

from the Executive Director...



Dear Friends,

2010 has been an incredible year at the Homeless Families Foundation. We are proud to announce that we served the needs of 792 children and their family members. We have provided temporary housing, important after-school and summer learning programs for the youngsters and life

skills education for their parents. It's been hectic, yet deeply satisfying to have been a vital safety net for these families.

But, the sad reality is that the need never ends.

The National Alliance to End Homelessness recently released "*The State of Homelessness in America Report*" and it does not paint a pretty picture. All the metrics surrounding homelessness continue to soar. Throughout the country,

homelessness increased by approximately three percent from 2008 to 2009, and, astonishingly, the largest increase was in the number of *families* experiencing homelessness. They increased by more than four percent.

Stagnant unemployment, depressed wages, staggering housing costs and the lagging pace of economic recovery are to blame, the report concluded.

For us, it further demonstrates how important our work is. We begin 2011 the same way we ended 2010: with a stronger-than-ever commitment to provide structure, support and a brighter future for needy children and their families.

Thank you for all you do for HFF. Together we will meet the challenges of the future.

Adrienne Corbett

JUSTIN PERDUE

An Accomplished 8th-Grade Golfer With a Big Heart

Here's an inspiring holiday tradition. Justin Perdue is an eight-grader at the Wellington School with a passion for the game of golf. In fact, despite his age, he has been working as a caddy for a number of years.

Each year, Justin donates an incredible one-half of his caddy earnings to HFF. Combined with donations from friends and proceeds from a school "Dress Down" event, Justin makes an impressive annual donation to HFF.

This year, he presented a check for \$1,400 to Adrienne Corbett, HFF's Executive Director, bringing his contributions throughout the past four years to more than \$3,700.

Thank you, Justin, for your amazing generosity!





A Thanksgiving To Remember

Thanksgiving was celebrated at HFF with a flair that would have made our forefathers proud, thanks to student council members and teachers from Jones Middle School in Upper Arlington. This group showed their extraordinary culinary skills by cooking and serving a complete holiday feast to our families. Full tummies and big smiles completed the day.

Special Thanks . . .

We are grateful to all of you who give so generously to HFF. Special thanks go to several of our supporters.

ABB Inc. has donated \$11,000 to buy cafeteria-style tables for the Dowd Education Center lunchroom. Thanks to ABB, we can use these tables for meals that collapse into a more compact space, making room for other Education Center activities.

Montei has donated \$10,000 for a seven-passenger mini van. This will help us provide expanded transportation services to our families.



Barnes & Noble has donated 1,000 books to our families. We can only imagine the hours and hours of enjoyment and learning that will come from this most-welcomed gift.



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Holiday Store Is a Huge Success

The HFF Holiday Store was buzzing with the spirit of the season. Each HFF parent was given a \$50-per-child voucher to use at the well-stocked Holiday Store. Not only could our parents shop for the gifts they knew would bring smiles to their children, they also had fun of wrapping their selections, a treasure many had not experienced before. Columbus Zoo employees were among hundreds of volunteers who helped make this a resounding success. Our gratitude goes out to all.



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.

Simply go to our Website: www.homelessfamiliesfoundation.org and follow the prompts on the home page.

Special Needs for Winter

It seems like we always have a long list of household items we need for our children and families.

We particularly need:

- **Pillows**
- **Twin sheets**
- **Towels**
- **Pots and pans**
- **New or gently used Pack N Plays**



Your kind donations can be delivered to the HFF Main Office, 651 W. Broad St., at the corner of Grubb St. We are the first building to the west of State Route 315 on the south side of Broad Street. Parking is in the rear of our building. We are open Monday –Thursday, 8:30 a.m.- 5 p.m., and Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Please consider becoming a HFF Donation Warrior, friends of HFF who stand ready to help during times of critical need.

Simply send an e-mail to: kgallegos@homelessfamiliesfoundation.org. Then, we can provide you with email updates when we have urgent needs.

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