

The WIHN*d*ow of Opportunity

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WIHNing Wheels

Congratulations to Ontaya, our most recent guest to receive a donated vehicle. Ontaya resides in an apartment that is not on a bus route, nor is her job; thus, she had been paying for cabs to and from work each day. Ontaya has demonstrated great strength, planning and patience during her transportation hardships by maintaining her full-time employment. To acquire the vehicle means that she can budget more of her income to housing, savings and caring for her two daughters. Many thanks to the individuals who have donated vehicles to make our families' lives more manageable and more successful in maintaining housing!

To date, one graduated WIHN family and three Aftercare Program families have received cars generously donated by church members. WIHN has the capacity to facilitate the donations to graduated families, ensuring that the donated vehicle is received by a family that is financially stable and able to maintain the vehicle. Families are required to have a valid NC driver's license, be insured and pay their own registration fees. Families are allowed to see the vehicle before the donation process is completed and are escorted to the DMV to complete the donation. Individuals donating vehicles benefit from the tax deductions afforded by WIHN's status as a 501(c)(3) non-profit agency. If you are interested in donating a vehicle to a graduated WIHN family, please contact our Executive Director, Lisa Williams, at 832-6024.



FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Here we grow again. WIHN has recently closed on the purchase of a 12-unit apartment building. Thanks to a very generous WIHN friend, we have a temporary loan until we can secure funding from Wake County, the City of Raleigh, and other donors. This program expansion will allow us to provide additional stability and educational services to those less fortunate in our community.

The building needs some renovations, so there will be opportunities for volunteers to contribute with muscle, materials, and money. Church, school, or civic groups may want to adopt an individual apartment to provide furniture and household necessities. This would be a huge help to families getting back on their feet.

This is a big step for WIHN, and it's filled with challenges. But it's also a big opportunity for us to do even more **with** the community and **for** the community. Won't you join us?

Lisa Williams

In 2009, WIHN served 66 families made up of 83 adults and 139 children. Upon exit, 58 families (88%) were housed.

Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network, Inc.

(an affiliate of Family Promise) is classified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a public charity and qualifies for deductible contributions provided in Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).

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WIHN has been approved by the following campaigns to be a listed organization in the fall campaign drives. This means WIHN will be listed in campaign materials and can receive designated gifts through these campaigns:

Combined Federal Campaign
IBM Employees Charitable Contribution Campaign
State Employees Combined Campaign
United Way of the Greater Triangle designated gift

Other corporate charitable campaigns also allow employees to designate funds to nonprofits. Thank you for any support you can provide to WIHN through your employer's charitable campaign.

Glaxo Smith Kline Beecham, SAS, and Storr Office Environments match employee donations to WIHN.

2009 WIHN Funding Sources

Program Services (Government)	39.4%
City of Raleigh	5.6%
FEMA	16.7%
State Agency	5.4%
Wake County	11.7%
Congregations, Corporations, Foundations, and Individuals	57.1%
Congregations	15.9%
Corporations	5.4%
Foundations	17.9%
Individuals	17.9%
Special Events/Fundraisers	3.5%

Give a Day. Get a Disney Day.

WIHN is one of the organizations where you can volunteer for a day and win a one-day pass to a Disney theme park. Go to www.handsonnetwork.org/disney to see how you can participate. We hope this encourages you to be a regular volunteer.



FUNDRAISERS

WIHN reaped the benefits of four successful fundraisers during the past few months.

In September, Highland United Methodist Church hosted a concert by Three Triangle Tenors. George Deaton, Timothy Sparks, and Wade Henderson, masterfully accompanied by Tom Warburton on the piano, impressed us with a variety of classical and traditional songs. Over \$3350 was raised.

In October, Saint Francis United Methodist Church continued their annual tradition of hosting a concert with several performers. Besides the always entertaining Saint Francis Brass Band, directed by Doug Amaxopulos, we also heard piano/violin duets, a young fiddler, solos on tuba and xylophone, and we all sang along to selections from *My Fair Lady*. This concert raised over \$3600.

Thanks to Nortel Women's Business Council and several of our church volunteer coordinators, over \$4200 was raised through the sale of Citipass coupon books.

In December, the Bost family of Bost Custom Homes, the Boyd family of The Boyd Group, and the Rudd family of Rudino's restaurants hosted their second holiday party to benefit WIHN. Those who attended were asked to make donations to WIHN, and almost \$2900 was contributed.

We are grateful to all who attended the concerts or party or bought coupon books, as well as all performers and salespeople and hosts. Your contributions of time and talents and money keep us in the business of helping homeless families.

Host Congregations

Apex UMC	Greenwood Forest Baptist	St. Francis of Assisi Catholic
Asbury UMC	Hayes Barton UMC	St. Francis UMC
Benson Memorial UMC	Highland UMC	St. Mark's UMC
Edenton Street UMC	Holland's UMC	Trinity Baptist
Fairmont UMC	Hope Community	Visio Dei
First Baptist – Salisbury St.	Kirk of Kildaire, Presbyterian	Wake Forest Presbyterian
First Baptist – Wilmington St.	Millbrook UMC	Wake Forest UMC
First Presbyterian	North Raleigh UMC	West Raleigh Presbyterian
First UMC – Cary	Soapstone UMC	Western Blvd. Presbyterian
Fuquay Varina UMC	St. Andrew UMC	White Plains UMC
Good Shepherd Lutheran	St. Andrew's Catholic	Windborne UMC

Support Congregations

Athens Drive Baptist	New Hope Baptist	St. Luke Catholic
Avent Ferry UMC	Oak City Baptist	St. Paul's Episcopal
Church of the Good Shepherd	Pleasant Grove UMC	The Glorious Church
Forest Hills Baptist	Raleigh City Missionary Union	Unitarian Universalist Peace
Hatcher Grove Baptist	Raleigh Moravian	Fellowship
Hope Lutheran	Sacred Heart Cathedral	Unity Church of the Triangle
Juniper Level Baptist	Saint Paul AME	Wake Forest Christian

Special Thanks To...

A high school group from Triangle Community Church in Apex for folding and labeling our July newsletter.

Asbury UMC for painting the locker room and lockers, installing a door and ceiling fan, and replacing lights.

Apex UMC for installing flooring in a bathroom and repairing the front door and building façade.

Trinity Baptist Church for replacing four toilets, and installing flooring and a kitchen counter.

Chase Mann for building a playhouse for our playground as his Eagle Scout project.

A Boy Scout troop from St. Francis UMC for collecting diapers for our youngest guests.

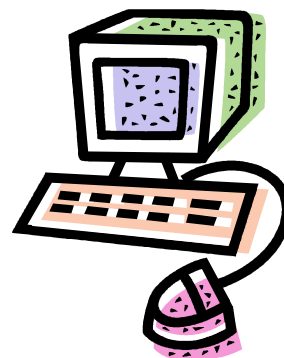
Subway Restaurant on Lake Wheeler Road for donating the meal for the Volunteer Coordinators meeting.

Challenge Grant

The Stewards Fund has issued a challenge grant of \$20,000. If you did not make a donation to WIHN in 2009 or if you would like to make a larger donation than you did in 2009, please consider doing so during the challenge period, which is March 1 - June 30, 2010. Thanks for helping us meet the challenge!

Removing Hardships and Connecting Guests

WIHN has recently opened its own computer lab for guests. A handy volunteer built desks for the computers and printers, and one of our Board members, Darwin Driggers, installed them. Designed to help families with limited mobility, the lab allows guests to apply for jobs and complete housing applications online. It also gives them the opportunity to receive computer related assistance from staff, if needed, such as help with writing resumes and finding information online. Previously guests would have to go the nearest library or Joblink center to use computers, but they now have the convenience of using the lab at the Day Center.



The computer lab has received rave reviews from guests! WIHN is thankful that we are able to remove another hardship from the guests we serve!

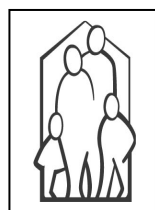
Shop and Search for WIHN

We have something new and exciting we'd like to share with you! It's the new Wake Interfaith Hospitality Network toolbar. Once added to IE or Firefox, each time you shop at more than 1300 stores (from Amazon to Zazzle), a percentage of your purchase will automatically be donated to WIHN at no cost to you. You may even save money, as the toolbar provides coupons and deals too! The toolbar also has a search box, and each time you search the Internet, a penny is donated to WIHN.

Please pass this along to all of your friends. The two minutes it takes to add this toolbar to your browser can make a lifetime of difference!

Get the toolbar - <http://www.goodsearch.com/toolbar/wake-interfaith-hospitality-network>

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