



# Arundel House of Hope

Helping the Homeless Since 1992

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## "The New Commandment" Newsletter

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#### Friends

Well you asked for it, now you got it. Here is the first copy of Arundel House of Hope e-Newsletter. We hope to send this e-Newsletter out monthly to keep you up-to-date on all the Arundel House of Hope news and information. We hope to be sending this newsletter out to everyone and anyone that is interested in receiving it, you can also print it and share with friends. We will be refining these newsletters over time and providing more information. If you elect not to receive this newsletter please click "remove" below. Thanks, Mario Berninzoni

#### Arundel House of Hope Board Meeting

*Will be held at the Resource and Day Center*

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# Arundel House of Hope

## Helping the Homeless Since 1992

The next Arundel House of Hope Board Meeting will be held at the new Resource and Day Center on March 21, 2006 at 6:30 PM. We will have a short dedication and offer tours prior to the meeting. The new Resource and Day Center is located at 514 N. Crain Highway, Suite K, in Glen Burnie (look for the 514 on the blue awning). Please invite anyone that may be interested in our new program or Arundel House of Hope.

### **Winter Relief Update**

Spring is all around us. The calendar is saying that Spring does not arrive until March 20th but the warmer than usual Winter is causing Spring to appear early. The number of people being sheltered is a few percentage points lower this year than last. This is a result of the warmer weather. The number of bed nights will be lower also, but again by a few percentage points. This is good news but we need to remember that last year was a record setter. I doubt the lower numbers is a result in a decrease in the population we serve. As a matter of fact this year's point in time survey identified more people who were homeless than ever before. This is, in part, because of a more accurate count. We did experience a time this year, starting a few weeks before going to two sites, when the number of people we were turning away because of being filled was higher than usual. We are actively seeking additional churches to partner with us in our ministry. Recently we have made several presentations and have a few scheduled in the coming weeks. Our goal is to first enlist churches to add more dual sites and then to lengthen the shelter year. We were blessed by the record number of people who volunteered to serve as Segment Coordinators and Intake Workers. Special thanks to all of them. I'm sure they will tell you that they are very aware of God's blessing on them for volunteering to do this ministry. If you too are interested in experiencing this blessing we will be happy to

help make this happen! We never say no to good people looking to expand their ministry. We do on the job training so no experience is necessary. We hope you are looking forward to our annual Celebration Dinner. The dinner is always a hit and has proven to be a great way to cap the shelter season. St. Christopher's will host the affair again this year on Tuesday April 18th. Dinner will start at 6:30. We hope all will attend. Don't forget to invite the volunteers from your church. We want as many to come as possible. Please give us a head count by April 14th. You can call at 410-863-4888 or email Phil at pbailey@arundelhoh.org. The schedule for next year is being delayed for a time while we work on recruitment of new churches. The first draft will be available at the Celebration Dinner and should be finished at the May meeting. Please let us know if there are any weeks you are aware of that your church will not be able to host. I think it is safe to say that next years schedule will resemble this years.

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### **Guess Who?**

*by Phil Bailey*

Pat Urban from Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer reports that he was the person voted, by unanimous acclamation, "Linen Washer" of the week for the week's sheets, etc at the Glen Laundromat. Being the dedicated person that he is Pat spent the day washing, drying and folding the linens from eight in the morning until three in the afternoon. He reports that the count of items washed and dried was: 25 Pillow Cases, 22 Fitted Sheets, 37 Flat Sheets, two large towels, one small towel, and one thong. Any guesses?

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### **Homeless Resource and Day Center Update**

*By Phil Bailey*

The keys to the Day Center were turned over to AHOH President Doug Meyers, Executive Director Mario Berninzoni, and Center Director Phil Bailey in a Grand Ceremony attended by dignitaries from\*\*\*\*\*. Actually we three were the only ones there and we were only accompanied by the property manager while the ceremony was really only giving her the Certificate of Insurance. But in our minds and hearts it really was a HUGE deal. And believe us this is a HUGE deal, one that is being applauded by all the people and organizations helping to make this dream a reality. We received the keys March 8, That evening we held a Segment Coordinators meeting around a folding table, sitting on folding chairs. On Friday March 9th, Doug and Phil, like two kids with a new toy, aided by volunteer shelter guests, started moving furniture in. We had phone service installed that day and were off and running. You could feel the excitement! Actually it was pain. Brother, there a lot of stairs when you are carrying furniture up them. The Day Center will host a Dedication

Service, Tuesday March 21, starting at 6:30PM. A short business meeting will follow. Refreshments and fellowship will end the evening. The Dedication and the beginning of providing services will be covered by the Maryland Gazette. The Gazette continues to be a good friend of our ministries. Winter Relief will begin using the Day Center for Intake on Wednesday, March 22. The Intake hours will be lengthened to 2-5:30PM Monday through Friday. Pick up at the Center for the evening transportation will remain at the same times. The morning transportation drop off spot will change from the Salvation Army lot to the new Day Center location. Saturday and Sunday pick ups by the churches will continue to be at the Salvation Army. We hope to begin offering Day Center services beginning Monday, April 3. The services will be limited at first and will increase as we are able to proceed. Recruitment of volunteers is critical to the offering of services. Like Winter Relief, the Day Center will be dependant on volunteers to fulfill its mission. Just as the great success of Winter Relief is the result of our volunteer commitment so will the success of the Day Center depend on the same quality of commitment. The operating costs of the Center are being held to a bare bones level. Gathering increased financial support is a major goal. This will allow us to continue operations and expand the services we are able to offer. Several grants from faith based organizations have been applied for and a favorable response is hoped for. We are looking for ways to partner with County agencies to help fund or decrease our costs. As always we are blessed to be supported by this wonderful AHOH organization. Please remember the Wish List. We are starting from scratch and on a shoe string. Attention to the Wish List will be a great help.

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**See you next Month!**

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