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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Calcutta House rebuilds lives ... and communities.

While trying to secure a site for Serenity Court, the new Calcutta House facility opened in May, 2004, we relied on the assistance of City Councilman Darrell Clarke, who ultimately helped us find an appropriate site a few blocks from our Girard Avenue flagship. On the cusp of the Francisville and Brewerytown neighborhoods, the lot was perfect, however the neighborhood left something to be desired—the site itself contained a number of vacant, burned-out structures regularly used by drug users. Believing we could help lead a community revitalization, we moved ahead with plans to acquire this site.

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In the spirit of being a good neighbor, while the facility was still in the planning phase, we met with leaders of the community and residents of adjoining streets, in an effort to gain their support and insure our construction and operations served as a significant enhancement to their community. And when residents raised concerns about Calcutta House potentially using all the on-street parking, we purchased an adjacent property to use as a parking lot for our staff and visitors.

In addition to an area ideal for our parking needs, the property we purchased also contained two abandoned row houses on neighboring Thompson Street, then a street lined with abandoned properties. Working with city officials, we were able to subdivide the land needed for our parking, and sell these gutted homes to the Board of City Trusts for their renovation project creating affordable homes for low-income, first time home owners.

Two and a half years after admitting our first residents to Serenity Court, we are pleased to report that much as we had envisioned, Calcutta House has led our community's revitalization. When Serenity Court rose, the immediate pressing problem was alleviated as the drug trafficking and use on our site was pushed out of this community. Similarly, when the Board of City Trusts renovated the Thompson Street houses for first-time homebuyers, they led the charge as other homesteaders purchased properties on the street and restored them. Another adjacent, blighted lot, once the home of a gas station and across from the walls of Girard College was, at the urging of Calcutta House, revitalized into a fenced and landscaped park by the Philadelphia Horticultural Society.

Today, where once an eerie silence and fear of drugs and crime pervaded the neighborhood, the laughter of children can now be heard. Thompson Street, just a few years ago a row of tax delinquent, abandoned properties, is now the home to 20 or so vibrant young families. According to Serenity Court neighbor, Thelma Cretchfield, a long time Calcutta House board member and our community liaison, "Much as Calcutta House rebuilds the lives of the homeless with AIDS, they have rescued this neighborhood from the jaws of abandonment. Thank you so much, Calcutta House for saving our community. We cannot imagine a better neighbor."

We here at Calcutta House pride ourselves on being good neighbors, and are pleased to be a part of this small, but significant renaissance.

Warm regards,

Steve M. Peura

Executive Director

Ties that Bind

Two generations at Calcutta House: The first in residence, the second in service

Visitors and residents alike often comment on the family atmosphere that prevails at Calcutta House. From mealtimes, to birthday celebrations, to lively evening games and volunteer activities, the rhythms and tenor of daily life at Calcutta House are unmistakably those of “home.” This rings especially true for Erick and Tameka Lyons, members of the Calcutta House staff whose mother, Diane Freeman, lived here until she was able to move on to independent living in her own apartment in 2002. What’s more, that happy transition was made in the company of her new husband, James Anthony, also a former Calcutta House resident. The two met as residents, married, and eventually moved out together.

“They were here at the same time, she was on the second floor, he was on the third” says Tameka, a Certified Nursing Assistant. “They’re a great couple. He’s her backbone, and she’s his. Their wedding was four years ago, but they celebrate everyday.” “He’s a great guy” adds Erick, a custodian, “and will do anything for my mom.” Both Diane and James regularly come back to visit their extended Calcutta House family, and they share Erick and Tameka’s commitment to the Calcutta House mission. During a recent visit Diane spoke about her current activities: “I’d like to visit all my friends at Calcutta House more often, but there are so many good things in my life now that keep me busy. I’m a counselor at COMHAR (a behavioral health center), and a facilitator for group meetings. I also recently finished doing an eight week course with Project Teach. That’s a program about AIDS education.”

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And how did Erick and Tameka come to work at Calcutta House after their mother had left? “I used to visit her here” says Erick, 29, “I really liked Calcutta House then, and I decided I wanted to help out. The people who live here are great, and I like to be here for them in any way I can.” “Calcutta House turned my mother’s life around” says Tameka, 27, “and now she lives on top of the world. Being at Calcutta House meant everything to her. She was in really bad shape and very depressed before she came here. While she lived here she reunited with her kids; it was like she was ‘born again’ while at Calcutta House.



Former Calcutta House resident Diane Freeman (center), with daughter Tameka and son Erick. Erick and Tameka were reunited with their Mom during her stay at Calcutta House and eventually came to work for an organization in which they believed.

I love working here because you can really lift people’s spirits and make a difference. Most people felt very lonely before coming to Calcutta House, but once they’re here, they know they’re loved. I really like to be present for the residents, and put smiles on their faces.”

Diane shares her kids’ delight in looking after others, especially her twelve grandchildren. When asked about them, her pleasure is obvious: “I love all my grandkids so much, and I love to take them to work with me.” Asked what she wishes for her grandchildren, she doesn’t hesitate: “I want them to be happy, to get their high school diplomas, and not let anybody backtrack them into using drugs, as happened to me. I’m so proud of myself that I’ve come so far. I’m also real proud of all my kids, and I’m so happy that Erick and Tameka are doing such positive work. Everyday they tell me how proud they are of me, and everyday they tell me how much they love me.”

WHYY and Calcutta House Develop a Mutually Supportive Relationship

Recently a number of Calcutta House staff and Board members lent a helping hand to support WHYY radio’s fall fundraising campaign. For five hours, six volunteers answered phones, took pledges, and naturally, cheered loudly every time Calcutta House was mentioned on air. The volunteers were happy to assist our local public radio station tap an important source of its operating support, not to mention get a bit of airtime for the Calcutta House cause in the process.



Calcutta House WHYY volunteers (left to right) Dottie Glover, Board member Lynn Siegle, Trenholme Junghans, Board President Sr. Suzanne Thompson, and Susan Vandenburg (missing from photo, Bruce Flannery).

Calcutta House Welcomes Guests From Afar

Calcutta House resident Roufael K. recently welcomed his sister, brother-in-law, and niece on a ten-day visit to Philadelphia from their home in Kuwait. Roufael was an eager and energetic host, and neither his wheelchair nor inclement weather prevented him from showing his family some of Philadelphia's many places of interests. On the afternoon of their departure to Kuwait, Roufael and his family hosted a pizza party for all residents and staff. Said his brother-in-law "This is our way of expressing our gratitude to you for all that you do. We came here to check up on Roufael, and are so grateful to find him doing so well in your care. Thank you."



Residents and staff enjoying pizza provided by Roufael and his family.



Erie, PA native gives a year of her life to help those less fortunate

Our newest Mercy Corps volunteer mines residents' hidden talents

Calcutta House has recently welcomed a new Recreational Activities Coordinator, Dottie Glover. A recently retired elementary school art teacher, Dottie and her husband Skip have come to Philadelphia from Erie, PA as members of the Mercy Volunteer Corps, a volunteer project organized by the Sisters of Mercy. "We had known for a long time that we wanted to perform volunteer service when we retired, and

when we had the opportunity to take early retirement last year, the time seemed right." Her first impressions of Calcutta House? "I was really struck by the kindness and concern that residents show for one another. They genuinely take care of each other, and in that way they contribute to the good work of the entire organization." Among her plans for the next year are organizing more cultural excursions, including visits to area museums and the Franklin Institute IMAX screenings, and to bring in occupational therapy interns from local colleges. The September 14 talent show she organized was a resounding success, quite literally: of the eight entrants six were singers, and their spirited renditions of some favorite soul standards rang to the rafters. Thanks to Dottie's green thumb too, the petunias on the back porch enjoyed one last late autumn bloom. Welcome, Dottie!

Fred (pictured right with visitor Elvis Presley) took first place with his inspired version of Heatwave's *Always and Forever*.



RESIDENT DATA POINTS TO LIFE AFTER CALCUTTA HOUSE

Total Served between Feb 1, 1987 and Present*	347	89	At Walnut Street	26%
		232	At Independence Place	67%
		26	At Serenity Court	7%
Number served between July 1, 1999 and Present	162	7/1/99 is the date we established database for resident outcomes.		
Current number of residents at Calcutta House	23	of 27 total beds		
Died during residence at Calcutta House	45	28%		
Average Length of Stay at Calcutta House	308 days	28%		
Residents discharged to Community between July 1, 1999 and Present	94	58%		
Discharged Residents Progress - July 1, 1999 to Present				
Doing well	51	54%	Lived 6- 9mos before dying	12 63%
Died after leaving Calcutta House	19	20%	Lived 9-12mos before dying	4 21%
Not Doing Well	14	15%	Lived 12-18mos before dying	1 5%
No contact since discharge	7	7%	Lived 18-24 mos before dying	2 11%
Returned to Calcutta House & died	3	3%	Number due to return to drugs	10 71%
			Number due to mental illness	3 21%
			Number due to decline in health	1 7%
			Lived independently for 6 mos before returning	1 33%
			Lived independently for 24 mos before returning	1 33%
			Lived independently for 36 mos before returning	1 33%

*data collected through June 30, 2006

Donors Make A Difference!

Calcutta House is deeply grateful to all who contribute so generously. And we rely on your gifts to continue to provide compassionate and quality care to those living with AIDS who lack the resources and skills to care for themselves.

If you have yet to make a donation, please take a moment to write a check and mail it in the envelope provided. Or make a secure online donation with a credit card by visiting our website at www.calcuttahouse.org. Your contributions are vital to our programs.

If you wish to speak to someone in regards to making a gift to Calcutta House or need additional information, please contact Bruce Flannery, Director of Development, at 215-684-0480 or at bwflannery@calcuttahouse.org.



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With your gift to Calcutta House you can provide our residents the following services and opportunities:

\$15 provides recreational activity for an entire month for a resident (bowling, movies, cultural events, etc).

\$25 provides a resident food for a week.

\$30 provides transportation to and from medical appointments, counseling and other activities for one month per resident.

\$80 provides a resident with heat and hot water for one month.



Tom Mahon, Frank Byrne, Ryan Nelling and Mike McHugh, this year's champs of the Shore Tour, posing with one of many nearly insurmountable obstacles encountered on their miniature golf odyssey, a large fiberglass bunny.

Calcutta House's Unique Golf Event

Shore Tour 2006 draws the big names in miniature golf to New Jersey for a sports classic

Many large not-for-profits have an annual golf outing, but only Calcutta House has the Shore Tour, a unique golf event unparalleled in sports fundraising. The brain child of Mike McHugh, a junior at Catholic University of America and Tom Mahon, a LaSalle University junior, the Shore Tour is both a means of (trying to) whoop their friends in competitive sport and doing community service.

The Tour started two summers ago, when Tom and Mike contacted us out of the blue (Mike remembered Calcutta House from his days at St. Joe's Prep) to see if we'd agree to be the beneficiary of their yet unproven fundraising idea. With our unqualified support, they organized a few friends to stage and promote an uncharacteristically competitive miniature golf fundraiser to benefit Calcutta House. Raising nearly \$2,500 for our programs, the first Shore Tour was such a success that they felt compelled to repeat the event, and this past summer they and two other friends staged Shore Tour Two, the Sequel.

According to McHugh, despite its meager roots, the Tour has rapidly evolved into the miniature golf equivalent of the British Open. "It is truly a grueling challenge in which we brave the elements, and rely equally on our cunning, stamina and, of course, our sheer physical prowess to play virtually every miniature golf course on the New Jersey shore in a single weekend marathon. I can't tell you how much sun-screen we used," McHugh said.

Our thanks to Mike McHugh, Tom Mahon, Ryan Nelling and Frank Byrne, for this unique demonstration of their commitment to those less fortunate — all while having a good time. Repeating the success of their first year, this year's Tour raised well over \$2,000!

You guys are the best!



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Nearly 20 years after our founding, Calcutta House continues to provide a comfortable home and quality, individualized care to adults with AIDS and a host of other disabilities. Our thanks to all who help us continue to fulfill our mission to serve the most vulnerable among us with programs and services enabling them to live as fully as they are able.

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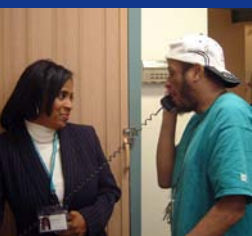
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Jeffrey Murer
Dr. V.S. Naiken
Linda Owens
Anjali Parekh
Irene Pawlish
Faith Peura
Steve Peura
Letitia Principato

Laura Rossi
St. Augustine of the Covenant
Church
St. Malachy's School
St. Mary's Episcopal Church
Tasty Baking Company
Top Ladies of Distinction
Alicia Marie Williamson

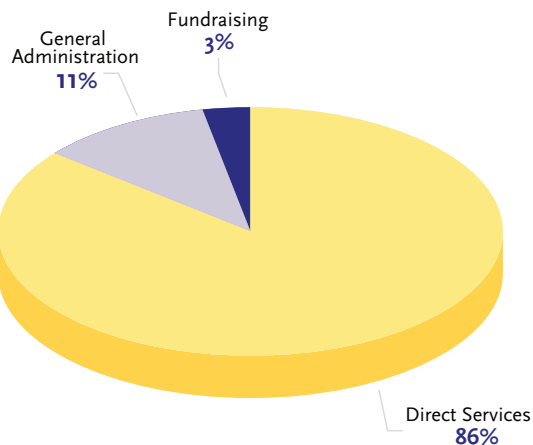
Civic Groups

Empowerment Group
Las Damas Club
Pyramid Court #17 -
Daughters of Isis

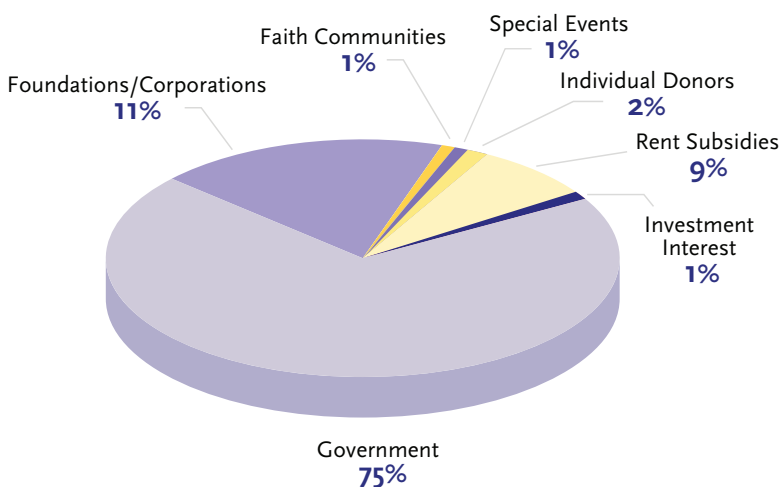
United Way

Triangle United Way
United Way of Camden County
United Way of Delaware
United Way of
Southeastern Pennsylvania
United Way of Tri-State

Statement of Financial Position: June 30, 2006



Expenses: Total \$2,279,641



Sources Of Income: Total \$2,017,102

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 489,580
Accounts Receivable	\$ 447,248
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 54,597
Total Current Assets	\$ 991,425

PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

Buildings	\$ 4,343,859
Equipment, Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 580,073
Vehicle	\$ 58,259
	\$ 4,982,191
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,096,444)
	\$ 3,885,747

OTHER ASSETS

Deposits	\$ 10,779
Total Assets	\$ 4,887,951

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 33,795
Accrued Expenses	\$ 19,860
Refundable Advance	\$ 0
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 53,655

OTHER LIABILITIES

Notes Payable	\$ 2,010,423
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NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$ 2,169,613
Unrestricted – Designated	\$ 460,605
Temporarily Restricted	\$ 193,655
	\$ 2,823,873
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 4,887,951

The accounts and records of Calcutta House are audited by certified public accountants, whose report is available for inspection at our office located at 1601 West Girard Avenue, Philadelphia, PA.

Board of Directors

July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

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Calcutta House's Board of Directors recently hosted our second Annual Appreciation Dinner at the Philadelphia Country Club to introduce potential new friends to Calcutta House, as well as honor those friends of Calcutta House who have gone beyond the call of duty in their support of our work.

This year, we presented Calcutta House Champion awards to three special friends including Brian Kappra, President of Philadelphia's premiere events planner Evantine Designs, and Jan DeMarzo, of Philadelphia's catering legend Restaurant Associates, caterer to the Philadelphia Museum and Kimmel Center. Brian skillfully hosted and

Calcutta House Honors 2006 Champions

decorated his unique warehouse to the nines for our spring brunch, while Jan and an army of cooks and wait staff prepared and served a seemingly endless array of inventive foods for the brunch.

Also honored was longtime Board member Joe Drennan, a tireless supporter of Calcutta House and our programs. Joe and his wife Betsy have over the years demonstrated remarkable generosity to Calcutta House, while providing members of the Board and community with unparalleled leadership.

*Heather Osborne
presents the Calcutta
House Champion
award to fellow Board
member Joe Drennan.
Thank you Joe,
for your years of
dedicated service.*



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