



# Families & Friends

Fall 2011

## *from the Executive Director...*



It's hard to believe that The Homeless Families Foundation is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year of helping families who - because they have no safety net - are in need of stable housing. It's even harder to believe that, despite all our efforts, the need is still there and is, in fact, even greater.

While homelessness is not an issue to be celebrated, we take great pride in the fact that over these many years, we have changed countless lives for the better. And, we do celebrate the fact that we will continue to be there for those in need, no matter how great the challenge.

*That's worth celebrating.*

This milestone year marks the beginning of a new era for us. Beginning January 2012, HFF and other homeless advocates in central Ohio, are rallying around new strategies identified through national best practice research and the Community Shelter Board to reduce homelessness.

We will change from our current model of providing temporary housing for families who are referred to us to placing them immediately in permanent homes. This is hard work, but it is critical to reducing unnecessary transitions and expediting the road to stability.

We're very optimistic about what this next phase of our work will bring to our community and families in need. We will keep you informed every step of the way.

*Adrienne Corbett*

## *Come Home for the Holidays*

Don't miss the second big event of our 25th anniversary year. It's "Come Home for the Holidays," a wine and beer-tasting party and auction on Friday, Nov. 4 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. at Brookside Golf and Country Club, 2770 West Dublin-Granville Rd. in Worthington.

Guests will sample wines from top vineyards and select specialty beers while enjoying selections from the hors d'oeuvre and dessert buffets. Live and silent auctions will feature unique holiday gifts, including golf packets, can't-buy experiences and unique home décor. Attire is casual.

This event is one of a series of 25th anniversary activities planned to celebrate The Homeless Families Foundation's work to serve the needs of children and families in need.

Tickets are \$70 per person.

For tickets or further information, go to our website - [www.homelessfamiliesfoundation.org](http://www.homelessfamiliesfoundation.org) - or contact Susan Davis at 614-461-9247 or [sdavis@homelessfamiliesfoundation.org](mailto:sdavis@homelessfamiliesfoundation.org).



## *25 Years Deserves 25 Parties*

Central Ohio has been extra festive this fall. It might be because of the abundance of parties that are being held on behalf of The Homeless Families Foundation. During our anniversary year, we are committed to holding 25 parties in homes throughout the community. These events will bring people together in a variety of formats - brunches, dinner parties, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and more - to enjoy good company, good food and learn more about HFF.

If you are interested in hosting a 25th anniversary party, please contact Susan Davis at 614-461-9247 or [sdavis@homelessfamiliesfoundation.org](mailto:sdavis@homelessfamiliesfoundation.org)

# 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sponsors

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## Bringing Hope Home – A Huge Success

The Homeless Families Foundation kicked off its 25th anniversary in grand style with "Bringing Hope Home." This festive event - held on the playground of the Dowd Education Center - featured food, fun and Power Chord, a band comprised of American Electric Power employees, including this event's honorary chair and President of AEP Nick Akins.

Master of Ceremonies Andrea Cambern from WBNS 10TV and Party Committee Chair Donna Glanzman lead an Auction of Hope that raised more than \$20,000 to support our kids and their families.

More than 200 people enjoyed a wonderful dinner provided by Cameron Mitchell and delectable desserts by The New Albany Country Club on a beautiful August evening.

Cassie Glass, one of HFF's case managers, shared a heart-wrenching story about one of our clients who against all odds - but with our help - overcame her circumstances and is now living successfully with her five children in her permanent home.

Each guest was sent home with a DVD about our 25 years of service and three beautiful songs sung by Dowd Education Center kids.

Please visit our [Facebook](#) page, to experience the evening for yourself.

## HFF in the News

If you've been thinking that you have seen lots of news coverage about The Homeless Families Foundation recently, you are not mistaken. HFF is everywhere in the news!

Special thanks to all our friends in the media for their support of our work.

Recent coverage includes:

- Public Service Announcements with Andrea Cambern on WBNS 10TV
- Sponsor Thank-You ads in The Columbus Dispatch
- Anniversary stories in all 22 ThisWeek community newspapers
- Dowd Education Center article in Columbus Parent Magazine
- Business First Corporate Caring article
- WCMH TV coverage on Corporate Caring Day
- Calendar listings in numerous print publications

And, there's more to come. Watch for more coverage that tells the wonderful HFF story.

## Special Thanks to Franklin County

We want to give a special thanks to Franklin County Job and Family Services for its TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Summer Youth grant of slightly over \$50,000. It supported 49 summer campers and allowed us to purchase 49 book bags for the kids and provide their parents with a \$50 gift card per child for back to school clothing.



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## Calling All Elves

As the holiday season is approaching we at The Homeless Families Foundation are looking forward to another successful season. Last year we were able to provide a wonderful holiday for approximately 225 children, helping over 100 families.

For the past several years we have set up a holiday gift "store" where the mothers and fathers could go "shopping" to choose gifts for their children. This is a great way to involve the parents more in the holiday season. We helped current families and some previous families that found themselves still needing assistance.

We are going to be doing the same thing this year and are asking for donations from the list below for newborns through the age of 18, as well as gift-wrap, tags and tape. (See list below) We need to have new toys and clothing into our main office by Tuesday, December 13th.

If you have any questions please contact Karie @ (614) 461-9247 or at [kgallegos@homelessfamiliesfoundation.org](mailto:kgallegos@homelessfamiliesfoundation.org)

### Wish List

#### Clothing

- New sweatshirts/sweatpants/ jeans and tops - all sizes both boys and girls
- New underwear - all sizes toddler to teenager both boys and girls
- New socks - all sizes toddler to teenager both boys and girls

#### Toys

- Fisher Price toys
- Lego sets
- Learning toys (all ages)
- Board games (Monopoly, Sorry, Checkers, Operation)
- Popular DVD's
- Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls/ pumps
- Diaries with gel pens
- Books (Harry Potter, Junie B Jones, Box Car Children etc)
- Make-up and hair accessories

Teenagers tend to get left out so we are asking for gift cards from: Target, Wal-mart, Old Navy, Famous Footwear, AMC Movies, McDonalds etc.

#### On-Going shelter needs

- Gift cards (Kroger, Wal-Mart, Target) \$5/\$10/\$20
- Pots and pans
- Twin size bedding (sheets, blankets, pillows)
- Bath & Kitchen towels
- Cleaning supplies (409, Pine-sol, Dish Soap etc)
- Lysol Disinfectant Spray & Wipes
- Diapers/Wipes (all sizes)

## Welcome New Board Members

The Homeless Families Foundation welcomes the following new board members. We look forward to your leadership and your friendship.



### Jeff Matthews

Jeff is a Financial Planner with Preferred Capital Management/Wells Fargo Advisors and a former professional golf instructor and business owner. He is a Certified Financial Planner and serves on the board of directors of Brookside Golf and Country Club. He is Corporate Sponsorship Chair for HFF's Come Home for the Holidays.



### Jane Taylor

Jane brings a wealth of volunteer expertise to the board based on her work with March of Dimes, Pleasure Guild, Columbus Museum of Art, Windermere Elementary School, Ronald McDonald House and Columbus School for Girls.



### Nancy Shaw

Nancy is Director of Cardinal Health's Advice and Counsel Center, an Employee Relations Center of Excellence. She brings extensive human resources and legal expertise to both her work and HFF.

## HFF's New Leadership

We are proud to announce our new slate of officers for 2011-2012:

**Chair:** Harry Hallowell, Nationwide

**First Vice Chair,** Ed Kendall, NiSource

**Treasurer,** Greg Kramer, Battelle

**Secretary,** Traci McGuire, Kegler, Brown, Hill & Ritter

## The Dowd Education Center – By The Numbers!

*2010 - a banner year for the Dowd Education Center*

**123** – Number of after-school youth served

**85** – Number of Summer Camp youth served

**97.4%** - Percentage of students whose math scores improved during the school year

**96.4%** - Percentage of students whose math scores improved during Summer Camp

**95.8%** - Percentage of students whose reading skills improved during the school year

**86%** - Percentage of students whose reading skills improved during Summer Camp

## Annual Report

Go to our Website -

[www.homelessfamiliesfoundation.org](http://www.homelessfamiliesfoundation.org)  
to read a copy of our annual report.

## So Many Ways to Support HFF

*Because the financial need is so great, we urge you to look at the many ways you can support the Homeless Families Foundation.*

**Planned Giving:** Consider remembering HFF in your will, either through an insurance plan or a bequeath of money or goods. Talk to your financial advisor and then be sure to let HFF know your plans.

**Monthly deductions:** You can have a small amount deducted monthly from a bank account or a credit card. It's an easy and painless way to help and it helps HFF stabilize its budget. And, it can be done online!

**Year End Giving:** As year-end approaches, consider a donation to HFF as a part of your tax-saving giving strategy.

For information on any of these donor strategies, contact Susan Davis, Director of Development, at 614-461-9247 or [sdavis@homelessfamiliesfoundation.org](mailto:sdavis@homelessfamiliesfoundation.org)



## Holiday Dates to Remember:

**December 13th~** Deadline to drop off donations  
Monday-Thursday 8:30-5:00 and Friday 8:30-3:00.

**December 12th- December 16th ~** We need help setting up the holiday store and organizing general donations. Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:30 and Friday 9:00-2:30.

**December 19th- December 22nd ~**We need help staffing the store, helping families shop for their children and wrapping gifts. Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:30 and Friday 9:00-2:30.

**January 3rd – January 6th~** We will need help cleaning out the holiday store and putting away general donations. Monday-Thursday 9:00-4:30 and Friday 9:00-2:30.

*Thank you in advance for your help this year. We certainly could not do what we do without community support.*

## HELP US GO GREEN



Please, please consider receiving Families & Friends electronically. It's easy, it helps our environment and it saves HFF money by reducing our printing and postage costs. That's money that can go directly into serving the needs of our children and families.

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