Iron Stone's role was, and continues to be, to purchase and renovate properties in which Methodist Services provides high quality social services and housing programs. It is neither practical nor prudent for nonprofits to own large quantities of property.



For Methodist, our area of expertise is provision of social services with a high standard for excellence. Partnering with Iron Stone allows Methodist Services to serve additional clients without the burden of being real estate developers. Conversely, this partnership allows Iron Stone to meet goals related to revitalization and reinvestment in urban areas. The mutually beneficial partnership enjoyed by Methodist Services and Iron Stone has been in place for about five years, beginning with a

37-unit Fairway Commons program for homeless families. Since partnering with Iron Stone, Methodist Services has been able to house approximately 85 clients who would otherwise be homeless. The opening of our first Hope Bridge location in April 2015 represented the most recent endeavor for the Methodist Services-Iron Stone partnership. However, the individuals who live in our Fairway Commons apartments have already experienced the difference between living on the streets or in shelters, and having a home. This program has established a long-term goal for each family to become fully independent.

We expect to see similar results for the women who will be living at our two newest housing facilities, the Hope Bridge program, which will serve nearly 50 women who have experienced trauma and/or live with a special need such as mental/behavioral health and who have become homeless. Hope Bridge consists of single room occupancy units which are subsidized permanent housing. Eligibility for housing is linked to supportive housing services, which offers a range of supports such as counseling, life skills education, mental health care, case management and developing skills that focus on the ability to maintain housing. The target population is single females who have multiple episodes in the emergency housing system, prioritizing those who have a documented special need, such as mental/behavioral health history and who

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Methodist Services: Helping Families to Succeed

Methodist Services sustains a wide variety of social service programs, throughout the City of Philadelphia. Through our Blueprint for Homelessness, Shelter Plus Care and Family Unification Programs, families who have been involved with Philadelphia's DHS child welfare system and need housing to become stable, receive housing solutions and supportive services. How do we help? Our skilled and caring family support specialists help parents to qualify for, identify and retain appropriate housing with child safety and family empowerment at the heart of everything they do.

We are happy to share just a small sample of our success stories from 2015.



A Father and His Son Find Stability...

A father in the Family Unification Program, a 37 year old man with a 10 year old boy, faced a hardship that led to the family becoming homeless. While residing in a shelter, this dedicated dad was referred to Methodist Services' Blueprint Program, which assisted him in obtaining permanent housing. Over the past year, he was able to experience more stability, is now raising his son, and attending DeVry University. This father was grateful for the opportunity Methodist Services provided for him and is now

focusing on school and raising his son in a healthy, stable environment.

We feel grateful to have helped this family.

A Family of Six is on its Way to Success...

A 29 year old mother of five entered our Shelter Plus Care Program in January 2014. Since her participation in the program, she closed her case with DHS and she started receiving the mental health services she needed. She also enrolled in the Community College of Philadelphia with her goal being to graduate with an Associate's Degree. This young mother continues to adjust to having all five of her children under one roof while maintaining a home and going to school. She stays focused on her desire to raise respectful children and to eventually become a home owner. We are very proud of this family's excellent progress! ■



Methodist Community Counseling Services - Providing Services, Changing Lives

Methodist Community Counseling Services (CCS), with locations in Bangor and Easton, PA, serves these communities by providing therapies and psychological services.

We have several stories of how CCS is positively impacting the lives of the residents in these areas by offering high quality, well-respected outpatient counseling services.

First, one of the most heartwarming successes of 2015 was that of a young man who came to us as a 14 year old sexual abuse survivor. Despite the severity of his situation and the terrible abuse he suffered, this young man's goals were always very clear: he wanted to grow beyond what happened to him and move on with his life. He was tenacious in this pursuit as he learned the dynamics involved in abuse and

learned to separate himself from any sense of responsibility for the abuse. Eventually, he chose to speak publically at his church on the subject of sexual abuse, and ultimately used his experience as the basis for an essay he entered in a national creative writing contest, the top three winners of which will be published in The New Yorker Magazine in 2016. Most importantly, he has grown into an established young man, with a depth and maturity well beyond his 16 years. Community Counseling Services was honored to have a part in this young man's journey.

Second, a 14 year old girl was referred to counseling by her mother. The child had daily panic attacks, was terrified to go to school, and was completely unable to speak in front of a class. This young woman also suffered from depression and anxiety. She was,

however, able to engage in therapy and looked forward to her sessions at our offices. Through counseling, she responded well to suggestions of relaxation techniques, and also met with our staff psychiatrist for an evaluation. The combination of therapy and doctor administered medication turned her life completely around. We are happy to report that this young woman has been in therapy at CCS for one year now, but today attends a charter school for the arts, has many friends and enjoys great self confidence. ■



Photo: Marleen Livingstone

The Giving Corner: How to Leave a Legacy

Include Methodist Services in your estate plan and leave a lasting legacy

You can easily make a legacy gift to support Methodist's future. Your gift can make a difference – even a small amount can have a large impact over time. A simple directive in your will can offer much needed support to Methodist Services and Methodist Home for Children, making a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve each day. You can start today by making sure you have an up-to-date will or living trust reflecting your charitable intentions. You may want to contact your financial advisor, lawyer or accountant to get assistance with establishing a charitable gift. Remember to think beyond cash gifts – you can leave stocks, real estate and insurance policies to charitable organizations. You can also make your favorite charity a beneficiary of life insurance, a pension plan or an IRA. If you have any questions about how to go about including Methodist Services in your estate plans, please contact our Director of Development, Carole Boughter, at 215-877-1925, ext. 104 or cboughter@methodistservices.org

2015 Volunteer Excellence Award: Honoring Richard J. Schmid Sr.



Each year, the Methodist Services System honors a member of the Board by awarding the Volunteer Excellence Award.

This year Richard “Dick” Schmid, who serves on the Methodist Home for Children Foundation Board, is the recipient of this accolade which highlights his steadfast provision of volunteer support along with his significant leadership and dedicated commitment in the Wesleyan tradition.

Mr. Schmid is a devoted, long-term Board member who served on the Methodist Home for Children Foundation Board when it was created and has served for many years as an officer of that Board. His role in leadership has contributed greatly to the legacy and work of the organization ensuring that high quality programming, innovation and

capital improvements continue to impact the lives of the children and families served through the Methodist Services System every day. Dick Schmid's dedicated volunteer service, keen financial sensibilities and strong fiscal guidance have also helped the Methodist Home for Children Foundation to grow through challenging financial times and to ensure that it remains solidly in place for generations to come.

Dick Schmid is not a native of the Philadelphia region but has called the area home for many years. Born in Massachusetts, Dick Schmid received his undergraduate degree from Rutgers University, where he graduated Cum Laude. He then enlisted in the Air Force and served four years active duty and two years in the reserves, including one year that was spent in Thailand during the Vietnam War.

Upon returning home, Mr. Schmid married and became the father to four children. During this time, Dick Schmid worked at Certaineed Corporation, advancing his career while also advancing his knowledge of finance and its various aspects

through both his work experience and by earning an MBA from Widener University.

In 1985 Dick Schmid changed fields, and began working specifically within hospital systems' finance departments. His career took him from CFO at Franciscan Health Systems, to Hahnemann University Hospital as VP of Finance, to CFO at Methodist Hospital in 1994 and then on to Jefferson University where he finished out his career.

Dick Schmid is recently retired from the position of Vice President and CFO for Jefferson University, where he worked for 15 years. His extensive experience in finance makes him a knowledgeable and valuable part of the Methodist Services System Board of Directors.

Today, Mr. Schmid teaches finance as a co-adjunct professor and enjoys spending time with family and friends. Dick is a firm believer in God, family and country, and he is a Veteran.

His children are now grown, with families of their own, and continue to be the joy of his life. Mr. Schmid also loves sports and travel. ■

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Partnering to Make a Difference: The School in Rose Valley and Methodist Services



Photo: Courtesy of The School in Rose Valley

Left to right - **Methodist Services:** Anne Rice Burgess, President & CEO **The School in Rose Valley:** Jill Loeffler and Maureen McHugh, "Warm the World" Lead Organizers / Teachers; Dawn Knipmeyer, Science Teacher; Rod Stanton, Head of School

Ms. Zidek coordinated a meaningful fundraising effort at SRV in Media, PA to benefit Methodist Services.

What exactly did this partnership include? First, children and

families from SRV established the "Warm the World" program which had fifth and sixth grade students collecting and subsequently donating 60 new pairs of snow boots and 60 new pairs of snow pants for children living in our housing programs, Monument Village and Fairway Commons, and attending our educational programs, Educare Learning Center and our After School program. This generous donation means that children will be able to play outside, safely and warmly, during the cold winter months. The School in Rose Valley prioritizes play as a valuable

part of their curriculum and we are trying to help the families we serve learn that outdoor play can occur in all seasons if proper gear is used. For many of the families we

serve, basic needs like food and housing take precedence in their family budgets.

Second, through the hard work of the bighearted children of SRV, over \$2,100 in cash was raised and donated which will be used to give the school age children "snow experiences" like going snow tubing, ice skating and playing outside with the snow pants and boots that were donated.

Thank you Kate Zidek (Methodist Home for Children Foundation Board member) and Rod Stanton (Head of School at SRV). We look forward to partnering in the future! ■



Photo: Courtesy of The School in Rose Valley

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Honoring Iron Stone Strategic Capital Partners

have or can develop an income to contribute to their responsibility in the lease agreement. Methodist knows that there are many challenges that stand between homeless individuals and permanent housing. In order to help decrease the impact of these challenges, the Hope Bridge program will focus on education/vocational training; job readiness; mental health services and substance abuse recovery; and life skills education. Hope Bridge is a permanent housing program, thus women may live in the program indefinitely.

Through the Methodist Services - Iron Stone partnership,

Philadelphia's homeless population is reduced. Our residents receive a place to live and are provided with crucial supports. It is with this in mind that we announce Iron Stone as this year's recipient of the 2015 George Bonadio Leadership Award, which honors select businesses and individuals for their efforts to build healthier communities through partnerships with government, foundations, businesses and community based organizations by providing outreach, health promotion, education, research, planning, technical assistance and direct services. Thank you, Iron Stone, for your dedication to our community. ■

The Methodist Services System

would like to welcome all of the new Board members who have joined us in the last few months. Thank you so much for your service and your expertise! Our new Board members include:

F. Scott Donahue
Charnelle Hicks
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Shawn Mooring
and
Shelly Slade

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