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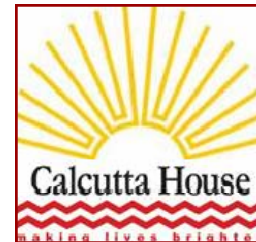
This mission is based on the premise that housing is the foundation for the most effective and compassionate treatment, management and prevention of the disease. Customized support services, responsive to the individual, are delivered with the conviction that self-empowerment will advance attainable goals, enabling a resident to realize his/her full potential while adhering to treatment and care plans.

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Autumn 2009

“NIGHT TRAIN TO CALCUTTA” BREAKS PREVIOUS RECORDS

It was a delightful Spring evening Friday, April 24 for Calcutta House’s Fifth Annual special fundraising event - “**Night Train To Calcutta**” to support its housing and highly supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS. Sixty thousand dollars was raised through the hard work and dedication of the members of the Event Committee, as well as through the financial commitment of our presenting sponsors, J. Mark and Ann Baiada, of Bayada Nurses. More of our sponsors are listed on page two.



Board President Shawn Marcell and MC Lynn Doyle

Calcutta House residents Tishmal and Nancy provided moving testimonies about their life changing experiences while living at Calcutta House.

Founding Members of the new Gift Club were also announced. These supporters donate on an annual basis, in a significant amount, to support the ongoing operations of the agency. A list of founding members can be found on page 5.

Committee members were enthusiastic about the evening and its success. The members are: Maureen Block, Katie Binnion, Teri Burke, Betsy Drennan, Kim Emmons-Benjet, Julia Finch, Lynn Heth, Lewis Kalmbach, Ami Lonner, Dawn McDonnell, Heather Osborne, Dawn Ramos, Mary Rheingans, Kat Springer, Rita Taylor, Angela Virdone and Kris Yoo.



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Event co-chairs, Jody Marcell, Jill Demmy and Elizabeth Nourian, greeted a sell-out crowd of 150 guests as they arrived at the lovely and historic Merion Tribute House. Guests enjoyed cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, raffle and live auctions, dinner, by Catering By Design, and dancing to the music of Chico’s Vibe.



**Event Co-Chairs: Jody Marcell, Elizabeth Nourian,
 Heather Osborne and Jill Demmy**

Lynn Doyle, CN8 host, was the presenter of the event’s ceremonies. Highlights included the live auction, in which she was joined by our Board Chair Shawn Marcell. Marcell, along with Matt Teter, our Executive Director, addressed the crowd about the past and future importance of Calcutta House to the community.



The residents and staff of Calcutta House wish to thank the corporate and foundation sponsors for their generous support which significantly contributed to the evening's fundraising success:

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Lynn Doyle

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at the Park Hyatt at the Bellevue**

A hearty "THANK YOU" to our wonderful auction item donors:

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Barra Foundation - \$2,500
Independence Foundation - \$10,000
Patricia Kind Family Foundation - \$45,000 over three years

Donor Listing

This List Reflects the period 4/1/2009 to 6/30/2009, We strive to record all donors accurately. Please contact our Director of Finance

Other News

On July 16, 2009, Calcutta House received an Award of Excellence for Outstanding Partnership from KRA Corporation, a professional and technical services firm, dedicated to improving the strength of communities and lives of individuals transitioning into the workforce.

United Way Campaign is under way, please consider choosing Calcutta House as your United Way beneficiary.
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Supporters of the Calcutta House Encourage Others to Serve Their Communities



Ann and Mark Baiada proudly support the work of Calcutta House. "We believe in the mission of the Sisters of Mercy and appreciate their early and continued involvement in Calcutta House. Their commitment to Calcutta House residents is just one example of many wonderful things they have accomplished," Mrs. Baiada said. As volunteers in their community, the Baiadas serve as trustees and board members in various organizations throughout Philadelphia and South Jersey. Their compassion, generosity, personal sense of responsibility, and commitment to building a better community is an inspiration to everyone who knows them.

As founder and president of Bayada Nurses, a values-based home care company, Mr. Baiada credits much of his success to being led by strong morals and a desire to help others. "Our work is guided by our fundamental values of compassion, excellence, and reliability, and we work with a spirit of faith, hope, and love," Baiada said. Honors recognizing his humanitarian efforts include the *75 Greatest Living Philadelphians* from the Philadelphia Eagles, the *Work of Mercy Award* from Mercy Vocational High School, the *Cradle of Liberty Award* from Boy Scouts of America, and the *Light of Hope Award* from Catholic Charities. Mr. Baiada's vision is for his company to grow to help millions of people worldwide.

Mrs. Baiada, a director for Bayada Nurses, said her parents planted the seeds of volunteerism in her when she was young. "My mother was a nurse and I think I always knew that's what I wanted to do. I was fascinated by her being so involved with others and so helpful and thought it was important and necessary work." Named the 2009 *Citizen of the Year* by the Moorestown Service Council, she encourages everyone to share in the spirit of volunteerism. She was inducted into the Cardinal Dougherty High School Hall of Fame and received a Papal Blessing by Pope John Paul II for her care of a very sick child. She also has been recognized with the *Light of Hope Award* and the *Work of Mercy Award*.

Together, the Baiadas received an honorary degree—Doctor of Laws, *Honoris Causa*—from the Neumann College Board of Trustees, raised five children, and have three granddaughters.

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Residents Moving to Independence

*Tishmal B.
Russell W.
Gordon W.*

Welcome new residents

*Jonathan, Isaiah, DeShone, Keith,
Thomas, Ellis, Rodney*

Welcome new staff

*Denise Irving (Nursing)
Charles Tucker (Housekeeping)*

Farewell and Best Wishes in your future endeavors:

James Tolbert

New Board Members

Anita Gallagher Kelly, CPA is Controller at Liberty City Battery LLC. in Westville, New Jersey. Prior to Liberty City Battery Anita was a consultant at Microsoft Computer Products, a controller for MedDecision and an auditor at Rohm and Haas. Her volunteer experience includes President of the Women's Guild, St. Katherine of Sienna School and co-chair of Saint Francis Country House Golden Ball. Her most recent work includes her presidency of the Women's Auxiliary of Saint Francis Country House and co-chair of the Catholic Philopatrian Literary Institute Ball.

Martin Sellers is Chief Executive Officer at Sellers Dorsey. As CEO, Martin drives the vision and strategic direction of the team. Martin began his career in state government as special assistant to a cabinet secretary and chief administrative officer of Medicaid programs. With more than 30 years of experience in healthcare consulting on federal and state health policy issues, Martin is a resourceful innovator who continuously seeks out inspired win-win solutions to some of the nation's most challenging healthcare concerns.

Bishop Keith Wayne Reed, Sr., since 1983, has served as Pastor of Sharon Baptist Church in Philadelphia, and has grown the congregation from approximately 200 to 6,000 members. In June 1997, Dr. Reed received an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Divinity from Geneva College through the Center for Urban Theological Studies. In January 1998, Dr. Reed founded and established the Sharon Bible Fellowship in the Washington, D.C. area. With his strong religious background, Dr. Reed will serve as a great leader and teacher on our Board.

Farewell To Former Board Members

With sincerest gratitude, we say "thank you and job well done" to **Margaret Brock** and **Thelma Cretchfield**, Community Representatives, for 16 years of service on the Calcutta House Board of Directors

Franks Place Tavern Holds Beef & Beer Event For Calcutta House

After being informed of all of the services and care provided by Calcutta House to its residents, Keion Green of Frank's Place Tavern, was interested in financially helping CH.

On Saturday, August 8, Frank's Place held its annual Beef and Beer, with Calcutta House the sole beneficiary of the event's proceeds. The fun evening of music, Karaoke, prizes and giveaways, raised \$1,000 for Calcutta House's programs and services.

It is such efforts by local businesses in the community that helps spread the mission of Calcutta House to a wider audience and demonstrate the need for a diversity of financial support. All of us at Calcutta House would like to thank Frank's Place for their compassion and interest in our work.



Keion Green, Denise Moment, John Wade, Frank's Place's Owners and Camillia Williams, Development Assistant

New Gift Club Inaugurated at "Night Train To Calcutta" Event

In his comments to guests attending Calcutta House's Spring fundraising special event, Shawn Marcell, President of the Board of Directors, introduced Calcutta House's latest fundraising endeavor, its new Gift Club and the initial Gift Club founders. The Gift Club is designed for those most faithful donors who pledge to give on an annual basis, either in one payment or as monthly gifts on a credit card. On behalf of the residents of Calcutta House, we wish to express our deep appreciation and thanks to the following Founding Members of Calcutta House's Gift Club, who have pledged a total of \$42,000!

Gift Club Founders

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When the Gift Club reaches forty members, a celebratory event will take place to properly recognize these trailblazers.

CALCUTTA HOUSE'S NEW WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING

Thanks to a generous in-kind gift from Rio Rancho, New Mexico-based Data-Scribe Company, Calcutta House has updated its website. The site is now more attractive and allows for easier navigation. The completely revamped site sports a new, cleaner look to the important information referral sources, interested applicants and donors need, with more user friendly links to documents, newsletters, volunteer sign-ups and ways to support Calcutta House's special events and fundraising efforts.

To see for yourself, just go onto www.calcuttahouse.org. We would like to hear your comments and suggestions.

INROADS Participants Fulfill Wish List



On Saturday July 11, 2009, 11 college interns from the INROADS organization fulfilled their National Day of Service volunteer event here



at Calcutta House. INROADS is a non-profit organization that trains and develops talented, ethnically diverse college youth for professional careers in business and industry. By helping them obtain internships with companies in the pharmaceutical, business, engineering, and accounting fields among others.

The group received a Wish List of household necessities and food items. The students collectively sought after and obtained items such as food, toiletries, and household items. After obtaining all of the goods requested, the students came to Calcutta House to present gift bags to the residents, as well as to play games and interact with them. The compassion and efforts of this group completely exceeded our expectations.