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LEADING THE WAY GALA HELPS TO CREATE A BRIGHTER FUTURE

This past November, over 390 of the NHS Human Services Foundation's supporters gathered for the 7th Annual NHS Foundation *Leading the Way* Awards Gala. This event honors individuals and corporations that have made extraordinary contributions in the lives of our most challenged populations. Thanks to the generosity of NHS' committed and loyal supporters, over \$400,000 was raised to support the 50,000 children and adults within our continuum of care.

Among this year's honorees were The Kennedy Family for their support of individuals with special needs. The Lifetime Achievement Award was presented for the first time this year to Edward M. Kennedy, Jr. on behalf of the Kennedy family. One of the many emotional highlights of the evening came as Mr. Kennedy spoke of his family's commitment to individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and the great impact it had on his family.

In addition, Paul and Margaret Hondros were presented with the 2010 *Leading the Way* Award in honor of their commitment to autism research, education and care. NHS is proud of its partnership with Saint Joseph's University's Kinney Center for Autism Education and Support and this award recognizes the leadership role of Mr. & Mrs. Hondros in its creation.

This year's Fran Egan Courage Award went to the NHS Peer Specialists. These courageous employees have overcome their own personal challenges in recovery and are now assisting others to do the same.

The Vice President of the United States, Joseph Biden, joined the celebration via a prerecorded video. He expressed appreciation



for the work of NHS and praised the honorees for their commitment to service. You can view the message on the NHS website at www.nhsonline.org.

The Quaker City Mummers String Band were our greeters at the entrance of the hotel and later escorted guests into the Ballroom for the main event. The Party Dolls Band had the crowd on the dance floor for the entire evening!

"All of us on the Foundation Board and who are a part of NHS everyday are humbled by the tremendous support this event brings out for the NHS mission," stated Event Chair Liz Greco-Rocks. "Our thanks go to our long-standing honorary co-chairs Bob and Mary Falese, our incredible honorees, Vice President Biden, and especially every person and corporation whose support and belief in NHS is creating a brighter future for the 50,000 vulnerable lives we serve each year."

Pictured above from left to right: Paul and Margaret Hondros, Edward M. Kennedy, Jr, Senator M. Joseph Rocks and Liz Greco-Rocks.

THE FOUNDATION IS DOING MORE IN 2011

A Message from the Chairman of the Foundation Board, Michael J. Mitchell



It seems like yesterday we were all enjoying the Memorial Day weekend...Yet the fall has ended and winter has arrived and 2010 has come to a close. Looking back, I must thank you, our loyal and generous friends, for making the first six months of our fiscal year our most successful ever. We are on target to raise \$1.4 million dollars by June 30, 2011, a 40% increase over last year. We still have a long way to go, but I am confident we will get there.

As the year came to a close, I looked back on the year, as we all do and asked myself; did I make the most of last year? What more could I have done, what do I need to do to ensure that this year is better?

As Chairman of the Foundation, I realized our best performance will never be good enough in meeting the needs and expectations of those seeking our support. There will be more we can do that doesn't necessarily mean giving more, but perhaps doing a little more. I am excited to let more of our community know about the programs we support, which delivers consistent and continuous care.

I have committed myself to introducing NHS to some new friends in an effort to expand our network of friends and supporters and I ask you to do the same. There are a lot of people that want to associate themselves with a good cause and I cannot think of a better one than NHS.

The Foundation is ensuring that "all those created equal are treated equally." As you can see from the articles in this newsletter, it has been a very busy and exciting time for us at the NHS Foundation and the individuals we support at NHS Human Services. Please continue to read on as we share the passion and pride of NHS Human Services. I wish you and your family a happy and healthy 2011. You are in our thoughts, please keep us in yours.

Do you want to do more? Here's how to do it!

Your generous contributions have helped in the following ways:

- Supported 33 students in attending a college or trade school at a cost of \$ 88,785.15
- Helped build a playground on our Woodhaven Campus
- Purchased an automobile for our Therapeutic Family Care Program in the NHS DuBois, PA office
- Holiday parties for 1,200 individuals in four locations
- Purchased basketball uniforms for two of our Autism Schools

Any level of support will make a significant impact for NHS consumers. We hope to directly touch the lives of the thousands we support and fulfill a need so basic that most of us take for granted. The list that follows are specific needs of an NHS program.

Please consider making a gift in support of any of these worthwhile areas. For more information on how to do more, please call Frank Guthridge at 610-260-4675

Program Needs for 2011:

Adult Behavioral Health	
• Consumer Conference	\$20,000
• Support Housing & Education	\$15,000
• Video Conferencing Equipment	\$11,000
Autism	
• School Lunches	\$22,500
• Student Yearbooks	\$18,000
• Interactive SMARTBoards	\$17,500
Children's Services	
• Lending Library	\$20,000
• Physical Education Equipment	\$20,000
• Community Van	\$15,000
I/DD	
• Sensory Garden	\$20,000
• Handicapped Accessible Renovations	\$20,000
• Communication Software	\$7,000

SPECIAL TRIBUTES

Over the past several months, a number of NHS Family and Friends have chosen to pay tribute to a family member or friend with a Honor or a Memorial gift to the NHS Human Services Foundation. We thank those of you that have honored someone or paid tribute to a friend with a contribution to NHS.

As of January 14, 2011

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of Alice Agola Lane Renzulli

Ms. Leslie Evers
Ms. Lauren McComas
Ms. Dayna Roane
Ms. Kristine Stinson

In Memory of Anne Hastings

Mr. Edward E. Hastings

In Memory of Ben Kovel

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In Honor of JoAnn Edwards

Ms. Virginia L. Williams

In Honor of Diane Sterthous

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In Honor of Dr. Kenneth Zemanek

Ms. Nancy J. Zelko

In Honor of Senator and Mrs. M. Joseph Rocks

Ms. Debra Burock
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Mr. John Ciavardone

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In Support of "IM for Matty"

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Mr. William Baldwin
Mr. Ernest Barsamain
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Mr. Victor Bialous
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NHS OPENS PRIMARY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE CLINIC

On November 5th, NHS partnered with Delaware Valley Community Health (DVCH) to host an open house to celebrate the new Specialty Care Medical Home that will provide integrated primary and behavioral health care for individuals served through the Parkside Recovery Clinic in West Philadelphia.

“Studies show that patients have a significantly greater improvement in physical health when treated in a setting integrating primary and behavioral health care,” said Senator Joe Rocks, Chairman and CEO of NHS Human Services. “NHS is excited to be one of the first in Philadelphia to offer this unique blend of care. Through our partnership with DVCH, we are now able to see that each individual receives care using the best methods possible, treating both physical and emotional needs in one location.”



Pictured from left to right: Dr. Arthur Evans, Joseph M. Rocks, John Scheck, Diane Kiddy, Art Fastman, Michael Barton, and Dr. Laura Murray

The co-location of services will allow easy access and highly coordinated medical and behavioral health care for those receiving opioid treatment services. Senator Rocks, along with DVCH CEO, Patricia Deitch and the Director of the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Mental Retardation Services, Dr. Arthur Evans were in attendance to help celebrate the hard work of all who championed this project.

Parkside Recovery provides comprehensive drug and alcohol treatment for more than 1,000 adolescents, adults, and their families each day. On-site services includes outpatient, intensive outpatient, psychiatric evaluation and medication management, case management, family therapy, medication assisted treatment (Methadone and Suboxone), confidential HIV and HEP-C testing and counseling, 12 Step meetings, and self-help groups - Peer Advocacy Councils. Parkside Recovery is fully licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

PACIFICO MARPLE DELIVERS WARMTH IN TIME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

On November 5th, for the third year in a row, Pacifico Marple Auto Group, led by Joe David Pacifico, a long time supporter of the NHS Foundation, provided coats to children in need. This year, more than 100 children receiving services at NHS Delaware County were recipients of winter coats made possible through the Ford Motor Company’s Auto Dealers CARing for Kids Foundations Program, called “Driving Away the Cold.” The program asks area dealers to participate in the We Pledge portion of the program by donating a new coat for each car sold in their dealership during the month of October.

“The children of our community will be warmer thanks to the generosity of Pacifico Marple Auto Group,” said Senator Joe Rocks, Chairman and CEO of NHS Human Services.



Joe David Pacifico of Pacifico Marple Auto Group (right) poses with Senator Rocks and a group of excited children at the “Driving Away the Cold” event.

NHS HUMAN SERVICES FOUNDATION SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER

The NHS Human Services Foundation contributed more than \$15,000 to the Children's Services and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities holiday parties. This year, more than 1,000 individuals enjoyed festival celebrations filled with food, fun and entertainment.

The Children's Services Holiday Party boasted attendance of nearly 300 during their Annual celebration held at the NHS Woodhaven Center on Monday, December 20, 2010. The Children's Services party was divided into two sessions to accommodate the growing number of attendees, one in the morning and the other in the evening. Both were enjoyed with age-appropriate games and entertainment such as bouncers, face-painting and live music by Howard Laskin.



Moreover, over 400 individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and their staff celebrated the holiday season with a sit-down luncheon at Presidential Caterers on Tuesday, December 21, 2010. Individuals came dressed in their finest clothing and danced to the continuous sounds rendered by Entertainment Plus.

The NHS Human Services Foundation is greatly appreciative to our holiday party friends and supporters, especially the generous friends of C. David Goff. If you are interested in supporting the 2011 holiday parties and are considering making a gift, please contact the NHS Human Services Foundation at (610) 260-4675 or simply use the enclosed contribution envelope.

CORPORATE LEADERSHIP AND STEWARDSHIP



It is our pleasure and honor to recognize TD Bank for taking on a leadership role in securing the mission and vision of NHS Human Services Foundation. TD Bank was one of the first to make an impact when the Foundation was established in 2000.

Since that time, they have taken on a leadership role in contributing half a million dollars to improve the quality of life for those dependent upon our services. Over the years, Sensory Stimulation Rooms were built, holiday parties were attended, outings to sporting events were experienced and trips to amusement parks were enjoyed. Most recently, TD sponsored a children's playground on our Woodhaven Campus.

Our relationship with TD Bank has grown over the years and we have Mr. Robert Falese to thank for sharing our mission and our vision with local communities and corporate leaders. Terry McCarty and his TD Team have embraced the NHS mission and continue to find ways to strengthen our partnership. Together we are making a difference and we recognize TD Bank for being a shining example for all to follow.

AVS CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF CARING

On September 16th, AVS locations state-wide celebrated 50 Years of Caring for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

As a part of the 50 year celebration, on Wednesday, October 6th, 450 people gathered at the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh in Oakland to attend the Black & Golden Anniversary Celebration, chaired by Greta and Art Rooney, II, Pittsburgh Steelers President. The event raised more than \$300,000. for the Capital Development Fund; net proceeds will be used to cover Allegheny Valley School's costs that are not reimbursable by Medicaid including equipment, program expansion, renovations and property.

The evening featured an outstanding performance by Mandy Patinkin (pictured below with Senator Rocks and Liz Greco-Rocks) in his critically acclaimed show, Mandy Patinkin DRESS CASUAL, with Paul Ford on Piano. The evening began with a cocktail reception in the grand Music Hall Foyer and continued in the Music Hall where former Allegheny Valley School's President & CEO Regis G. Champ welcomed the crowd and paid tribute to the AVS employees who have all been critical to the success of the organization over the past 50 years. A new 50th anniversary video provided an overview of AVS, its clients and staff, and the services it provides to the community.

One of the many highlights of the evening featured a raffle for Tickets for Two to Super Bowl XLV and \$1,000 cash (courtesy of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Allegheny Valley School). All of the guests received a limited edition Terrible Towel® (donated by the Pittsburgh Steelers) and Smiley Cookies.

"Greta and I are delighted that we were able to serve as the Honorary Chairpersons for the Black & Golden event," states Art Rooney, II. "The Pittsburgh Steelers are proud to have been a part of Allegheny Valley School's past, and we looking forward to continuing our partnership through The Terrible Towel® long into the future."



JOIN THE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YPAC)

The Young Professional Advisory Committee of the NHS Human Services Foundation is a community of young professionals, executives and entrepreneurs in their mid 20's to late 30's from diverse backgrounds of professional careers including, business, media, medical, education, government and law. They represent emerging leaders across Pennsylvania who are actively helping to make a difference in the lives of the individuals we serve.

These individuals use this opportunity to learn about NHS Human Services and the communities we serve, enhance leadership skills, socialize, and network in order to contribute to the future success of NHS Human Services Foundation. The mission of the Young Professional Advisory Committee is to make a powerful impact and influence young professionals who work inside corporations to support the mission of NHS Human Services through volunteerism, sharing of intellectual property and philanthropic support by building relationships with other young professionals and corporations.

Your Benefits:

- Learn to understand people with special challenges and the role you will play in supporting them
- Network with many of Pennsylvania's most talented and socially conscious young professionals
- Actively help make a difference in the lives of the individuals we serve
- Plan and attend social networking events that will heighten political awareness, increase leadership abilities and leverage your talents to fulfill community needs
- Become part of a deeply rooted community-based organization with a long-standing history of excellence
- Learn and understand the value of serving on not-for-profit boards
- Network with top corporate leaders within the NHS Human Services Foundation Board

Our Benefits:

- Educating the next generation to the value and benefits of philanthropy
- Exposing the mission and vision of NHS Human Services throughout Pennsylvania
- Creating a pipeline of leaders that not-for-profit boards are seeking
- Raising funds and awareness for the children and adults within the NHS Family of Services

For more information, please contact Dorian Smith at the NHS Human Services Foundation at 610-260-4643 or by email at dsmith@nhsonline.org.

BOARD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON: STEVE CARR

Our Board members are an integral part of the NHS Human Services Foundation. In each newsletter we will introduce you to a Board member, so that you can get to know the people who stand behind our work. We hope you will find that their stories inspire you as much as they inspire us.

Mr. Steven Carr is the Chairman of Asher & Company, Ltd. since 2005. He joined the company in 1977 after spending several years at Arthur Young where he was responsible for federal, state and local tax matters for public, as well as closely held businesses. Upon his arrival at Asher & Company, Steve oversaw the development of the organization's tax department. Steve chaired the Tax Department from his arrival at the firm until becoming Managing Director.



Today, he is active on a number of firm service groups and committees, including Management Committee, SEC Services Group, Financial Service Providers Group, and the Marketing/Practice Development groups. In addition, he has served as a tax instructor for Temple University and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and has appeared on a number of television and radio shows as a commentator on tax and financial issues.

Mr. Carr has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 2000 and has announced that he will transition to NHS Human Services parent Board of Directors. As we make plans for this transition, we want to express our deep appreciation to Mr. Carr as his term of service expires this year. Mr. Carr has served this organization well with his time and talents. The fiscal accountability and disciplines that Mr. Carr has overseen has made our Foundation stronger and we are forever grateful for the leadership he has provided in the first decade of the foundation.

ONE GIFT, TWO TEAMS BRINGS A COMMUNITY TOGETHER



The NHS Autism Schools in Herminie and Whitney have formed their first basketball team! There are fourteen students that have joined each team. Because of the excitement that has been generated from the basketball team, a number of students have come forward to form a cheerleading squad. "This has created some

wonderful energy through both schools," says Karen Markle, VP of Children's Services. "We have numerous siblings and parents that come to every practice to cheer their teams on." Herminie and Whitney host several practices every month at the YMCA in Greensburg, PA. The first scheduled game is against Clairview School on January 21, 2011. "We are very excited to begin intramural sports at the NHS Autism Schools."

"Integrating intramural sports into our program has numerous advantages and we are so pleased that the Bogdan Family of Schwenksville, PA has donated the uniforms and equipment to get the program off the ground," says Mrs. Markle. Becky Graham, mother of student Robbie Graham, is thrilled that Robbie is on a sports team. She commented that she always takes Robbie to his sibling's events and that Robbie always asks if he can be on the team. Volunteers such as Webelos Pack 418, students from Greensburg High School and some players from the Girls Hempfield High School Basketball team have come to practices to shoot the ball with the students. The practices always end with the chant, "1-2-3 NHS!"

OUR STARS KEEP SHINING

Employees of NHS Human Services are excited about the opportunity to contribute to the "Star Campaign," an employee-giving campaign conducted by the NHS Human Services Foundation. Beginning February 1, 2011, employees of NHS will be asked to contribute to the 2011 Star Campaign through payroll deduction, credit card, and/or cash to the NHS Human Services Foundation. This year, staff are encouraged to designate their dollars to a NHS program of their choice.

The Goal of \$25,000 is an approximate forty-nine percent increase of the \$16,800 donated in 2010. The goal of the Star Campaign is to create a culture of giving within the NHS Human Services family, allowing employees the opportunity to support the growth of the organization.



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NHS Human Services (NHS), through its subsidiaries, is a community-based, non-profit organization dedicated to serving the special needs of over 50,000 children and adults annually. At numerous program sites in multiple states, NHS is proud to enlist a deeply committed and highly renowned staff of human service professionals with years of front-line experience. NHS employees bring compassion and commitment to their daily work and to the individuals they serve.

NHS is a nationally recognized human service organization whose programs provide care to children and adults in the following areas: Addictive Diseases, Autism, Education, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health, Specialized Services, and Treatment Foster Care.

NHS distinguishes itself from other providers by offering a full range of integrated behavioral healthcare and developmental disability services along a comprehensive continuum of care.

The work of NHS is anchored in the firm belief that it is every individual's right to achieve growth, dignity and fulfillment in their lives.

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