Dear Friends and Benefactors:

It is hard to believe that on April 22, 2010, Hope House Ministries will celebrate its 30th Anniversary of ministry and service to young people and families in crisis. Never did I think in April 1980 when Hope House began that this journey would lead us where we are today.

So much has happened these past 30 years. We have been blessed in so many ways. There have been so many wonderful stories of human transformation and change that have clearly sustained me and encouraged me on this arduous journey.

As many of you know, we began this humble adventure in a rented guesthouse on the grounds of the Little Portion Friary, an Episcopal Franciscan Brothers Community in Mount Sinai. Their openness to this new concept of treating young people at risk was the first of many miracles to bless our journey.

The agreement with the Brothers was to rent a guesthouse for two years. After that time, we would have to relocate. Early on in our stay at Little Portion Friary it became clear that the guesthouse was too small to meet the growing demand of beds for young people in crisis.

In 1982 we relocated to our present residence on Main Street in Port Jefferson. Our new residence provided us with 18 beds. The following year, thanks to a generous benefactor, we were able to purchase a little cottage next to the original house. That provided five additional beds.

In 1987 during the midmorning hours, an electrical fire broke out in the walls of a second-floor bedroom. The original house was built in the late 1800s. It still possessed the original electrical wires, and the old tin walls. The young men were at school when the fire started. Thanks to the courage and expediency of the Port Jefferson Volunteer Fire Department only 25% of this old building was damaged.

After a detailed assessment of the old structure and looking toward the future, thanks to the generosity of a local philanthropist and a creative vision, it was decided to tear the old building down and build our present structure.

The new building was completed in the spring of 1988. It provided us with additional beds, a sprinkler system, the Chapel, quarters for live-in staff and so much additional space to create a home environment.

Our new home has provided life changing experiences for more than 8000 young men. So many of those young men have become positive contributing members of our larger community; they have become doctors, lawyers, teachers, social workers, administrators, tradesmen and public servants. Most importantly, they have developed a moral compass that is calibrated to care for others and give back to our larger community.

In addition to the Community House which is the heart of our ministry, we have broadened our outreach to touch a wider range of people in need. Our counseling center provides a wide range of mental health services to those battling mental illness and addictions. Pax Christi, probably our most challenging Ministry, provides compassionate care and hospitality for the poorest of the poor in our midst. Siena House started as a home for unwed mothers, and presently has become a safe house for women who suffer from domestic violence and abuse. Montfort Therapeutic Residence and Our...
Hope House Ministries was once again blessed with a full house at our 26th Annual Holiday Party, held on November 30th, 2009, at the grand Villa Lombardi’s Catering Hall in Holbrook. Celebrating our 29th year of ministry, the event raised over $232,000!!

Over 850 of Hope House’s dedicated supporters joined together to kick off the holiday season in a most festive way. It began with the continued generosity of the Lombardi family who, as for the past fifteen years, donated the entire catering package, presenting a truly decadent buffet and a cascade of delectable desserts. As always, their highly professional staff did an exceptional job in creating a splendiferous and memorable event, from the beautifully decorated hall to the most attentive detail in serving the party-goers. The young men of Hope House serenaded the crowd with holiday songs, and the Naked Truth Band gave a truly engaging performance.

Our guests were also given the opportunity to participate in the Silent Auction, which offered over 150 items and raised over $20,700! Long Island’s businesses and numerous Hope House supporters were extremely generous, allowing us to offer a multifarious selection of gifts (see our list of sponsors).

Congratulations and thank you to all the devoted, hard-working volunteers, auction, journal and event sponsors, board members and our enthusiastic guests, who made this event so successful!

Long time supporters Gary DeRosa of Custom Clay & Soil, Inc., Frank Barker of The Barker Organization, and Wayne Rampone of Ramp Ford (left to right) enjoy the Holiday Party festivities.
We wish to thank all of our event sponsors, auction and journal donors for their kindness and generosity!

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Lady of Peace Academy is a new innovative program for young people already trapped in the criminal justice system. Although it is a new program, it has already received high marks from New York State’s Office of Children and Family Services.

St. Louis de Montfort Academy is our nontraditional Junior -Senior High School that provides quality education and character development for a growing number of young people who cannot navigate our traditional public school system. Our Children & Family Center is an innovative approach of providing comprehensive therapeutic support for small children and their parents.

This tremendous network of human services has grown these past 30 years because of the dedicated and talented staff that we have been blessed with. Today, we employ more than 65 professionals. More than 15 of them have worked here for more than 20 years. That is amazing. They are amazing as well as our more than 300 volunteers.

My first year, our actual cash expenses were a little more than $3000; thanks to people’s generosity with their time and talent, we were able to make things work. Today, our operating budget is close to $4 million. Needless to say it is hard to raise that kind of money year after year. However, I trust in Providence, and your many hands and hearts have made it happen. And because of you tens of thousands of people have had their lives profoundly changed and transformed.

On April 7, 1997, one month after his 16th birthday, a frightened 10th-grader from a very broken and dysfunctional family moved into the Community House. On July 15, 2009, 12 years later, that broken wounded young man left what he calls his family to begin his professional career.

In a final address that he gave at our weekly house meeting, he said: “I have, on numerous occasions, comforted, been comforted, felt loss, felt love, gained respect, lost respect, explored existential, religious, spiritual, and family arenas, and felt what it means to be loved, and considered a family member, while also being a consistent part of something much more than just your run-of-the-mill family!”

He went on to talk about all the changes that took place in his life. He expressed that when he first came to Hope House, he was a very selfish and self-centered young man. As he was preparing to spread his wings and move on, he spoke about all of the life lessons he has learned. He said: “the gift I have received while living at the House with Father is that I have lived the life of a rich kid! Better than most of those upper-class knuckleheads I always felt lesser than in the area. It’s because of the sacrifice of the people linked to Hope House Ministries that I have been able to gain an education, visit pretty close to every continent of the world, learn to love and be loved in a respectful way, as well as develop countless other amazing memories, attend events, and experience mind blowing, incredible moments in my life… it is with a heavy heart that I leave my home and family for the next chapter of my adventure and trilogy. I am not reluctant to leave, it is more that I feel very connected and I truly love my home and family, which includes the brothers from the past, present and future. I want everyone who has become my family over the years, and who are my family now, and who will become my family as the years go on, to always try and to always succeed.”

On July 17, 2010 in a small Catholic Church on the south shore, this fine young man, who is a teacher and a school administrator in South Carolina, will marry his beloved. She is an extraordinary young woman, a high school teacher also. He will tell you that all of this was made possible because of people like you, who have cared enough over these past three decades to sacrifice your time, talent and treasure, so others who are broken and wounded among us might have a better chance at life.

As we celebrate 30 years of ministry, thank you for walking this journey with me and for making such a profound difference in so many young people’s lives.

Forever grateful,

Father Francis Pizzarelli, SMM, LCSW-R, ACSW, DCSW Executive Director-Founder, Hope House Ministries
The giving giving spirit prevalent during the cold month of December offers the world many heartwarming stories of people working together to help those less fortunate. Shortly before Christmas, one such gift giving opportunity was presented to the ice skating aficionados of Long Island by the benevolent McGuigan family of Superior Ice Rink in Kings Park.

The McGuigan family, who have owned and operated the ice rink for the past 38 years, generously donated to Hope House Ministries a percentage of the proceeds from three public skating sessions over the course of a weekend. This impromptu fundraiser raised over $500!

Spurred on by the success of this unadvertised event, the McGuigans are once again offering to support Hope House by donating the proceeds from an upcoming Saturday public skating session.

Superior Ice Rink cordially invites you to join them in this endeavor —

**Saturday, March 20, 2010**

Public Skating Session of 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**Superior Ice Rink**

270 Indian Head Road, Kings Park, NY

(631) 269-3900

For directions, please visit their website at www.SuperiorIceRink.com

Once again, the Hope House Ministries Breakfast Club Committee will be hosting The Breakfast Club Event. Over the past eleven years this important event has attracted Long Island business people and philanthropists who have generously contributed over $1,983,000 to benefit Hope House Ministries! For information on the upcoming event Tuesday, June 8 at the Meadowbrook Club in Jericho, please call Anne Hudlow in the Development Department at (540) 241-3577.
Limited Field - Register Early

Registration Form

- Golf Individual - $300
- Golf Foursome - $1,200 per Foursome (includes 1 tee sign & 12 raffle tickets)
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- PJCC
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Mail to: Hope House Ministries
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For IRS purposes the fair market value of this event is $155.00.
Our ministry relies heavily on the generosity of those individuals and companies who take the time to organize annual fundraisers in support of our outreach programs. One of those groups is TRITEC Real Estate Company. TRITEC created the Montauk We Hope Bike Tour in 2000 as a way to improve the health and well-being of its employees while making a positive contribution to the local community.

From this event, we were fortunate to meet Gloria Poulmentis. Gloria joined TRITEC in 2002 and is the Human Resources and Office Operations Manager. She first became involved with Montauk We Hope as a volunteer. As the event became more popular, Gloria’s involvement grew and she began serving as Event Manager in 2005. Gloria is responsible for the coordination leading up to the Bike Tour, as well as managing more than 75 volunteers the day of the event.

Gloria has been a pleasure to work with over the years. Her commitment to making the community a better place is inspiring to all. She works tirelessly each year as she takes on the majority of the event planning in addition to her responsibilities through TRITEC. We appreciate her for all she does; she is truly a gift to our ministry!

Our ministry is in need of a pro-bono legal and/or court advocate assistant to aid our Siena House women’s program. If you are interested or know someone who could help, please call Muriel Erdmann at (631) 928-2377, ext. 30.

Hope House Ministries was truly blessed the day Karen Indusi took our ministry under her care. For several years now Karen has been popping up at Hope House when you least expect it with a car load of donations! Whether she is asking for a donation of paper goods and toiletries for the Community House from her fellow Homemakers, or men’s socks and razors from her friends, she is always appreciative to others for their support. Likewise, Karen spends a good part of the year visiting hundreds of local business owners, from which she receives decorative baskets, gift certificates and donated gift items for our Annual Holiday Party Silent Auction. At least 90% of the 150 auction items are made possible because of the countless number of hours she dedicates to soliciting. Her deep love and admiration for the miracles that happen at Hope House touch every person she meets. You see, when Karen begins talking about Hope House, she shares a piece of her heart with each and every person.

It is said that the heart and soul of every mother are her children and anyone who meets Karen Indusi knows that her son, Joseph, is most certainly the heart beat of her contagious energy. It is because of the courageous battle that Joseph fought that Karen knows first hand the struggles our young people are facing everyday. Joseph is now a proud alumnus of Hope House currently going to law school. Karen has an understanding about what it takes to make Hope House succeed. When she sees a need she finds a way to fill it, and we are eternally grateful she does.

Karen does not stop there though. Among other things she volunteers at our ministry mailings, delivers bagels to the Community House weekly, and along with her husband, Joe, is a sponsor at both our Endowment Fund Event and Annual Holiday Party. We extend our sincere gratitude to Karen for her unyielding dedication and support. There is no doubt that every volunteer at Hope House brings their own amount of time and talent. We truly could not do without anyone of them.

Self Help Meetings at Hope House Ministries
Call for times and locations: (631) 928-2377
Hope House Ministries Invites You to

The Eighth Annual Endowment Fund Event

Cocktail Hour & Gourmet Buffet Dinner

Thursday, March 11, 2010
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Villa Lombardi’s, Holbrook, NY

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For ticket, sponsor and journal information, please call Anne Hudlow, HHM Development Department at (540) 241-3577.

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2nd Annual Spring Striped Bass Tournament to benefit Hope House Ministries

Monday, May 17, 2010

Sponsored by Clare Rose and Riverview

*** RULES FOR SPRING 2010 ***

1. To be eligible, all fish (Striped Bass only) MUST exceed 36”. This contest rule is in the interest of conservation. Fish must be caught on rod and reel with either live bait, lures, or any combination thereof.

2. Entrance fee is $50 per person and must be paid on or before Sunday, May 16, 2010.

3. Boats may leave from their home port, but not before 5:30 AM. No fishing lines in water from Midnight on Sunday, May 16 until 6:00 AM on Monday, May 17. There will be Committee Boats at check points.

4. Boat numbers will be provided and must be displayed.

5. Fishing is restricted to the Great South Bay and Fire Island Inlet; East to Watch Hill and West to Tobay Beach.

6. No fishing alone.

7. All fish that are caught should be kept on ice. Fish cannot be held in live wells.

8. All fish must be weighed in at Riverview by 3:00 PM on Monday. Fish must be brought in on the boat it was caught on. Any boat breaking down or needing assistance to the scales will be disqualified. Any boat assisting another vessel in distress will be allowed to weigh in late (maximum 2 hours).

9. All decisions by the Weighmaster are final. For further information, please contact: Captain Jim Hahn or John Schlene at the Riverview Restaurant (631) 589-2694

Captain’s meeting to be held at the Riverview on Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 4:00 PM

Fishing is from 6:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Monday, May 17, 2010

Awards, Draft Bud and Bud Light/Cocktail Buffet at Riverview on Monday, May 17, 2010 from 3:00 - 6:00 PM

Riverview Restaurant, 3 Consuelo Place, Oakdale, New York 11769
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SECRET SANTA 2009

A special thank you to all of those who gave a little extra this past holiday season while supporting the Secret Santa Drive. We raised over $26,000 to support the outreach programs of our ministry! Thanks for spreading the holiday cheer to so many in need!
Thanks to the staff of Tritec Real Estate Company and the Hope House Ministries volunteers, the Annual Montauk We Hope Bike Tour was a huge success! On September 12th there were a total of 279 riders who joined in for the day of fun and fitness! As a result of the generosity of individuals and businesses that offered their time and monetary assistance, the 2009 event raised over $25,000 in support of our ministry.

This event was created in 2000 by TRITEC Real Estate Company as a way to improve the health and well-being of its employees while making a positive contribution to the local community. Inspired by the support and commitment of the entire TRITEC staff, Montauk We Hope officially became a New York State 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization in 2002.

Over the past several years, Hope House Ministries has been very fortunate to receive the support from events such as the Montauk We Hope Bike Tour. We would like to extend our thanks once again to all the volunteers and benefactors who support this event!

The 10th Annual Montauk We Hope Bike Tour

Mark Your Calendars
11th Annual “Montauk We Hope” Bike Tour
Saturday, September 11, 2010

Share Your Time and Talent

TEACHERS NEEDED
St. Louis De Montfort Academy is in need of teachers willing to share their time and talent with junior/senior high school students. Math, Science, Chemistry, Social Studies, Speech, English, Spanish, Computer Graphics, Music, Art, Cooking, Photography, Physical Education/Coach 1 - 3 hrs. per week between the hours of 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

GARDENERS NEEDED
Like to garden? Join our Garden Club! Help create and transform the gardens throughout our ministry houses. Spring is approaching and we need gardeners, landscapers, tree & hedge trimmers.

Teachers and gardeners, please contact Joanne D’Aguanno, Director of Volunteer Services (631) 928-2377 x34.

HHM: the Living Tribute Program

Through the years an increasing number of families have found satisfaction in honoring loved ones by donations made to Hope House Ministries. The memory of a loved one will live through the thoughtful gift donated by a friend, relative or associate. This gift will assist us in our mission to provide compassionate and competent care for the poor, the marginal and wounded among us.

Please make your check payable to Hope House Ministries. For further information, please call the Development Department at (631) 473-8796.

All gifts are tax deductible.

Hope House Ministries: The Living Tribute Program

Enclosed is my gift of:  $10  $25  $50  $100  Other ____________

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Your Name ___________________________________________________________________

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Mail to: Hope House Development Department, PO Box 358, Port Jefferson, NY 11777-0358
NEWS FROM
THE CHILDREN & FAMILY CENTER

Besides regular counseling sessions for both parents and children, the Children & Family Center is offering the following programs for Spring 2010:

SPRING 2010 PROGRAMS

• Individual Counseling for Children – ages 4 through 13
• Individual Counseling for Parents or Guardians of children with problems
• Family Parenting (Discipline) classes
• Anger Management for both children and adults
• ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)
• ODD (Oppositional Defiant Disorder)
• Bereavement for children going through loss of a parent through separation, divorce and death
• Death of a parent or grandparent
• Divorce • Marriage • Nutrition • Bullying
• Direction of the Parenting and Life Skills Program at the Yaphank Incarceration Facility

For further information and registration, please call Sr. Jean Beagan, O.P. at (631) 978-0189.

Let the
New Year Sparkle!

Budget Buy & Sell of Patchogue will be hosting a Gold Party to benefit Hope House Ministries on Monday, March 22nd, starting at 7 p.m. in our Counseling Center location (1 High St., Port Jefferson). This is a great reason to get together with friends and family where you can turn your old, unwanted, and broken gold items into money! It’s a merchandise style party but instead of spending money, you actually make money. The buyers purchase sterling silver, platinum, yellow and white gold of all grades and conditions. They also purchase diamonds.

How Is The Payout Determined? The payout is based on 3 factors:

1. The karat
2. The weight in pennyweights
3. The spot price of gold

Each Representative has a state-of-the-art gold testing machine that will identify the karat of each piece right in front of you. The gold is then sorted by the karat, and weighed in pennyweights. An offer is then made and there is of course no obligation to sell. Hope House Ministries will get 10% of all profits!

For more information please call Theresa Zeis at (631) 473-8796 or visit www.goldpartyli.com.
March, 2010
8th Annual Endowment Fund Event
Thursday, March 11th,
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Held at Villa Lombardi’s, Holbrook
Contact: Anne Hudlow
(540) 241-3577

April, 2010
Beta Sigma Phi Fundraiser –
Long Island Comedy Festival/Your Choice Auction
Thursday, April 8, 6:15 p.m.
Held at Villa Lombardi’s, Holbrook
Contact: Deb DiRoma
(631) 821-7598

Hope House Ministries 30th
Anniversary Celebration &
Volunteer Appreciation Reception
Thursday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.
Held at The Chapel at St. Charles Hospital followed by a reception at
Lombardi’s on the Sound, Port Jefferson, NY
For information and reservations, please contact Joanne D’Aguanno or Patty Griffin at (631) 928-2377, ext. 34/ ext. 31.

May, 2010
The 2nd Annual Spring Striped Bass Tournament
Monday, May 17
Riverview Restaurant, Oakdale, NY
Contact: Jim Hahn or John Schlenke (631) 589-2694

Annual Golf Outing
(Double Shotgun)
Monday, May 24
Held at St. George’s Country Club, Setauket, NY & Port Jefferson

June, 2010
12th Annual Breakfast Club Event
Tuesday, June 8
Meadowbrook Club, Jericho
Contact: Theresa Zeis
(631) 473-8796

September 2010
Montauk We Hope
Saturday, September 11
Tritec Real Estate Company, Setauket, NY
Contact: Gloria (631) 751-0300

November 2010
Annual Holiday Party
Monday, November 29
7 p.m.- 11 p.m.
Villa Lombardi’s, Holbrook, NY
Contact: Theresa Zeis
(631) 473-8796

Mark your Calendars!

10th Annual Irish Christmas Concert Raises Almost $2,000

On Sunday, December 13th almost 300 people gathered at St. Joseph’s College in Patchogue to enjoy the Tenth Annual “Classic Irish Christmas” Concert benefiting Hope House Ministries. This year’s outstanding cast included The New York Showband, Dermot Henry, The Hibernian Festival Singers, Traditional Irish Dancers and emcee, Mike McCormack. We are most grateful, not only to the talented artists who performed that night, but also to all those in attendance. We are especially indebted to the many volunteers, local businesses and sponsors whose contributions enable our concert to continue and grow each year.

For information on next year’s show or to be added to the pre-Concert Mailing List, please e-mail Janet at hopehouse@webtv.net or call 631-928-2377x22.

Save this Date…
Xi Master’s Beta Sigma Phi Presents Our Annual Fundraiser…

Long Island Comedy Festival
www.licomedyfest.com

and

“Your Choice” Auction

To benefit
Hope House Ministries

Thursday, April 8, 2010
6:15 - 11pm
Villa Lombardi’s, 877 Main St., Holbrook

Donation: $45.00
Includes Full Course Dinner & Comedy Show

To make a donation for our auction, purchase tickets, or more information, please call Lorri Walberg at (631) 724-6515 or Deb DiRoma at (631) 821-7598.