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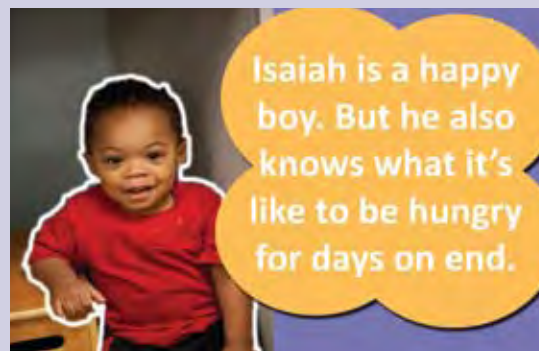
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Isaiah's Story

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Isaiah's family came to People Serving People this spring, and he spent his days in the "toddler room" receiving Early Childhood Development Education and LOTS of love and support. Here is a snapshot of Isaiah's story.



There are 100 other children under five, like Isaiah, who need to be sponsored at People Serving People every day. You can help children like Isaiah by joining the Change a Life Coalition. The Change a Life Coalition is a way to sponsor a child's journey out of homelessness.

For more information on the Change a Life Coalition, go to page 4, or call Lauren at 612.277.0219. Information also available at www.peopleservingpeople.org.

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Minneapolis Public Schools care about the students at our shelter!

The tutoring program at People Serving People has just gotten a major boost from Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) to increase and update computer resources and learning materials for students.

We have received many computers and printers on long-term loan from MPS to support student learning and help parents learn more about their children's schools via the internet. These computers will allow students to access learning programs similar to the reading and math programs used

at many of the schools. Our tutors are able to use the same science kits, reading strategies and math games that are used in the schools. They are easy to use, support hands on learning, and come complete with directions that support the learning content areas (reading, math, science, social studies) for elementary students. By providing the materials that support the school district's curriculum, students can gain a better understanding of the intended learning in their schools.

Thank you, Minneapolis Public Schools!



Thank You Donors!

March 2010 — May 2010

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5,000+

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2,500+

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Thank You

News Briefs

Students from South Minneapolis High School and Braham High School's National Honor Society spent two days cleaning our shelter. Thank you, everyone!

PSP is hosting a happy hour series for volunteers this summer, in June, July and August! Call Lindsey Tiede, Volunteer Coordinator, to find out details!

Big Brothers Big Sisters and Comcast paired up for the Beyond School Walls making blankets for the guests at People Serving People. Thank you, Comcast!

On July 18, 2010, the Bastille Day Block Party will be held as a benefit for People Serving People! Come one, come all! From 4:00 - 10:00pm at Irving and Lake Street in South Minneapolis.

On June 24, 2010, the Minnesota Multi Housing Association held its Rooftop Raiser event as a benefit for People Serving People! Thanks to them for such wonderful support!



JOIN THE

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The coalition is a group of individuals and communities who have decided to make a difference in the life of a homeless child. Each coalition member is sponsoring a child staying at People Serving People's shelter.

The Coalition came about as a response to the community's interest in making a difference in the lives of the most vulnerable in our community — yet being overwhelmed by the staggering numbers of homeless children and families in Minnesota. (9,654 people were homeless in Minnesota during a 2009 count by Wilder Research, 3,251 of whom were children.) Instead of saying "there is simply too much need for me to make a difference," individuals and community groups can now say "I can make a difference in the life of one homeless child" by joining the coalition and sponsoring ONE child's journey out of homelessness — with monthly donation amounts that can fit into anyone's budget.

Here are a couple ways that individuals in the Coalition are making differences:



SPONSOR A CHILD'S STAY

A stability sponsor is ensuring that a homeless child at our shelter has their basic needs met.

Sponsors are providing a child's advocacy at People Serving People to ensure they have the proper medical care, hygiene, nutrition, and support so they can properly develop during their stay. This personal support helps a child to move towards safe and permanent housing and become connected to over 20 community resources at our shelter.

Cost: \$7.00 per month for 12 months — or \$91.00 at once



SPONSOR A CHILD'S FUTURE

An opportunity sponsor is helping a homeless child to receive support to move towards stability as quickly as possible.

Sponsors are providing Early Childhood education for the child, and tutoring and activities for their siblings. For the parents there are advocacy services, access to the technology center, and employment services.

Cost: \$77.00 per month for 12 months — or \$919.00 at once

To sponsor a child's stay at the shelter, visit www.peopleservingpeople.org and click on the Change a Life Coalition icon, or call Lauren at 612.277.0219.

A look behind the scenes of the Change a Life Coalition:

An interview with Photographer Meghan Doll and her experience taking pictures of the children in PSP's Toddler Room for the Change a Life Coalition (as seen in Dominic's Story).

How did you find out about People Serving People?

A client of mine works for People Serving People.

What was your first impression when you walked into the Toddler Room at PSP?

I was impressed at how organized, well staffed and full of toys the room was.

Did you connect with any specific children in the Toddler Room?

I did have one little girl as my shadow the day we photographed. She was having a bad day... the tears were flowing, so to cheer her up, I let her review the photos with me and be my little "helper".

What did the children think of your camera?

They were fascinated by it. Most of them were excited to have their pictures taken and even more excited to see the results on the back of my camera.

Was it easy taking pictures of the children? Were there any challenges?

The biggest challenge was dealing with my own emotions during the shoot. It was difficult to imagine the struggle these kids must be going through. They are all so young and innocent. I kept thinking how great it was that this place existed for them.

What was your favorite thing about photographing the toddlers?

Seeing them smile.



If you would like to see more of Meghan Doll's work, visit www.meghandoll.com.



COALITION ON THE MOVE

Does your workplace encourage supporting the community? Do you have a group of friends or neighbors who enjoy helping those in need? Become part of our Coalition on the move and sponsor a child as a group.

You and your friends, colleagues, neighbors, and family can get together and have fun, while raising money to sponsor a child's journey out of homelessness at People Serving People.

Call Lauren at 612.277.0219 or email her at lrimestad@peopleservingpeople.org to see how a garage sale, bake sale, pot luck, happy hour, or casual Friday can make a difference in the life of a child!

Molly and Adam are getting married in August and have set up their very own fundraising webpage so people can make donations in honor of their wedding instead of giving wedding gifts. This is their way of making a difference in the life of a homeless child and spreading awareness of family homelessness in our community.

Thanks, Molly and Adam!



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Make your own fundraising webpage to sponsor a homeless child!

Four simple steps to set up your own webpage.

- 1 Visit firstgiving.com/peopleservingpeople. Type in a few sentences about you or your group's personal interest in helping a child or family out of homelessness and why you want people to support the cause.
- 2 Pick a photo that you'd like displayed on the page and upload it.
- 3 Set a fundraising goal dollar amount.
 - Stability sponsor for a homeless child for \$84.00
 - Stability sponsor for a homeless family for \$288.00
 - Opportunity sponsor for a homeless child for \$924.00
 - Education sponsor for four homeless children for \$1,296.00
- 4 Use the easy email link to send the page to all friends, family, and other contacts who may want to help you reach your fundraising goal.

Encourage your friends and family to pass on your fundraising webpage to their contacts too! People who don't personally know you will still be interested in contributing to a good cause and help you reach your goal.



EVENTS CALENDAR



Have you ever been to a fundraising event for People Serving People?

Whether we're serving four-course, first-class meals, or taking in a game at the new Target Field — you have a chance to have a GREAT time while making a GREATER difference. Make room in your calendars this year to make a difference!

For more information about our events, visit www.peopleservingpeople.org.



Guest Barbeque

at People Serving People

August 3, 2010
4:30 — 6:30pm

All neighbors are welcome for our annual National Night Out Guest Barbeque. PSP Kitchen staff pulls out all the fixings for an outdoor feast to celebrate our neighborhood. Join us in our parking lot for great food and fun for the whole family. This is a free event.

Call Mary at 612.277.0246 for more information.

STARLIGHT

GALA

A LIGHT IN THE CITY

SAVE THE DATE

Starlight Gala — A Light in the City

November 6, 2010 At the Metropolitan Ballroom

Join us for a festive evening at Starlight: A Light in the City, raising funds and awareness for the rising number of homeless children. The eleventh annual event will transport you to the Roaring 20s, when jazz music blossomed and art deco was in full swing.

A Light in the City will begin with a silent auction and hors d'oeuvres prepared by three talented chefs from around the Twin Cities. Dinner catered by D'Amico Catering will be followed by a live auction and entertainment.

To purchase tickets to this event, or for more information about table sponsorship, call Mary Ites at 612.277.0246 or email mites@peopleservingpeople.org.

Minnesota Twins Home Game to End Homelessness

September 2, 2010

Game starts at 7:10pm at the NEW Target Field!

Experience baseball at the new Target Field as the Minnesota Twins take on the Detroit Tigers — and help out a great cause. Proceeds from this event will benefit People Serving People and other agencies helping the homeless in our community.

Order tickets to this event at www.peopleservingpeople.org or call Mary at 612.277.0246 with any questions.



AT PEOPLE SERVING PEOPLE

July 19

The Strip Club
Chef JD Fratzke

August 16

PSP Culinary Training Students

September 20

Corner Table
with Chef Scott Pampusch

October 18

Seven Steakhouse
with Chef Andre Smith

Visit www.peopleservingpeople.org to order tickets.



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Volunteer Opportunities

Evening Children's Tutor: Be a positive influence on elementary aged school children by assisting with homework and educational activities.

Hours: Monday – Thursday 5:30 – 8:00pm

Chefs for Change Server: Chefs for Change are monthly dinners hosted by a local restaurant in PSP's cafeteria. Duties include assisting our development staff in the set up, meal service and tear down required for the evening's event. Great for groups! Hours: 5:30 – 9:30pm once a month



Wish List

New or gently used:

- Children's Board Books
- tricycles (Radio Flyer Fold 2 Go)
- comforters
- alarm clocks
- strollers
- baby carrier slings
- plates and bowls (paper okay)
- spoons and forks (plastic okay)

For drop off instructions, see our website under How To Help – Wish List.

For questions or to organize a group drive, contact Kirsten Ellingson at 612.277.0243.

Donate Now!

Make Monthly Giving Easy!

Knowing your gift is coming allows People Serving People to plan effectively for our long-term goals and ensures you'll remain an essential supporter of our future. Try the convenience of automatic withdrawal. It makes monthly giving efficient for you and secure for us.

Also, check with your employer to see if charitable contributions made to Social Service programs are matched by your company. To make a contribution, please call Lauren at 612.277.0219 or visit our website www.peopleservingpeople.org.

Every single financial gift given to People Serving People will be used to further our mission of serving homeless children and their families and providing new opportunities for healthy, stable family life. We are truly grateful for every dollar we receive!

To arrange your monthly giving plan call Janine, our Director of Finance and Operations, at 612.277.0245.

Help Us Go Green and Use Your Dollars Wisely

Sign up for our e-newsletter today! Go to www.peopleservingpeople.org and click "sign up for our e-newsletter" located on our home page.