

Friendship Home

SPRING 2008

Volunteer & Intern Celebration a Success

On Thursday, April 17, over 70 people gathered at the ' Cup for the 3rd Annual Friendship Home Volunteer and Intern Recognition Celebration. This event celebrated the tireless work of volunteers and interns who support women and children affected by domestic violence.

The night began with a slideshow of volunteers and interns hard at work, followed by a delicious dinner and dessert provided by Kristin and Mike Rosza of the Cup.

The highlight of the evening was a speech by Lori P., a survivor of domestic violence. Lori shared her story, what brought her to Friendship Home, and her vision of hope for the future. She thanked the volunteers and interns for their heartfelt work, and shared how it had impacted her own life

After Lori's courageous story, volunteers and interns were individually recognized with certificates decorated with the handprints of children staying at Friendship Home.



Children's Advocate volunteer Michelle G. (left) enjoys the celebration with former intern Katie W. (center) and her father, Bruce.

Volunteers and interns were also able to view, "A New Voice" a collection of art work created by Friendship Home residents, on display at the Cup. The art project was facilitated by Lindsay Petersen, a senior art student at UNL through funding provided by the Hixon-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts Undergraduate Student Creative Research Grant.



Stuff the Bus 2008

Although the weather started out chilly and rainy, volunteers persevered, handing out needed items lists to incoming shoppers at north and south Wal-Mart locations and Sam's Club. Volunteers also scanned and logged donated items, loaded them onto the bus, and sold raffle tickets for various prizes at each location. On Monday, April 21st, a group of dedicated volunteers gathered to "unstuff" the donation laden buses at Friendship Home. Tara T., a recent intern, commented, "Residents were excited to see ...**(continued on page 2).**"

The weekend of April 18-20, Friendship Home volunteers, staff, and board members assembled for the 9th annual "Stuff the Bus" event.

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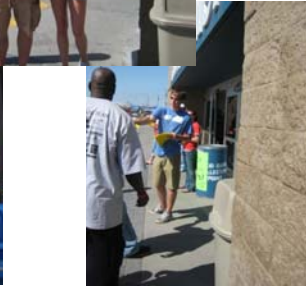
Stuff the Bus (continued)...

"...the items that were brought in, it was rewarding to witness what a difference this event makes to the families staying at Friendship Home."

Thank you for your help providing shelter and support for battered women and their children!



Grand Total...nearly \$30,000!



Staffing Update

New Women's Advocate Volunteers and Interns:

Amanda J, Amy N, Ashley K, Christina T, Courtney N, Crisee S, Emily S, Gena N, Katelyn R, Katie W, Kaylee K, Kaylene M, Mandie J, Marcia H, Misty M, Nicki B, Tara S

New Development Interns: Machaela S, Tara T

New Children's Advocate Volunteers & Interns:

Aleysha O, Allison WC, Cait G, Chelsea D, Christina T, Claire W, Katlyn H, Laurel J, Mia S, Priscilla M, Welcome back Kate B!

Volunteer Guidance and Support Team:

Anne S and Patti M

Administrative, Facilities & Special Talent:

Judy S, Michelle G, SURGE Group

Appreciations & Celebrations

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Thank you Melissa Olson and Instant Eden for the wonderful "Empowerment" soaps you created for volunteers and interns, Alpha Chi Omega participated in Stuff the Bus, cleaned and hosted a children's group activity, Lincoln Evening Optimist Club adopted the dining room at shelter and facilitated an Easter activity with children, SURGE women's group from First Free Evangelical Church clean linens monthly and put together care packages for families, Ciana Cloud and volunteers from Christ's Place Church for hosting a SPA Day for residents, Charles McClung and Northeast High School National Honor's Society and UNL Big Event student volunteers completed yardwork and cleaning, Megan Rodgers, Alpha Omicron Pi & Alpha Phi participated in Adopt a Room, Kody Silva and UNL students of Mortar Board cleaned shelter, Joy Podliska & Junior League completed the teen room make-over, Luann Larsen & Southeast Community College students facilitated children's groups.

Anniversaries:

Dilynne B., Women's Advocate - 1 year, Andrea B., Children's Advocate - 3 years, David C.L., Development and Children's Advocate - 4 years, David D., Facilities and Donations - 1 year

Graduations:

Christina T.—Liberty University (Psychology)

Katie W.—Doane College-Crete (Psychology)

Kaylene M.—Southeast Community College (Human Services)

Marica H.—Southeast Community College (Human Services)

Misty M.—Southeast Community College (Criminal Justice)

Nicki B.—University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Child, Youth and Family Studies)

Tara T.—Union College (Public Relations)

Congratulations on your accomplishments!

"The most basic of all human needs is the need to understand and be understood. The best way to understand people is to listen to them." — Ralph Nichols

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