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“Worth Waiting For” Trinity Table

Kathy Cannon

Almost a year to the day, Trinity Table officially moved “back home” downstairs at Trinity UMC on July 1, 2007. Close to 500 homeless and hungry guests received a fantastic

catered meal donated by the Greek Orthodox Cathedral of Greater Atlanta and prepared by Ms. Movale’s Eatery. Everyone’s plates were filled with turkey & dressing, yams, collard greens, and dinner rolls. Over

50 pies donated by the Divine Food Rescue Ministry in Alpharetta were served. Additionally, 1600 sandwiches were prepared and served by over 30 volunteers from Salem United Methodist Church and Trinity Community Ministries’ Board Members. All were thrilled to receive such generous donations! These donations enabled us to acknowledge the on-going

appreciative attitude of Table guests while our menu was downsized for a year to hot dogs instead of soup. The guests as well as the volunteers were tremendously impressed with the newly renovated facilities. Compliments were almost as abundant as full stomachs.

One week before Trinity Table’s grand reopening, on June 24th, Trinity Community Ministries hosted an Open House to showcase the improvements at Trinity Table including new tables, chairs, soup bowls, pantry space, and working air conditioning. Nearly 100 guests marveled at the redesign and refurbishments while enjoying miniature cheese cakes, cookies and punch. The official dedication and blessing ceremony included words of welcome by

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Staff, Board members, and volunteers admire Trinity Table’s new industrial kitchen

Frances Hamilton’s Birthday Gift to Trinity House

Christine Ford

The chapel in Trinity House-Big Bethel was filled with party decorations, the smell of BBQ, and anticipation on July 9. The birthday party hosted by the residents and staff of Trinity House-Big Bethel was planned in honor of a selflessness young volunteer. For her 11th birthday, Frances Hamilton asked her friends and family not to buy presents. Instead, she asked them for donations for Trinity House-Big Bethel.

Frances, her three sisters, and her

parents, Joe and Margaret Hamilton, volunteer frequently at Trinity House-Big Bethel. The Hamilton family has even incorporated some Trinity House-Big Bethel dinner traditions into their dinners including the power clap and sharing time.

Joe and Margaret encourage their girls to think of others. “Joe and I feel that it is important to give the girls an “others” focus and to be good stewards of the gifts God has blessed them with,” said Margaret Hamilton. Before each

of their daughter’s 11th birthday, the Hamilton’s challenge them to forgo

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Trinity Community Ministries’ 5 WAYS TO GIVE

1. Donate Stock
2. Use Your Employer’s Gift Matching Program
3. Volunteer with Trinity House-Big Bethel or Trinity Table
4. Leave a Legacy through Planned Giving
5. Give Online at www.tcmatlanta.org

The morning of April 18th began with coffee and the finest philanthropic networking in Atlanta as the city's movers and shakers gathered in the fellowship hall at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church for Trinity Community Ministries' Honorary Board Break-

fast. Over 70 Honorary Board members and their guests were in attendance.

The men and women of the Honorary Board and their guests were greeted by Denise Norris, TCM Executive Director, and Daris McCullough, Chairman of the Board of Directors, before the buffet opened.

During breakfast, Trinity House-Big Bethel residents inspired those sitting with them by sharing their stories of how they triumphed over alcohol and drug addictions with the help of the Trinity House-Big Bethel program. All were moved by the residents' life experiences, including

keynote speaker Vince Dooley, former Georgia Bulldog football coach and legend.

Bill Linginfelter, CEO of Georgia Banking/Wachovia



Bill Linginfelter

Bank will be the keynote speaker at Trinity Community Ministries' Fall Honorary Board Breakfast. This Fall's Breakfast will be held **October 23 at Peachtree Road United Methodist Church.**

Trinity Community Ministries' Honorary Board was established in September of 2006 to provide networking opportunities Atlanta's best and brightest. The Honorary Board currently boasts 80 members. For more information on the Honorary Board, please visit us on the web.



Vince Dooley with Trinity-House Big Bethel Graduate Robert Fisher at April's Honorary Board Breakfast

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Daris McCullough, Chairman of Trinity Community Ministries' Board of Directors, as well as Denise Norris, Trinity Community Ministries' Executive Director. Mary Yoder, Trinity Community Ministries' Board Member and member of Trinity United Methodist Church, shared a short history of the Table's journey. Diane Bryant, Trinity Community Ministries' Board Member and Table Committee Chair, dedicated the space with words of appreciation and hope. Rev. Kathy Morris, Pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church and Trinity Community Ministries' Board Member, closed the ceremony with a beautiful prayer of blessing. The event was enjoyed by Board members, Trinity Community Ministries' staff, and Trinity House Big Bethel residents as well as past and current volunteers.

Trinity Community Ministries Honorary Board

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gifts and donate their birthday money to a charity of their choice. For her 11th birthday, Frances accepted her parent's challenge and chose to donate her birthday money to Trinity House-Big Bethel.

Frances's unselfish act touched everyone at Trinity Community Ministries but it made the deepest impact on the residents of Trinity House-Big Bethel. The generosity and sacrifice of this 11 year old girl deeply touched each resident. In response, the men of Trinity House-Big Bethel, along with staff, planned a Trinity House-Big Bethel birthday

party for Frances.

The residents decorated the chapel and cook BBQ. To express their deepest thanks, the working residents pooled some resources and bought a beautiful chocolate birthday cake for Frances. During the party, Francis was presented with a giant card that was hand-made by Trinity House-Big Bethel resident Joseph. An 8x10 picture of Frances, her family, and the men of Trinity House-Big Bethel was framed inside to remind her of how much her selflessness touched everyone at Trinity-House-Big Bethel.

Frances will enter the sixth grade at Whitefield Academy in August.



Frances, center, with Trinity House-Big Bethel residents and staff member Ali.

Trinity House-Big Bethel
Fish Fry
 21 Bell Street, N.E.
Every Friday
 11:00 AM - 2:00 pm

Special Thanks to Board Member David Smith and Trinity House-Big Bethel Associate Programs Director Kenneth Zakee for providing pictures for this newsletter

Hello! from Our Executive Director

Denise Norris

Looking back over my first year as Trinity Community Ministries' Executive Director, I see a stronger, more focused ministry. As the need grows, so we grow and Trinity Community Ministries is growing. In the last year we have tripled our capacity to serve and doubled our budget. We moved Trinity Table Soup Kitchen into a newly renovated facility in the basement of Trinity United Methodist Church. We established

an Honorary Board to provide networking opportunities for our supporters.

There are several new faces at Trinity Community Ministries. At Trinity House-Big Bethel, Alfred Wilson is our newest Counselor and

Patrice Green is our Compliance Consultant. Also, Greg Smith joined us as Development Director. Renita Harris became our new Volunteer Services Manager.

I would also like to formally introduce our new Board members: Bill Arnold, Michael Brown,

Kathy Dady, Errol Kendall, Jason Munson, John Shingler, and Donna Williams. I would like to thank exiting Board members John Hanula and Leroy Woodard for their service and commitment to Trinity Community Ministries.

Your gifts, time, and talents are precious to us and to those we serve at Trinity Table and Trinity House-Big Bethel. While we will continue to grow in response to the needs of Atlanta's homeless and hungry, we need you to continue to be our strength.

Blessings,

Denise Norris
 Executive Director

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2007-2008

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A Recipe for Endurance

A letter from a Trinity House-Big Bethel Resident

The Trinity House-Big Bethel has been a beneficial, uplifting, and healthy ingredient in the growth and development of my maturity level and manhood. Ingredients such as responsibility and accountability for the choices I make, discipline, integrity, dependability, and spirituality, to name a few, are the attributes that the facilitators and brotherhood instill and expect on a daily basis to ensure continued growth as a productive human being. It is not an easy process, but anything worth achieving encompasses sacrifice and humility.

Before arriving at Trinity House-Big Bethel, I was mortified, depressed, angry, unfulfilled, and with out direction. When I realized problems do not vanish and cannot be prayed away, I realized action had to be taken, energy had to be exerted, and work had to be done. Once I made this conscious decision to be an active part of the solutions of my circumstances, other events transpired that lead me to Trinity House-Big Bethel.

Trinity House-Big Bethel has made me conscious about my behavior and the accumulation of bad habits that I had acquired over a period of time. It has given me the foundation and tools

to make better decisions for every aspect of life to maintain balance. This includes mental, spiritual, physical, social, and financial knowledge and awareness. Trinity House-Big Bethel encourages and produces men to be self-sufficient through counsel, tough-love, and commitment. Those that endure and adapt to the ever changing conditions of the marathon usually persevere to the end of the race. Trinity House-Big Bethel provided a service that I cannot place a price on and for that I am truly grateful.

Our Mission:

Trinity Community Ministries exists to provide faith-based, transformational opportunities for people who are homeless and hungry and for volunteers.

October 23 Honorary Board Breakfast
Upcoming Events

Ongoing Events

Sundays Trinity Table
Fridays Trinity House-Big Bethel Fish Fry
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays
Trinity House-Big Bethel T.E.A.M Dinners

To volunteer, call
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