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Growing Stronger*

Summer 2003



Rebecca Darr, Richard Koenig, Mayor of Skokie, George Van Dusen, Meryl Rivenson, Laurel Rector

The Skokie House Finally Opens!

After three years of obstacles and challenges, the Skokie House is finally becoming a reality! The project began in 1999 when Meryl Rivenson, Director of the Office of Human Services at the Village of Skokie and the former Board President of WINGS, asked for transitional housing in Niles Township. WINGS decided to join forces with Housing Opportunity Development Corporation, (HODC), a non-profit affordable housing developer located

in Wilmette. Richard Koenig, HODC's Executive Director stated, "We discussed how great it would be if we could combine HODC's development expertise and WINGS' service delivery model to make a project like this work in Skokie."

From there, the project took flight with HODC handling the acquisition and rehabilitation of the four-flat. To complete the project WINGS and HODC obtained funding from the following: Village of Skokie, HUD (U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development), Illinois Housing Development Authority, Federal Home Loan Bank, Grand Victoria Foundation, Village Treasure House, Temple Beth Israel, Kraft Employee Fund, the Women's Club of Evanston, Target Stores, Harris Bank in Winnetka, Phyllis Ginsberg Memorial Fund, and North Suburban Friends of WINGS. Bay Furniture joined the effort and provided over \$3,000 in new furnishings and Scotty's Landscaping donated their services.

The development of the North Suburban Friends of WINGS, headed up by WINGS staff member Kim Lutz and WINGS board member Laurel Rector, was the culmination of true community spirit. This group organized a successful Housewarming Party as well as the Official Ribbon Cutting ceremony that was attended by the Mayor of Skokie, George Van Dusen, Skokie Trustee, Don Perille, staff from Illinois Representative Lou Lang's office, and many of the projects supporters. (See page 7)

Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) of Skokie will participate in the project by providing vocational counseling and other programs to the women that live in the apartments. JVS has been helping people achieve their career goals for over 100 years. Services will include vocational assessment, career planning, career counseling, and job placement.

HODC is the only community-based not-for-profit developer of permanent low- and moderate-income housing serving north suburban Cook County and south suburban Lake County. HODC has over fifteen years housing development experience under a variety of local, state and federal funding programs. Richard and his staff handled all aspects of the acquisition and rehab. For more information about the project, please visit our website at www.wingsprogram.com.

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*Ideas are a dime a dozen, but the men
and women who implement them are
priceless. - Mary Kay Ash*

Executive Letter



Rita J. Canning



Rebecca Darr

Dear Friends,

It seems that everything is happening so fast, yet still taking so long! We finally overcame all of the obstacles to complete the Skokie House, and are extremely grateful to Housing Opportunity Development Corporation, especially Richard Koenig, who gave time and energy to see this project through to completion. We are also touched by the sincere enthusiasm and passion of women who joined the North Suburban Friends of WINGS. This group of phenomenal community members successfully implemented a housewarming shower for the house and the Official Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

While they have been busy in Skokie, the Barrington Friends of WINGS have also been busy. This group of dynamic men and women have pulled in numerous community businesses to give the Barrington House a 'makeover'. Their efforts have resulted in a beautiful facelift for the house, the driveway, and the yard. Most importantly, they have made a huge impact on the mom and four kids who live there. They provided Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. They provided gifts for the family and made sure that they had more than just the bare necessities. Mary Gerak has done a tremendous job in leading this group and we thank her and the entire committee for their incredible generosity!

Another tremendous group, the Schaumburg Friends of WINGS, has been working on the Schaumburg House, handing out WINGS information at festivals, and planning a new fundraiser for WINGS, which will occur this November. With members from St. Marcelline Church and the Hoffman Estates Police Department, they have been a blessing to the Schaumburg home and the families who have lived there.

We owe a special thanks to the Barrington Junior Women's Club for their contribution of \$45,000 that will assist in the opening of the Safe House. In addition, they provided assistance for the Barrington House and pool passes for the family living there. These funds came from a gift of \$20,000 from the Fitsimonds Charitable Trust and their spring gala. Their successful gala was supported by Alexian Brothers, Northwest Community Healthcare, Barrington Township, Good Shepherd, Biltmore Financial, V3 Companies, Avante, Kathy Pinkus-Remax, Elaine and Mike Madden-Keller Williams Realty, Ellie Sipple-Starck Realty, Terri Votaneck-Baird and Warner, Dave and Katy Pepper, Wickstrom Ford, many other businesses and 350 attendees.

Words cannot express our gratitude to these individuals and companies and the many, many more that are not mentioned here. As we continue to grow, we appreciate this support more than ever!

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On the Wings of Angels

Donations received April 1, 2003 thru June 30, 2003

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In Honor of June Steger's Retirement

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Special Events 2003

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2002 Guests Jan Koe and Chris and Julia Rea

Saturday, September 13th 2003 - The planning of WINGS 11th Annual "Come Fly With Me" Gala is in full swing! A dedicated committee has been working very hard to pull all of the special details together of this Hollywood themed event from the red carpet and jewelry boutique, being presented by Rainbow Jewelers in Schaumburg, to the silent and live auctions and the wine tasting, presented by Dobby's World Wide Liquors in Palatine. Hosted by Honorary Chairperson Felicia Middlebrooks from WBBM 780 AM the WINGS gala being held at Rolling Green County Club in Arlington Heights will be sure to delight all guests. The minute guests walk in they will be escorted down the red carpet to have their photograph taken. The photos will be elegantly displayed in a keepsake frame compliments of D&F Print Services, Inc.

and photographer William Sanders. A 4-course dinner including choice of Chilean Sea Bass or succulent Prime Rib, silent and live auctions and music for approximately 200 people will also be a part of this event. Live auction items include a Medinah Golf Package, a one week stay in a Keystone Colorado town home with airline tickets, a one week stay in a posh Marco Island Florida home, a diamond pendant and earring set, and a luxurious fur coat! **Tickets for the gala are \$125 per person. Table sponsorships for \$2,500 and \$5,000 are also available which includes a program book ad and signage in the lobby and on your table. To purchase tickets for this event, please visit www.wingsprogram.com or call Jennifer at 847-963-8910 x10.** WINGS gala will be the talk of the town when all is said and done and you don't want to miss it!



5K Home Run 2002 - Registration

Sunday, October 5th 2003 - Start lacing up those running shoes because WINGS 5K Home Run is just around the corner! The Palatine Jaycees are working diligently to put together another year of fun competition for young an old alike. The race will begin at the park on the corner of Smith and Slade street in downtown Palatine. Healthy refreshments before and after the race will be served. Awards will be handed out by Mayor Rita Mullins. **\$20 per person and \$18 for CARA members if post marked by Sept. 25th 2003. If postmarked after that date, registration is \$25. The kids 1/2 mile run is \$10.** Registration brochures can be picked up at the WINGS Resale Store at 756 E. Northwest Highway in Palatine or by calling 847-963-8910 x10.

Save the Date

WINGS Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 28th

Park Central
3600 Central Road
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6:00 pm visit www.wingsprogram.com for more info



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information

On the Home Front

The Bufka Foundation



Rebecca Darr, Karen Bufka, Carl Bufka, and Jan Werwath

The Bufka Foundation is a family foundation located in suburban Chicago with a mission to provide funds to organizations that reach out to people in desperate need. Since its inception in 1995 the Bufka Foundation has provided funding to numerous organizations in the greater Chicagoland area and in Boulder, Colorado. Carl Bufka, Founder and President indicates, *“Without food, shelter or hope, human dignity is lost. Through the medium of the foundation, our family shares the responsibility of charitable giving. We hope that financial and moral support to our grantees will not only help their clients today, but restore their belief in a better and brighter future.”*

WINGS has been fortunate that the Foundation shares our philosophy that everyone has the potential and strength to overcome difficult life circumstances and to accomplish goals that will lead to an enhanced quality of life. WINGS was chosen to receive a grant in 1996 and we have been privileged to receive nearly \$60,000 in continuing contributions throughout the years.

Andrea Bufka, Executive Director and Trustee of the Foundation states, *“We are proud to be part of the exceptional service that WINGS brings into our communities. It has been a pleasure to see WINGS’ grow as an organization to become a pillar in the community.”*

We continue to be grateful for all of the support that The Bufka Foundation has given to WINGS over the years. Their dedication to helping those in need is commendable. Thank you for all that you have done!

WINGS Resale Store - Shoppers Needed!

Come in and experience the WINGS Resale Store in Palatine! This beautiful 9,000 square foot location is in a prime location at 756 E. Northwest Highway, just west of Route 53. Shop for your family’s fall wardrobe or unique items for your home. Please call 847-963-0861 for shopping hours or more information. The store is also looking for dedicated volunteers to help with sorting, tagging and displaying merchandise. If you are interested in helping, please call Gwen Kessler at the store.



WINGS Resale Store - Housewares

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Friends of WINGS



Marilyn Dudzinsky and Marcia Nelson manning the Hoffman Estates Art Fair booth

Schaumburg Friends of WINGS

This group has been very busy over the past couple of months. Most recently members Marilyn Dudzinsky and Marcia Nelson, along with new advisory member Phyllis Molenda, manned a WINGS informational table at the Hoffman Estates Art Fair. Carl Baumert, Detective for Hoffman Estates Police Department and a Schaumburg Friends of WINGS member, was able to get the use of the table for free. Him and volunteer Sandi Baranski helped set the booth up. Not only did many people stop by for information, but Marilyn, Marcia and Phyllis sold over \$300 worth of "House Pins", unique clothing accessories, to benefit WINGS. Other members, Pat and Tom LaMantia along with Marilyn Dudzinsky, also got together to do some much needed lawn care for the Schaumburg home. They fertilized, pulled weeds, and mowed the grass which helped make the yard look much healthier.

The advisory will also be selling WINGS "Holiday Cards". (see page 4) ***If you want more information about becoming a part of the Schaumburg Friends of WINGS, please call Marcia Nelson at 847-736-1056.***

North Suburban Friends of WINGS

Our hats go off to this tremendous group of dedicated individuals who have tirelessly provided their time and resources to create two successful events held at the WINGS apartments recently. They include a Housewarming Shower, which brought in over \$3,000 in donations and gifts including much needed furnishings for the apartments, and a ribbon cutting ceremony that was attended by the Mayor of Skokie, George Van Dusen, and WINGS supporters. Members of this group include Kim Lutz, Laurel Rector, Sari Rubin, Harriet Jacobs, Paula Lingeman, Diane Silca, Gene Flynn, Karen Sherman, Frances Bishop, Connie Bell, Meryl Rivenson, Davida Goldner, Sharleen Bermann, and Jane Turbov. Gene Flynn, owner of Schaefer's, Food, Wine and Spirits, donated all of the Champaign for the ribbon cutting, while other members donated their time and money to further beautify the landscaping before the ceremonies. ***For more information on joining this group or to make a donation, please call Kim Lutz at 847-951-8670 or e-mail her at klutz@wingsprogram.com.***



Top row: Harriet Jacobs, Jane Turbov, Karen Sherman, Laurel Rector, Gene Flynn, and Kim Lutz. Bottom row: Diane Silca, Paula Lingeman. Not pictured: Frances Bishop, Connie Bell, Davida Goldner, Sharleen Bermann, Meryl Rivenson, and Sari Rubin



Barrington House

Barrington Friends of WINGS

This advisory has had a busy summer thanks to many organizations and community members who helped at the Barrington home. Members of The Field and Flower Garden Club, along with Cathy Robinson from Perennial Artistry volunteered a rainy Saturday over the summer to clean up flower-beds and shrubs. The new perennials they planted will bless the home with color for many years to come. The Lake Zurich Home Depot was instrumental in securing a corporate donation for paint and other supplies inside the home. Sue Jacobs and the Lake Area Artisans donated painting time on a Saturday in August, warming the home with a new coat of paint, while the Advisory members tried to keep up with their energy by moving furniture, laying drop cloths and providing refreshments. Work on finishing the basement at the home is about to begin as well, thanks to many donations from the community. ***Individuals or groups wishing***

to support WINGS in their endeavors with materials, labor or monetary donations are invited to contact WINGS directly at 847-963-8910 x13 or to contact Mary Gerak, Barrington Advisory Chairperson at 847-304-0861.

Community Corner

A WOMAN'S STORY



Kim in front of her new dry cleaning business

I usually utilize this column to request services, items, and time that WINGS is in need of. It has occurred to me that perhaps readers wonder about some of the outcomes of the women going through the WINGS Program, Inc. Many a story has come through WINGS over the years, one of which I want to share with you today. By giving women the tools that they need and a second chance, they are often able to surpass all expectations.

Kim came to WINGS six years ago with her two adolescent sons. She was in a difficult situation as most of the women who ask us for help are. Kim faced many obstacles, and as most people do, struggled with the complications that she faced. She was able to graduate from the program in 2000. She and her sons moved into a small trailer of their own but still encountered many difficulties.

Kim became part of the unofficial "Stage III" part of the WINGS Program, Inc. She had graduated and moved on, but we stayed in touch with each other. She and her family were invited to WINGS events and when she was in need of some guidance or donations, she knew that she could call. Kim continued to grapple with her circumstances, but was always of the belief that things would get better.

Three months ago, Kim was given an unexpected and astonishing gift. A woman at the church that Kim and her family attend gave Kim ownership of dry cleaners in Arlington Heights. The donor was just tired of running the business and wanted to give it to someone who could truly appreciate it. Kim was overjoyed and very, very grateful. Although this donation was a mixed blessing with many new impediments, Kim has been working diligently in order to make this new venture succeed. Kim now works more than full-time so that her new business can be a success.

Recently, Kim invited some of the people who have helped her over the past six years to get to where she is now to a celebration party at the dry cleaners. Kim showed off her establishment both with joy and tears. She told the party guests that she doesn't have a family anymore; but that the people she has known and who continue to help her are like a family to her. Here is a woman who has struggled to support herself and her children and who deserves our support and admiration! We wish Kim the best of success in her new business!

Beth Gardham - *Director of Community Resources*

Volunteers - The Backbone of WINGS

Recently WINGS held its Annual Volunteer Luncheon to celebrate and honor all of the people who have given so much of their time, expertise and energy to helping WINGS achieve its mission. Although it was impossible for each and every volunteer to join us, we want you to know that none of you were forgotten. We are grateful each and everyday for all that you do. You truly make a difference!

We would also like to congratulate Mary Beth Dunlap and Brian Hohl for their nominations to receive a Caring Hearts Award from the Volunteer Center of Northwest Suburban Chicago. A dinner in celebration of many volunteers was hosted by the center recently in Mount Prospect. Brian, a volunteer at WINGS Resale Store, was one of the few volunteers selected to receive this award. He was also featured in the Daily Herald as well. Mary Beth is a member of the WINGS Benefit Ride committee. We are so proud of them and pleased to have them on our side!



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Benefit Ride 2003



Charlie Lowrey, Mary Beth Dunlap, Steve Rubin, and Peggy Babler looking on during the raffle pull

Despite the weather, the success of WINGS Benefit Ride 2003 was not dampened. Due to the tremendous efforts of committee members, Peggy Babler, Pam Coty, Mary Beth Dunlap, Nita Kay LeMay, and Steve Rubin and the many volunteers and participants, they were able to raise \$11,000 for the women and children participating in the program, up nearly \$5,000 from last year! The entire team worked hard at gathering great raffle items, Steve and Pam drove many miles to get the route just right and Mary Beth got support from her employer Fortune Brands, Inc., who donated \$2,000, as well as matched the many donations given by its employees. Food for the buffet lunch was donated by Whole Foods Market in Palatine, Sweet Tomatoes in Schaumburg, Dominick's, and Jarosch Bakery in Elk Grove Village. Skip

and Martha Smith, owners of Jesse Oak's in Gages Lake, welcomed us to their business and provided not only a great outdoor/indoor location, but also had their staff prepare lunch for the participants. They worked with us to make a great presentation and didn't even blink an eye when we ended up moving the party indoors because of the rain. With a band, a DJ, and a jukebox on hand the day was not without music. FOG (Five Old Guys), connected to us through volunteer Loren Folina, and DJ Matt Cox of J.M. Productions, a friend of Steve's generously donated their time and expertise to entertain the masses. Their time was cut short due to the weather, but we improvised and played music on the jukebox to keep the fun going. To make the day ever more special, Jeff Butterfield, President of Harris Bank Palatine and the Honorary Chairperson for this year's event, along with Rita Canning, WINGS President, joined the riders, through sun and rain, to mingle with the participants, have some lunch at the end of the run and to thank everyone for their efforts. To wrap up the event, Charlie Lowrey, President of the Suburban (HOG) Harley Owners Group, and a long-time WINGS supporter got everyone together to pull raffle tickets and announce the winners of the cash prizes. Our hats go off to them and the many wonderful people who generously supported this event. We could not have done this without you!