




Hermitage House Youth Services

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Hermitage House Chapel Approaches Completion



*Providing
Quality Care
TODAY*

*for responsible adults
TOMORROW*

Our chapel building arrived at a crucial time in its construction! All exterior walls are up, pipes and electrical wiring are installed, the windows are mounted, and the doors have been hung. And now the work has begun on the interior of the building. We are on target for our upcoming dedication ceremony at Heart to Home on October 6, 2018.

As mentioned at the groundbreaking ceremony, however, we are still in great need of funds to help us furnish the chapel. We could really use your help. An envelope is inserted into this newsletter asking you to designate funds for the: flooring, multimedia equipment, window coverings, tables, and chairs. This building will be used for Chapel Services, Bible Study, trainings, small group meetings, yoga sessions, and therapeutic drumming. It will be well used for many years to come!

Please consider helping us so we can complete this important project. So many of you have already given generously. Otherwise, the building would not be a reality. If you have any questions or would like a “sneak peek” at our progress, please call Lin Gabriel or Chaplain Steve Crowl at 734-4951.

Thank you, again, for your ongoing commitment to our youth.

Save the Date

**Saturday,
October 6th**

**Heart to Home
Fall
Festival**



&

 **5K Run
Walk**

As an intern in Boys' Unit 2, **Katie Kerr** has been able to use her newly-acquired youthworker skills. She works with individual clients as well as small



Kayla Frick is a Public Relations intern. She works with the Key Club, donor relations, leadership training, Powerpoint presentations, and agency publications.



Every semester, Hermitage House accepts interns from local colleges. Currently, there are seven interns from Edinboro University studying in the fields of Criminal Justice, Social Work, Psychology, and Public Relations/Communication.

The Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Psychology interns gain hands-on skills and knowledge as youth workers. Before the interns can work in the units, they have to successfully complete numerous training courses which include: Safe Crisis Management, Trauma-Informed Victimization Assessment, and First Aid/CPR.

“Unlike the college setting, Hermitage House has given me a chance to use my traits and qualities to actually make connections with the clients,” said Katie Kerr. She is one of the psychology interns, who is receiving experience in direct care in a unit.

As a Public Relations/Communication major, I have gained skills in the charitable non-profit aspect of Community Relations and Development. My responsibilities have included: speaking engagements, fundraising for the annual campaign, press releases, sending donor-centric letters, writing articles for the newsletters, and assisting the Hermitage House Key Club.

The Key Club meets as a group to work on service projects every Thursday. I've helped to create some of the projects such as shamrock wall-hangings to send to the St. Mary's Alzheimer's Unit in Erie. I have also assisted at the monthly business meeting. I have enjoyed presenting leadership trainings for the youth. The training topic has been different each month. This has given me an opportunity to create PowerPoint presentations which help the youth discover and build upon their own individual leadership styles.

These internships at Hermitage House aid all interns in gaining experience using direct application of classroom knowledge and skills, along with learning opportunities, that cannot take place in a classroom setting.

“Hermitage House has taught me to be more organized and caring.” Kerr said. “Additionally, though the internship may impact the clients' lives by providing support for them, the clients may also impact the interns lives.”

Staff Anniversaries and Promotions



(above) **Kristy Cole-Prenatt**, Associate Executive Director, celebrated 30 years of service to our youth.

(below) **Dale Wellman**, Behavior Specialist, has worked with our youth for 25 years.



Staff Anniversaries:

5 years

- Tim Berbach
- Ashley Capela
- Jenni Magoon
- Diana Moore
- Donna Vogelhuber

15 years

- Todd Powers



(left) **Wendy Bentley**, Human Resources, celebrated 15 years at Hermitage House.

(below) Counselor **Denise Gallagher**, has guided our youth for 25 years.

Recent Promotions:

Asst Supervisors

- Carly Wirick - Unit 1
- Brian Terrell - Unit 2

Unit 2 Supervisor

- John Wolf



Work Readiness Supervisor **Matt Stewart**, who has been serving our youth for 15 years, operates the new forklift at the Hermitage House Enterprises / L.E.A.P. Building at our South Campus. Youth in our Job Training Program will be eligible to receive a forklift operator certification.

We thank **PA Egrants** for the grant to fund the purchase of the forklift.

All job skills training at Hermitage House is aligned with PA Career and Technical Training (PACTT) goals and expected outcomes.

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IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL SOUTHWORTH
Nancy Norman



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Tuesday, Aug. 14th
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Erie Community Foundation will match a percentage of your donation made **online only @ www.eriegives.org**

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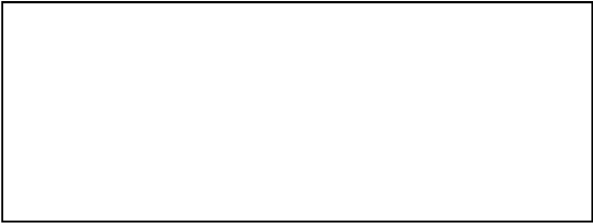
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