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HIP Year in Review

During 2009 we continued to deliver on our mission; at the same time we engaged in much discernment about opportunities to grow and assist additional families.

Accomplishments & Opportunities

- Following tradition, we began the year with a board retreat to acknowledge our accomplishments, reflect on lessons learned and to identify challenges and opportunities for the year.
- We established a task force that brought together knowledgeable community members to help HIP brainstorm ways to provide affordable housing for low-wage workers in the Princeton area. We set a goal of securing two additional housing units.
- We identified opportunities for more frequent contact with our supporters; we organized a wine tasting event and launched the HIP website.
- Holiday cheers for HIP families delivered by members of Trinity Church, including an angel tree, fresh-cut Christmas trees for the Prescott House apartments, and a delicious holiday luncheon.
- Sadly, we said good bye to Margie Ravindranath, one of our long-serving board members. She resigned due to family commitments. We welcomed Emilia Tosi-DiSanto to the HIP board.

HIP clients in 2009 included a single parent family with three children and three adult women working in Princeton. In 2010 some of these clients expect to transition to permanent housing with others returning to school for professional training. We are proud of the strides they've made while under the aegis of Hous-

Year in Review continued on back...



4th Harvest for Home

On October 18th we gathered for our fourth annual Harvest for Home event to raise funds for Housing Initiatives of Princeton. The event generated \$11,000. This year, the event relocated to Princeton Friends School and the nearby Institute for Advanced Study Woods and the Charles Rogers Wildlife Refuge, where we were led by Steve Hiltner of Friends of Princeton Open Space, and Tom and Margot Southerland of Princeton Nature Tours, along with Sophie Glover, author of *Walk the Trails In and Around Princeton*.

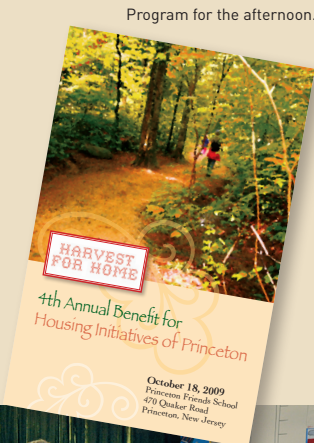
This year, the Harvest for Home silent auction included a reading by Pulitzer Prizewinning poet Paul Muldoon, a private tour of Google's New York offices, a talk with Vogue fashion editor Sally Singer, and an all-Julia Child dinner cooked by cookbook author and food historian Betty Fussell.

We still have space in one future fundraising event: a private dinner with popular novelist Jane Green, author of 11 novels including *Dune Road*, *The Beach House*, *Second Chance*, *The Other Woman*, and *Babyville*. If you are interested in attending the dinner (to take place sometime in the spring), please email ghanff@yahoo.com. Cost: \$75.00 (includes dinner)

Above Guests heading for a walk in the Institute for Advanced Study Woods.

Below Intriguing Silent Auction offerings.

Bottom Will Waltrip & Friends Jazz Band.



A Garden Wine Tasting for HIP

"How can I help?" This was a question from Donald Mann, area manager for Brown Forman Beverages. The exchange led to a spirited collaboration on a wine tasting event to benefit Housing Initiatives of Princeton. Brown Forman donated the wine, Julie Denny Clark offered her garden, and HIP board member Emilia Tosic-DiSanto created savory hors d' oeuvres.



Above Don Mann sharing wine facts to the party. Servers Rev. Jeanes, Dee Mann and Catherine Mann, and guest on the steps.

The event was held on Sunday, June 7th. Ms. Clark's intimate and beautiful garden located within listening distance of water flowing in Harry's Creek nearby provided the perfect setting to sniff, swirl and sip eight varieties of California wines from Mendocino and Sonoma Counties and Napa Valley. The wines were expertly paired with accompanying hors d' oeuvres and cheerfully served by a wait staff led by The Reverend Paul Jeanes III and Anne Marie Richards, Rector and Associate Rector, respectively, Trinity Church. In addition to the wines and delicious hors d'oeuvres, the forty guests were treated to wine industry facts (from NJ to California to France) by wine expert, Donald Mann. The afternoon, a happy collaboration by supporters and a delightful experience for all involved, generated \$2,200 for HIP's transitional housing program.

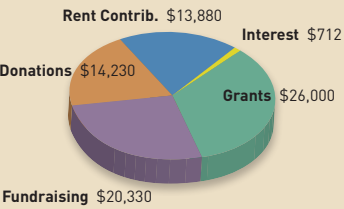
If you would like to host a dinner, cocktail party or other event for HIP, please get in touch with us. We welcome all efforts by our supporters and are here to help organize, publicize, and even wash dishes! Please contact us through our website: www.housinginitiativesofprinceton.org.

ing Initiatives of Princeton. 2009 also saw the launch of the HIP website at www.housinginitiativesofprinceton.org. On the site, you can keep up with our projects and events, get information on how you can help assist our clients, and learn about the challenges of affordable housing in New Jersey. Donating via the site is easy, so this is a great way to tell your friends about us and let them know how they can support our work

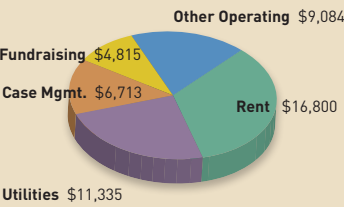
Finances

We ended 2009 with a cash balance of \$131,064. dollars an increase of \$26,496 over 2008 year-end balance of \$104, 568. We received income in the amount of \$77,743 and had expenses in the amount of \$48,747.

REVENUE \$77,743



EXPENSES \$48,747



Notable Donations (\$1,000 or greater)

J Seward Johnson, Jr. 1963 Charitable Trust – **\$10,000**

The Curtis W. McGraw Foundation – **\$2,500.**

Steven and Rita Harowitz Philanthropic Fund – **\$2,500**

Thomas Knobel – **\$2,000**

Korelitz Book Group – **\$1,500**

Board Member Profile



Sally Oppenheimer

Board member Sally Oppenheimer was a friend of the late Peggy Prescott, for whom HIP's Prescott House is named, and joined the HIP board at her request. A licensed clinical social worker and psychiatric social worker since 1963, Oppenheimer has worked for Trinity Counseling service for the past 30 years.

"I have compassion for the homeless," says Oppenheimer, "perhaps because my home means so much to me." HIP's one-family-at-a-time approach appeals to her because it mirrors her own therapeutic work. I am passionately concerned about social change and have been on picket lines, but temperamentally I am skilled at a more intimate approach to problems. I am so happy that we are looking into expanding past one house so that we can meet more people's needs," she says, referring to HIP's intention to expand its work to additional properties beyond Prescott House, "but even if we help one family that means the earth to them." As for her professional skills, Oppenheimer is happy to offer to them to HIP's clients, often in conjunction with Jill Kaufman, the social worker from Jewish Family & Children's Services who works with Prescott House tenants.

Donor Profile

Tom Knobel

Tom has been a sustaining donor to Housing Initiatives of Princeton since 2004, when the first floor apartment of Prescott House was dedicated to the memory of his late wife, Tu-Anh Pham. Princeton residents since 1994, Knobel and Pham had been attracted to the town's village life and proximity to Manhattan, where Pham was Vice President at Alger Management in the World Trade Center. When Knobel first became aware of HIP's mission to provide transitional housing to homeless families and individuals, he recalls, "it was an easy sell. My late wife was all about transition. As a Vietnamese refugee in the mid-70s, she understood what it meant to lose everything, to struggle against odds, and to begin again. She had navigated the delicate balance between pride and the genuine graciousness due those who helped her family make their way in a new country and culture."

Even as an accomplished and successful professional, Pham experienced intolerance and bias related to both gender and race.



"She fought through it, later mentoring friends and colleagues in their battles, ever an example, always generous with her time." Had she an opportunity to support HIP, Knobel says, "Tu-Anh would have been first in line."

In 2002, Knobel and his young daughter Vivi left Princeton and moved back to his small hometown in upstate New York, where he writes, serves on local arts- and service-related boards, and continues to support HIP's work. "It's increasingly apparent to me how harsh are the realities facing women and their families trying to break free from cycles of abuse, violence, and dependency. The bigger the boost, the more community-based the transition, the better the chances for lasting success. The support and housing provided by HIP could help underscore or reset positive aspirations. Our support will continue because it's needed and in celebration of Tu-Anh's life."



You Can Help...

Your generosity helps to offset expenses, such as rent, utilities, and operating costs for Prescott House, as well as professional case management services for our clients. In addition we are building a fund to acquire additional housing units to assist more families in need. Please support our efforts by making a tax deductible contribution. Donate online at www.housing-initiativesofprinceton.org or donate by check.



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