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NEW GROUND SPECIAL MEMORIES PROGRAM

Many thanks to everyone who adopted our families and Veterans for Thanksgiving and December holidays, as well as those who donated food, toys, clothing and more to make this time of year special.

Thank you to Russell M. Koster and Turnaround Management Association for the generous holiday donation. Special thanks to Jeffrey and Vera Wurst for spreading the word about New Ground.

NEW GROUND'S TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

A very special *THANK YOU* to all those who contributed throughout 2011 in response to our '20 Stories for 20 Years' campaign. It was our pleasure to share so many wonderful stories of families and Veterans whose lives have been forever changed for the better by their time with us. Your generosity makes it possible for New Ground to continue to do this work, offering opportunities to homeless families and Veterans who yearn for a brighter future.

WE CARE FUND AWARDS GRANT TO NEW GROUND



The WE CARE Fund, the charitable arm of the Nassau County Bar Association, recently awarded a grant to New Ground to support our Tutoring Program. This Program provides critical tutoring services to the parents and children we serve as well as those in two local homeless shelters. From left to right: Shannon Boyle, Executive Director, New Ground; Harold L. Deiters III, WE CARE Fund Advisory Board Member, Bar Association of Nassau County.

SAVE THE DATE

New Ground's 17th Annual Golf Tournament
 Monday, June 11, 2012
 The Hamlet Golf & Country Club

New Ground's 12th Annual Groundbreakers' Celebration
 Thursday, November 8, 2012
 Carlyle on the Green, Bethpage State Park

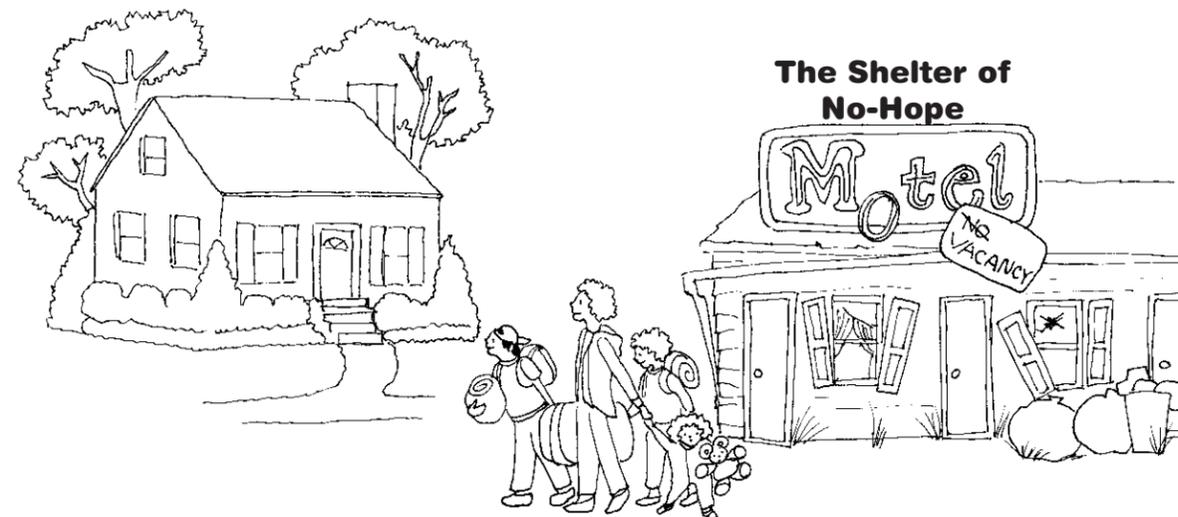
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Sanctuary: The Spirit of Harriet Tubman



You Can Help End the Cycle of Homelessness!

Breaking the Cycle of Homelessness for Over 20 Years

VOLUNTEERING AT NEW GROUND

There are many ways – and many people – who donate their time, experience and hard work to make all that our residents achieve possible. We wanted to take this opportunity to share just a little of the great work our volunteers do to make a difference.

DID YOU KNOW?

New Ground's Board of Directors and Advisory Board has 44 members - all of whom are volunteers. Our Board of Directors consists of an elected Executive Committee of Officers and Board Members. In December 2011 Emmet Agoglia, our Board President of seven years, completed his term of service. Emmet has provided many years of leadership, expertise and energy to our boards, staff and especially the residents of New Ground. We extend a heartfelt THANK YOU and are truly grateful for all his hard work and efforts.

In January 2012 Edward McDougal assumed the position of Board President along with a new slate of elected Officers. Other changes to both of these boards include new members as well as some members shifting from one board to the other. Thus we start the 2012 year off with new members, new officers, new energy and many new ideas to keep the good work of New Ground moving forward.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS & STUDENTS

Over the past few years New Ground has developed relationships with many local schools and universities to enlist the help of their faculty and students. Chris Salute from Molly College's Business Division has created volunteer and internship opportunities for his students to lend their time and expertise assisting New Ground in the area of digital marketing. Through the St. John University Tobin School of Business, semester-long courses have focused on creating business plans for New Ground to grow in areas of fundraising and services. It was one of these student groups that generated the initial concept for our new JumpStart Program. St. John's Academic Service Learning Program has also supplied student volunteers to help in other areas such as tutoring, daycare assistance, and financial literacy. New Ground utilizes Social Work interns from different local universities to assist with service provision to our residents while giving these students the opportunity to grow in their chosen profession.

Our partnerships also extend to elementary and high school students. Lutheran Middle and High School students have been volunteering to benefit our families and Veterans for many years. New Ground is the recipient of their student food drive each fall, helping to ensure our pantry is well stocked for the holiday season.



Lutheran High School students at New Ground

NEW GROUND'S YOUNG PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY BOARD (YPAB)

In early 2012, we launched an addition to our Advisory Board – a Young Professionals group to continue to connect with motivated, caring individuals who want to make a difference in the lives of homeless families and Veterans. Like our Advisory Board, this group meets once a quarter. The YPAB will be assisting us in various ways; already having undertaken their first fundraising event: New Ground's Comedy Night on April 26th, 2012. Congratulations to all our new members for what you have already accomplished!

MISSION STATEMENT

We maintain that the key to eliminating the problem of homelessness is not only to provide short-term assistance to homeless families and Veterans, but to work at eliminating its root causes so these individuals can become, and remain, self-supporting. We identify, and then respond to, those-at-risk with programs that provide educational, technical, and emotional support. This empowers these families and Veterans enabling them to function independently. Working in collaboration with institutions in the public and private sector, NEW GROUND is able to involve existing agencies to better respond to the growing needs and challenges of Long Island's homeless population.

A Message From Executive Director Shannon Boyle, LMSW

Celebrating *twenty years of service* to homeless families during 2011 provided New Ground the opportunity to review the success of our programs while reflecting upon *a growing need* for greater assistance. Our waitlist for the Long Term Housing Program (LTHP) is significant, with families remaining homeless for two or more years. New Ground has evaluated many ways to expand our critical services to do more for those who are trapped in the vicious cycle of poverty and homelessness on Long Island. In April 2012, we launched our *JumpStart Program* which will provide the same intensive Social Work services and educational programs to five additional families in need. New Ground is now serving up to thirty families through these two programs, reaching over 175 individuals at a time.

To enter the LTHP, families must complete an intensive screening process consisting of various interviews and references. The many steps to this process uncovers each family's *goals for the future* as well as their *commitment to working diligently* to realize them. With our new JumpStart Program, this screening process is now being done three to eighteen months before an anticipated vacancy in the LTHP so a selected family can get *a 'jump start' on their future*. Just like LTHP families, these five additional families will meet weekly with a New Ground Social Worker to begin to take steps toward self-sufficiency and independence. Their children will receive educational services through our Reading All-Stars Program, Tutoring Program, Education Assistance Program and others.

Although families in our JumpStart Program will remain homeless until they can enter a housing unit in the LTHP, they will now have the *resources, support and guidance* to begin the process of changing their lives and securing a brighter future – *breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness for their children, and generations to come*.

THE 17TH ANNUAL NEW GROUND GOLF TOURNAMENT

You are invited to attend New Ground's 17th Annual Golf Tournament. Please join us on Monday, June 11, at the Hamlet Golf and Country Club, located in Commack. The day includes brunch, golf, cocktail hour and dinner. Your participation on this day will benefit the formerly homeless families and Veterans in New Ground's Long Term Housing Program.

This year's Tournament honorees are Larry Davis and Ira Prager, partners in the law firm of Davis & Prager, P.C. in Patchogue. They are also founders of Empire National Bank. Davis, a resident of Miller Place, serves on the Board of Directors of the Long Island Home Builders Development Corp., a charitable arm of the Long Island Builders Institute, which has undergone a mission to build homes for our returning war heroes. Prager, who lives in Smithtown, is a member of various organizations including the Long Island Housing Partnership and the National Alopecia Areata Foundation.

For information on golf registration, dinner attendance and sponsorship opportunities, please call 516-564-4764 ext 125.

RENOVATIONS AT NEW GROUND

After ten years in our current location, we were long overdue for a renovation of our offices. Such a project is often time consuming and expensive – unless you have the help of volunteers! We have just completed our project which entailed repainting the entire office and reorganizing our overall space. Dedicated staff, Board Members, friends and family donated their time over the President's weekend to make this happen. Also on hand were a group of hard working volunteers through the Notre Dame Club of Long Island.

With everyone's help, our Reading All-Stars Program was relocated to a larger room which will now be able to accommodate the growing number of children in attendance twice a week. All of this would not have been possible without the help of these amazing volunteers and generous donors. Special thanks to:

- Bennet Chaite and A.C. Desk Co. for the file cabinets to keep us better organized
- Gary Levien and Arrow Transfer & Storage for the help of moving experts
- Sheila McDougal and Interior Redesign for your time as well as the much needed paint and painting supplies
- Michael Renosis and TimeLine Renovations for the donation of labor and materials to build our new closet

