



Open House Ministries

Empowering homeless families in our community

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK TO YOURS

I would like to share with you some observations from my desk. I believe it is important I transmit information to you as it becomes appropriate. September 30th marked the end of our fiscal year here at Open House Ministries. During this last year giving increased by a little over 10% from the previous year. Expenditures were down by 34% during that same time. I thank God and you for this positive turn! Obviously, our financial situation is improving; however, we still depend upon a declining savings account to break even over the period of the entire year.

"Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him and keep him alive, and he will be blessed on the earth."

Psalm 41:1-2 (NKJ)

on the upswing of a successful fiscal year we realize much work is still left to do to truly make Open House Ministries financially strong.

Over four hundred people without homes were sheltered by Open House this last year. More than half of them were children under the age of 12 years old. Ministry to this group is the reason Open House exists. We are excited and motivated by the challenges God has placed in front of us for this next year. We will continue to work on becoming more and more efficient in our ministry efforts.



I want to thank you for your gifts and prayers; and, I look forward to working with you in the future as we help this population of families without homes. Together, with God's help, we can make a difference in this community.

Written by David Wilde, Executive Director

A little goes a long way

Open House Ministries does not receive any government funding. We are privately funded and supported by foundations, businesses, churches and individuals... like you! The current operating cost of our program is approximately \$16.50 per bed, per night. This represents one of the lowest cost programs in the state, and when you add in our comprehensive array of services, the value increases even more!

\$16.50 sponsors a child for a night

\$66.00 sponsors a family for a night

\$115.50 SPONSORS A CHILD FOR A WEEK

\$462.00 sponsors a family for a week

\$990.00 sponsors a single mom and her child for a month



Grocery List

- dry cereal
- peanut butter
- pancake mix
- tampons
- dry baby cereal
- chicken noodle soup
- Frozen hamburger
- ketchup & mustard
- family size shampoo & conditioner
- sugar
- jelly
- tuna
- hygiene products
- diapers & baby wipes
- flour
- towels
- chili

For more information on the Adopt a Family program please call 737.0300.

Our Mission Statement

Open House Ministries, committed to Jesus Christ, is dedicated to enabling homeless families to restore wholeness and healthy relationships with the community, their families and with God



NEEDED --
A DIESEL MECHANIC FAMILIAR WITH OLD EQUIPMENT (75 YEAR OLD, 6 CYLINDER STANDBY

GENERATOR MOTOR, ALLIS CHAMBERS) POSSIBLY NEEDING AN INJECTOR OVERHAUL. CONTACT DAVID WILDE AT 737.0300.



In order to hold true to our mission statement and connect Open House residents with the Vancouver community, we strive to organize opportunities for our Giving Back crew to participate in service projects within the neighborhood. Recently we were able to roll up our sleeves and help with some weeding and planting at Hough Pool. Thanks to the hard work of our crew the Pool garten and surrounding grounds look beautiful and ready for the pool's 10 year anniversary!



Experience the joy of giving first hand this holiday season ... Adopt an Open House Family this Christmas!!!



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*celebrating our success...
...sharing our vision*

**Open House Ministries'
First Annual Fund Raising Dinner**

**Saturday, January 26, 2008
6:30 pm**

The Firstenburg Community Center

For more information on the event, table sponsorship or table hosting contact Jennifer Tracy at 737.0300.

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