

Families Moving Out of Shelter

13 families now smiling in their own homes



Photo by Sharon Lowe

Shelter Residents with Sr. Margaret during the Annual Mother's Day celebration.

At a time when the economy faces a slow recovery, Project Hope celebrates the **13 families who moved out of our Family Shelter into permanent housing** this spring. During their stay at the Shelter, families are given every available resource and support to end their homelessness by transitioning into homes of their own. These 13 families are beginning a new chapter in their lives.

Carrie, one of our shelter residents featured above, moved into her home in August with her 2 young children. While living at Project Hope, she participated in Project Hope's Workforce Development & Employer Partnerships program and is now on her path out of poverty. ❖

We want to see YOU in April!



Join us at Project Hope's
Rise & Shine Breakfast

Come for breakfast. Leave inspired!

April 26, 2011
at the Boston Harbor Hotel

During these very difficult times, hope remains. At Project Hope, families are still moving out of shelter into housing, women are pursuing education, and mothers are getting jobs that pay a living wage. It is not easy, but we are unrelenting in supporting families on their journey to economic security. Without you, our donors and volunteers, the journey would indeed be bleak.

-Sr. Margaret Leonard, Executive Director

An Innovative Path Out of Poverty

Project Hope Recognized as a Social Innovator

Project Hope's Workforce Development & Employer Partnerships (WDEP) health care training program was selected as the **2010 Social Innovation Forum** winner in the employment and education category. In May, Tressa Stazinski, Director of Workforce Development, presented to investors interested in forward thinking approaches to help low-income people achieve self-sufficiency. Tressa promoted our successes to grant makers and venture philanthropists interested in effecting positive change. Some of the stories shared were:

Tanya, From Homeless to Hopeful

Tanya came to Project Hope after fleeing her abuser with nothing but what her children could fit in their backpacks, and now, as a graduate of WDEP, Tanya is economically stable and supporting her family.

Lisa, 6 Years of Stability

Lisa was unemployed for 2 years and about to lose everything—her home, her children, her self-esteem and her dignity. Today she has been employed in the healthcare field for 6 years since her graduation from WDEP.

The Social Innovation Forum presentation showed how the creative approaches implemented in WDEP can have deep and long-lasting effects on participants. ❖

Graduates Celebrate Achievements

Moving forward on the path out of poverty

This summer more than 50 Project Hope families celebrated graduations. Congratulations on all your accomplishments!

34 Adult Learners reach milestone achievement



Proud Adult Learners at their Graduation

completing their Student Proficiency Level.

10 women graduate from job training program

Workforce Development & Employer Partnerships held a graduation in June honoring 10 women who completed the training program. These women gave presentations on potential careers in the health care field, and two graduates gave keynote addresses highlighting the support they received from their classmates and teachers.

9 pre-school scholars are ready for the first day of kindergarten

The Children's Center celebrated its pre-school graduation in August. The nine pre-school graduates are now ready for kindergarten.

This summer the Adult Basic Education program celebrated 19 adult learners who received certificates for completing the requirements of their academic level, and 15 English for Speakers of Other Languages learners who received certificates for



Kydell receives his pre-school graduation certificate



Graduates from Project Hope's Workforce Development & Employer Partnerships Program

Now that I am a graduate, I have the confidence and skills to get a job at any hospital.

- WDEP Graduate

Make a Difference: Become a Sustainer

Do you want your giving to have an immediate impact?

Does the thought of writing check after check and paying for stamps impede your giving?

Do you wish for an easy and secure way to donate and show your commitment to seeing families succeed?

If yes, consider setting up a recurring gift plan.

Become a Sustainer by establishing a monthly, quarterly, or annual recurring gift. You choose the frequency and amount; we'll take care of the rest.

Your regular giving **WILL** make a difference:

- \$250 a month—Allows 50 Ambassadors to participate in a year of the Speakers Bureau
- \$75 a month—Provides online interview simulations for 25 people in Workforce Development Training
- \$35 a month—Supports a family seeking housing assistance.

It's convenient and secure. Direct payment automates your giving so you never have to write a check. Our secure system keeps your information confidential.

It's flexible. You can increase, decrease, suspend or opt-out at any time.

It's simple. Visit www.prohope.org and click on Donate Now to schedule your regular gift.

If you want to learn more, contact Terry Moynahan at 617-442-1880 x229 or tmoytahan@prohope.org.

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