

Where Hope Lives

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Our Final Issue: Format Change Cuts Cost, Offers Broader Picture

This is the last issue of *Where Hope Lives* as you know it. But there is no need to worry – all the Hope House news you find in *Where Hope Lives* can now be found in our quarterly *Working Wonders* newsletter (pictured below), which you already receive. In addition to Hope House details, you will get



the broad picture of all the lives in our community that have been rebuilt through your support.

We will also send you critical updates whenever there is a pressing issue or need, so you will be updated. And you can always find the most recent news and information and donate securely online at www.voaspokane.org.

[voaspokane.org](http://www.voaspokane.org).

Consolidating our newsletters means you get more information while we use less paper and lower our overhead costs, using your dollars more efficiently and freeing up precious space in your mailbox.

From Rusty*

Development in downtown Spokane has or will displace more than 100 low-income and disabled tenants from their homes in downtown buildings like the Commercial Building and the New Madison. Volunteers of America is actively participating in the Spokane Homeless Coalition's Housing Crisis Team to respond to the housing crisis. Staff have been helping the folks at the New Madison find alternative housing due the displacement of all the residents.

Volunteers of America currently offers 25 apartments for single, homeless women on-site at Hope House and 26 off-site apartments for single, homeless men and women, located throughout the city. These "supportive housing" units include a full-time case manager who help tenants break the cycle of homelessness. We plan to add 11 additional units within the next few months to respond to growing need.

We have added another staff member to take on these challenges; Dale Briese will supervise the off-site housing for Volunteers of America. Dale brings many years of experience in case management, working with mentally ill and chemically dependent consumers. He is a welcomed addition to the Volunteers of America's permanent supportive housing project.

We would also like to thank Zechariah Olson from Boys Scouts of America Troop 333. Zechariah has been working on projects for Hope House all year. He built a new table for the intake area, shelving in the food bank, installed a security system, donated a computer and installed new lockers. He really went above and beyond to serve the women of Hope House. We congratulate him on achieving a well-deserved Eagle Scout ranking.

* Rusty Barnett has been the Program Director at Hope House since 2001.

Save the Date: Hope House Celebrity Fashion Show Friday, October 19

Mark your calendars for the 9th annual Hope House Celebrity Fashion Show on Friday, October 19, at the Doubletree Hotel – Spokane City Center, with a wine tasting and silent auction beginning at 11:00 a.m. and lunch and fashions from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m.

Our uproarious fashion show will once again be emceed by Debra Wilde and will feature the latest in fall fashion provided by Chicos, David's Bridal, Mr. Tux and others.

As is traditional in our show, our cadre of local celebrity models features local law enforcement in honor of the police force who protected vulnerable women in Spokane during the late 90s, when serial murders of homeless women prompted the creation of Hope House (then the Downtown



Tickets for the 2007 Hope House Fashion Show, Friday, October 19, are now on sale; call Sarah at 526.2378 to reserve your seat today!

Women's Shelter) along with local media, business and sports personalities.

The event also includes two raffles of exquisite custom pieces created by Jewelry Design Center and Pounder's Jewelers just for this event. Brewing Hope coffee (created by Craven's to benefit our shelters) and coffee gift baskets will also be available for purchase. As always, all proceeds from the event directly benefit the women of Hope House.

Tickets are \$38 each or \$300 for a table of eight. Seating is limited and this event will sell out! To reserve your table or tickets or to inquire about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sarah Howard at 509.624.2378.

Behind the Scenes: the Hope House staff

Hope House could not help rebuild the lives of single, homeless women without the tireless service of our capable force of staff and volunteers. They make it all happen—they accompany women into the shelter each night, help them during intake, divert all sorts of crises, provide listening ears and shoulders to cry on and help the women get ready to face a new day.

We would like to introduce you to a few of them. Shelter Supervisor Kathy Tinkle has held Hope House together since the beginning in 1998. Cindy Shaw, weekend lead, keeps everything safe and sound over the weekend. Everyone else— Amy, Bonnie, Debbie, Heather, Jaycanna, Jenipher, Katrina, Kerrie, Kris, Margaret and Salli—help to keep Hope House running smoothly. We honor each of them for their love, compassion and hard work as they help Spokane's most vulnerable women.

In other staff news, Hope House finished another year with an AmeriCorpsVISTA, Velma Ward. Velma's work was invaluable; she helped with volunteer recruiting, training, scheduling and coordinating service learning students. She also did much more than volunteer coordinating – helping out however she could. Her last day was July 13, 2007, and we will miss her very much.

Statistical Snapshot

Who stayed at Hope House this year (July 06-June 07)?

376 different women stayed a total of 10, 567 bednights. The women were 74% caucasian, 10% Native American, 7% other or bi-racial, 5% African American, 3% Hispanic and 1% Asian. There were 11 shelter guests 18 years old, 54 women aged 19-24, 205 women aged 25-45, 97 aged 46-64, and 9 women 65 or older.

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Dedication

This final issue of Where Hope Lives is dedicated to Phillip Webb, our beloved maintenance man who passed away in February 2007. He was a member of the Hope House family for four years and will be dearly missed every day.

Wish List

- Bath Towels-
- Deodorant-
- Fans-
- Pajamas (bottoms & tops, XL-XXL)-
- Shaving Supplies (razors, cream, etc.)-
- Washcloths-

Brewing Hope: Great Coffee for a Great Cause

When you choose Brewing Hope, a rich blend created exclusively for Volunteers of America by Craven's Coffee, you ensure that the money you spend on coffee helps needy women right here in Spokane. Because Craven's is committed to supporting Volunteers of America's efforts to help those who need help the most, a portion of the proceeds from every bag of Brewing Hope coffee supports Volunteers of America shelters for women and teens. Brewing Hope is available by the bag (12 oz.) or by the box in both whole bean and autodrip. Brewing Hope gift baskets are also available in several sizes. To order contact Sarah Howard at 509.624.2378 or showard@voaspokane.org.



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