



AROUND SHEPHERD'S TABLE

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Summer 2005

A COMMUNITY CENTER FOR PEOPLE IN NEED

From the Executive Director: Taking the Next Steps ...

Dear Friends:

Ever taken a hike up a mountain, known what it's like to keep going even when you were so exhausted that you were ready to give up? Have you felt your legs and your feet, say "No more!" and your spirit say, "just a few more steps, one at a time ... you can do it!"? Do you remember the amazing thrill at reaching the top, knowing that you did it?

The journeys of the people we serve at Shepherd's Table have many similarities. I'd like to share a story with you that touched my heart and certainly speaks about a journey and taking a few steps forward, one at a time.

A gentleman came to the clothing closet a few months ago. He came after we had closed and said that he needed shoes for a job interview. I was reluctant at first, wondering if it was just a story and a way to get into the clothing closet after hours. Thank goodness my heart took over. I looked down at his feet and saw shoes that barely closed in the front. In fact, they more resembled the open mouth of a whale. The volunteers and staff helped him find shoes, in the right style and size, just perfect for a job interview. He put them on ready for the walk to the interview and ready for a new job.



A few days later I was having breakfast at Eggspectation and who was there with a broad smile clearing the tables? ... you guessed it ... the gentleman in the new shoes. He was walking tall; proud that he had a job. I congratulated him and listened to his story and I heard his joy. Boy, was he looking at life from the mountain top with a new perspective. I learned later that he was a client at both Community Vision and Shepherd's Table and that he had not been with us long. What he wanted to do most was *to take the steps* that would help him get a job. Life had been difficult for him, much like a climb up a steep mountain. In working with Shepherd's Table and Community Vision, he realized that *he could take the steps and reach the top*. I am so very grateful that we were able to give him "the shoes" for the journey, good counsel and the support that he needed. FYI ... he is still working at Eggspectation, gaining work experience, loving his work and being supported by excellent management. When the time is right he will take the next steps on his life's journey.

We invite each of you to consider how you might take that next step or those extra steps in your relationship with Shepherd's Table. Perhaps your steps will lead some of you to volunteer for the first time, or lead others to seek new ways of serving. Perhaps others will step into a new way of giving financially. Others might seek new perspectives in understanding poverty and homelessness and avenues to eradicate both. There are endless places to step ... not all involve a mountain, but they all involve a willingness to just do it

Here is to all of us on the journey, clients, guests, volunteers, donors and staff ... May our hearts be open and feet willing. See you on the Road!

Gratefully,

**Designate CFC
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Last year CFC and United Way contributions to Shepherd's Table helped us to serve those most in need in our community.

Please support Shepherd's Table again this year through CFC and United Way with your gift through payroll deduction.

THANK YOU!

**Sponsor Shepherd's Table's newsletter with your ad and logo here.
Contact Jacki or Adrienne at 301-585-6463 for details!**

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2005 Booz Allen Classic Birdies for Charity UPDATE



Total number of birdies
scored June 8 - 12, 2005 = 1,614

Shepherd's Table raised more than \$1500!

A very special thank you to the 2005 Birdies for Charity organization, Lynne Filderman and her team, sponsors and partners, and especially to all Shepherd's Table donors for their tremendous support. If you have made a pledge, please send it in ASAP so we can receive our funds. Thank you!

SHEPHERD'S TABLE WELCOMES ASSISTANT FOOD MANAGER

Richard Allen, graduate from South Seattle Community College/Culinary School, joined Shepherd's Table staff last month. Richard, whose hobbies include home renovation, volunteers at Habitat for Humanity. He has embraced his new role as Assistant Food Manager.



"After working in fine dining establishments and private clubs, I decided to work for people who actually need the food."

Come and introduce yourself to Richard. We hope that he will be with the Shepherd's Table family for a long time!

An Afternoon Brunch

at
AFI Silver Theatre
8633 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

on
Sunday, October 16, 2005
Noon - 4 pm

Featuring the Classic Movie

BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S

Admission \$30

Reservations Requested

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Shepherd's Table, 8210 Colonial Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20901.

*Shepherd's Table is 501c(3) nonprofit organization to which
donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law*

Our AFI Silent Auction will feature movie-themed baskets. We are excited about the donations so far...

- Golf Items from the **Booz Allen Classic**
- **Will & Grace** autographed photo with frame and **Will & Grace** DVD season three set from **NBC**
- **Jay Leno** "If Roast Beef Could Fly" with signature, **Tonight Show** mugs, Extra Large Tonight Show t-shirts and two tickets to the tonight show! **Marriot Courtyard** hotel accommodations in Burbank with **Southwest Airlines** roundtrip vouchers.
- Movie memorabilia signed by **Mark Hamill**, **Brendan Fraser** and **Richard Dreyfuss**
- A \$150 Gift Certificate from the renown **Auberge Chez Francois**
- \$50 Gift Certificate for professional dog grooming from **Cleverdog**
- A \$250 Gift Certificate for **Eggspectation**
- **Sport Automotive Group**— **Chevrolet**, **Jeep & Honda** car detail
- Office supplies donated by **VIMI Brokers**
- **Chico's of Rockville** gift basket including jewelry & clothing
- Cut & Highlights at **Salon Prive** in Bethesda
- Tea Sampler from **Serendipitea**, purveyor of fine teas



SAVE the DATE

The 18 Annual Fannie Mae Foundation
Help the Homeless Walkathon
Saturday, November 19, 2005
On the National Mall, Washington DC

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For Everyone

Support Shepherd's Table by walking as an individual or join Team Shepherd Table. You may register online at the official website: www.helpthehomelessdc.org. Alternatively, go to www.shepherdstable.org and find a link to the official site. You may also register by mail. Please call for registration forms. Designate STBLE either way!

For High School Youth

Shepherd's Table presents an opportunity for High School Youth.

1. Contact Shepherd's Table if you would like to participate and have your hours tracked for community service.
2. Go to the official website.
3. Read the Participation Waiver and click "I agree."
4. Choose to start a team.
5. Choose your login name and password to access your personal event headquarters (HQ). If the login name is already taken, try adding a number after it.
6. If you wish, you can take your first step in supporting the Fannie Mae Foundation Help the Homeless Program by making a personal pledge at this time.
7. Set your fund-raising goal.
8. Customize your personal pledge collection page with photos and personalized text.
9. Go to **Build/Edit My Webpage**. **Name your team and make sure that you designate STBLE**

10. Send your email campaign to friends and family encouraging them to partici-

pate and support your efforts. Use Help the Homeless template letters or write one of your own. Go to **Send E-mails to Friends and Family**

11. View your personalized reports to track the success of your fund-raising efforts.

12. On the Online Registration page, see how well you are doing compared to other fund-raisers and teams by watching the Top Fund-raisers and Top Teams competition. This happens all in real time!

For Children: Mini-walk Program

Shepherd's Table invites schools, community-based organizations, and faith-based groups to host a Fannie Mae mini-walk on its behalf. These walks primarily engage young people.

However, teachers, staff,

parents, and other adults connected to the schools and organizations hosting the walks also are welcome to register and participate.

Elementary schools, middle schools, junior high schools, community-based organizations, and faith-based groups are eligible to hold mini-walks. We welcome our returning partners including: **St. Andrew Apostle Catholic School, Sligo Creek E.S., Woodlin ES, Gage-Eckington DCPS, Our Lady of Victory Catholic School, Beth El Religious Education** and hope that other schools and organizations join us!

Please contact Adrienne at 301-585-6463 for more information about the National Walk and high school youth opportunities. Mini-walks must be scheduled before October 21, 2005.

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October 16!

See inside for
info

CLOTHING DONATIONS

Please limit to seasonal
clothing. No toys or
household items.
Thank You!

Great Job! Thanks, thanks and more thanks!

- ⇒ Kevin Doran, Bob Flynn, Jack Fossett, Don Henderson, Sue La Roche, Caroline Linde, Karl Katterjohn, Mike Mayer, Sue Shawhan, John Soto and Zack Walters are awesome and generous individuals who make sure that food donations come to Shepherd's Table on a regular basis—no matter what! If you would like to be a substitute driver, call Adrienne at 301-585-6463.
- ⇒ We have wonderful students doing community service. If **Pat, David**, and all the other teenagers truly represent our community, we have a bright and beautiful future.
- ⇒ Kudos to the **4th Wednesday of the Month Dinner team** who won our first Birdies challenge! They celebrated with a pizza party and each took home a Birdie Mascot.
- ⇒ Many thanks to the members of the **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 268**—especially **Betty Moore**. They are a local group who underwrite the purchase of men's briefs and razors for the Clothing Closet.

Shepherd's Table Applauds Sponsors for upcoming event (see p. 2 for details)...

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