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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR - "Partnerships"



Before we know it, Thanksgiving will be here! As the new director at the Harry Tompson Center, I have so much to be thankful for - dynamic, compassionate staff, dozens of committed volunteers, generous regular contributors, and the stories of hope as more of our guests are housed and connected with family each day. I am especially thankful for the many partnerships we have with other non-profits, enabling us to multiply our good work and reach more people in need. A recent analysis of our Sign-In Sheets over a 6-month period this summer revealed that 2,399 different persons utilized Rebuild Center services during that time. The need is great, but with dedicated staff, volunteers and great partners, we can make a difference for the people we serve. This e-newsletter will feature a few of our partners and the good work we are sharing with them.

Fall Blessings, Vicki Judice



Happy Fall from the HTC Staff at the Rebuild Center!



The VA CRRC Partnership - On October 7, the HTC began providing laundry and shower services at the newly opened VA Administration Community Resource and Referral Center (CRRC) located in downtown New Orleans in a renovated wing of the hospital. The City, through its Emergency Solutions Grant Program, is providing funding to HTC to provide services at the center. The photo are Rickey Paul, Chanitra Casmier, who serve as Center Assistants, and Travis Wain, our Site Coordinator who is a volunteer with the Christian Brothers Volunteer Program. Not pictured are other Center Assistants Trolean Tolliver and Hamilton. Welcome to all of you!



The NO AIDS Task Force Partnership - Recently at the invitation of the HTC staff, the NO AIDS Task Force began providing testing in its CARE Van once a month at the Rebuild Center. This has been a successful partnership with over 40 of our guests served thus far.



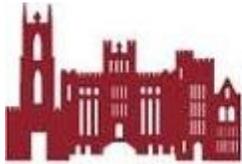
The 100,000 Homes Partnership - It was a long, hot summer for the many who sought services at the HTC. Fortunately, our guests will never have to endure the relentless heat of a New Orleans summer unsheltered ever again. They have been provided permanent housing as part of the "200 Housed in 100 Days" campaign. We are overjoyed for them! Their homelessness has ended! We are in partnership with UNITY of Greater New Orleans and Community Solutions to provide 100,000 homes for vulnerable or chronically homeless individuals in our country by the end of 2014. (See more at <http://100khomes.org>.) 72,000 people have been housed including 300 people from New Orleans who have been housed since June 1! A new local initiative is to house 500 persons by the end of the year.



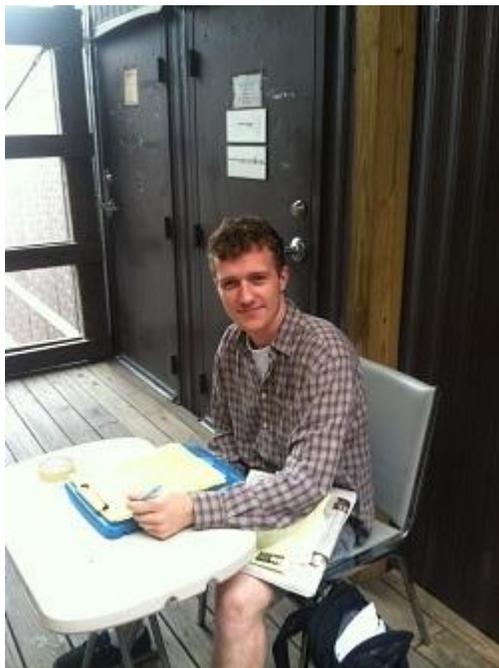
IGNATIUS SPIRITUALITY PROJECT
Spiritual Retreats Ending Homelessness

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The Jesuit Ignatian Spirituality Program Partnership - One of the unique Jesuit-related partnerships we are involved with is the Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP), a ministry serving men and women who are homeless and in recovery for addiction. The outreach is a 2-day retreat based upon an intersection of the 12-Step Program and the guiding principles of Ignatian Spirituality. Both of these programs seek to inspire greater knowledge of one's self and relationship with God as an agent of change within one's life. Since its founding in 2005, the ISP Network has grown nationally with 20 teams offering 130 retreats a year. New Orleans has two separate teams for men and women which offer twice annual overnight retreats in the area. Each team facilitates a retreat for at least one person who has been through a recovery program and the retreat program to witness to the effect of the retreat on their lives. Many volunteers work behind the scenes to provide transportation, handouts and gifts given to the retreatants, logistical support during the retreat and after, connection with shelters and financial support for the ministry. We are in need of volunteers interested, please contact Susan Rodriguez at susanrodriguez@cox.net. A women's retreat will be held November 20-21 and we are seeking men to lead a men's retreat next Spring. For more information, go to www.ispretreats.org. The ISP website also features a study of effectiveness on the lives of participants.



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Partnership with Loyola - Max Boyce is one of the 8 Loyola University Service Learners who work 2 hours each week at helping with shower and phone services. This results in an impressive 200 hours of volunteer service hours each semester. 3 Loyola Social Justice Scholars enjoyed their experience volunteering last year so much that they are continuing to volunteer at the Center. Thank you, Loyola!



Partnership with Tulane - Tulane's School of Social Work provided HTC with 2 Work-Study students this Fall. We will miss them, but we will miss Colleen! In January, we hope to serve as a host site for MSW field placements to help with case management services. Thank you, Tulane!



Welcome Kip Barard, HTC's New Case Manager! We knew that Kip's previous professional experience working with ho individuals would be very helpful when he started his new job as Case Manager at the HTC; however, we were not prep how successful his efforts would be. Since he started his new position on August 26, he has helped to house over 40 of up the great work, Kip!

A Note from Assistant Director Emily Bussen - As Fall approaches and the weather begins to get a little cooler, our gue appreciate a nice pair of socks or a knit cap. Sometimes it is the simple joys, like new socks, that bring the biggest smile thank you for allowing us to make this happen. Please contact me at ebussen@harrytompsoncenter.org if you are inter volunteering or in making a donation. Please note that we are not able to accept clothing at this time. Here's some oth would be very much appreciated at the center: backpacks or small tote bags, small toothpaste tubes, guest snacks, deo powder, body powder, hand sanitizer, color-safe laundry detergent, small washcloths, fabric freshener, coffee, coffee s supplies (copy paper, pens, etc.)

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