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Celebrating Twenty Years of Giving

July/August 2006

Dear Sara,

We invite you to join us as Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless celebrates 20 years of helping local organizations serve Minnesotans in need. Since its founding, Open Your Heart has awarded 697 grants totaling nearly \$10 million dollars to food and shelter providers across our state.

Throughout our anniversary year we will be celebrating your generous giving and the work of Open Your Heart staff and volunteers. Please watch the e-newsletter or visit us online at www.oyh.org for information on future events.

Thank you for your continued support!

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Agency Spotlight: House of Charity - Minneapolis



For House of Charity in Minneapolis, a commercial steam kettle is a major investment in fighting hunger. Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless is happy to give \$8,100 towards the purchase of a new steam kettle for their Food Centre kitchen.

The House of Charity Food Centre is open seven days a week, 365 days a year. Community volunteers along with the men from the House of Charity Day by Day program prepare and serve hot, nutritious meals. During

the noon meal, which is open to the general public, they generally serve about 350 guests.

In the summer months, House of Charity participates in the

20th Anniversary Celebration



Save the Date! We hope you can join us on Tuesday, October 24th from 4:30 to 7:40 p.m. for our 20th Anniversary Celebration. This event will be held at Christos Greek Restaurant located in the historic Union Depot in St. Paul.

Live jazz will be performed by Chris Lomheim and friends. Chris is a local jazz pianist and composer who has recorded and performed with many national jazz artists including James Moody, Peter Erskine, Anthony Cox, Curtis Fuller, Frank Morgan and Ernie Watts.

"When you hear him play, it's as though there is a direct path from his heart to his hands."

(Paul Winger, liner notes)

In addition, Christos' fantastic appetizers will be served. They offer delicious

Summer Food Service Program sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Education. This program is designed to ensure that hungry children receive at least one well-rounded meal each day.

[Click here to learn more about House of Charity...](#)

Agency Spotlight: Evergreen House - Bemidji

Imagine being 16 years old in northern Minnesota and finding yourself with no place to call home. The shelter at Evergreen House can be a lifesaving resource for youth ages 9-17 years in times of crisis.



Open Your Heart to the Hungry and Homeless is working with Evergreen House to provide much needed transportation for these youth. With the help of a \$10,000 grant from Open Your Heart, Evergreen House will be purchasing a seven-passenger van for shelter use.

Evergreen provides free services to more than 1,000 children, teens and families each year. Approximately half of their clients are American Indian and half are Caucasian. Evergreen serves youth and families from the Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth Reservations. Many of the youth and families they serve live in Beltrami, Cass, Clearwater and Hubbard Counties. Evergreen's services are available to youth and families in a fifteen-county area in northern and northwest Minnesota.

[Learn more about Evergreen House...](#)

Did You Know?

Fact of the Month:

According to the Hunger Solutions survey and subsequent report, "The State of Hunger in Minnesota 2005," cutting and skipping meals increased in the past year. Even with the help of food assistance programs, the report concluded that at least one-eighth of the children and half of the adults surveyed continue to skip meals due to lack of money for food. An even greater percentage of those surveyed have cut the size of their meals.

Quote of the Month:

When you're really poor, everything you see is something you can't have. - Patrick Duncan

treats from all of Greece and specialties from the island of Cyprus. A cash bar will also be available.

Mark your calendar and watch for more exciting information about this event in the next e-newsletter!

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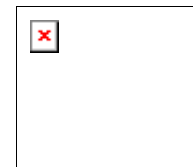
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["Hear Me Out" - Poetry by Youth at Evergreen House shelter](#)



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