

Blessings From Heaven

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We want to share some wonderful news with you. Our building is paid off!!! New Horizons was blessed to receive a \$140,490 grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that retired all the remaining debt on our building.

New Horizons' building campaign began in 1995. The total cost of the purchase and renovation was \$1,390,298. We are grateful for the Gates Foundation's gift and also for the generous giving from hundreds of individuals, churches, businesses, foundations and groups who helped make this dream a reality.

Over the years God has provided New Horizons with a variety of "homes." First it was a third floor office above a porno shop on 2nd and Pike. Then in 1981, we moved into a small basement office at Gethsemane Lutheran church. In 1982, we moved into a condemned building at 1312 2nd Avenue, our first drop-in center, for only \$300/month. The building leaked, there were rats and cockroaches, but we felt blessed. Each night kids waited outside our doors, anxious to come into a drop-in center with no heat.

In 1987, our building was scheduled for demolition and we began looking for another site suitable for a drop-in center. After a diligent search, it became apparent that nothing was available in the downtown core that was an appropriate size or affordable. So, in 1987, we moved into office space in the Jones building on 3rd and Union. We searched for one year before finding a huge house on Capitol Hill that was available for lease. We renovated this facility and were open at this location for ten years. This was a great place for the youth, but in 1995, it became obvious that we had outgrown the facility. Kids were cramped, standing elbow to elbow during evening meals. The search for a more suitable building began again. In the end, God provided New Horizons with our beautiful and spacious building at 2709 3rd Avenue. Our new building opened to the youth in February of 1998.



Rita, Executive Director, signing the Gates Foundation Grant letter with Richard Enstad, Case Manager, looking on.



Linda Ruthruff, Associate Director; Rita Nussli, Executive Director; and Chris Magnusson, Case Manager, doing the happy dance.

A vision that began over 23 years ago has been fulfilled! The Gates Foundation grant, along with the hundreds of other generous gifts received throughout this 6-year building campaign, has provided New Horizons with the privilege of being a permanent refuge for homeless youth in Seattle. It is clearly a place God has provided for them. New Horizons Ministries has received blessings from heaven. We hope you will celebrate with us!

The Walk 2001

The Walk was amazing!

It was a beautiful June day. The sun was shining. The loop around Seward Park was beautiful and exhilarating. The fellowship was enjoyable. The barbecue was delicious. The drawings were exciting.

**We had 101 walkers
and raised \$19,000.**

There were 27 prizes you could win from the drawing plus the two grand prizes.
It was a full afternoon!

There are many, many people who helped make this event such a success.

Thank you to all who spent time and energy gathering sponsors. Thank you to the many who sponsored walkers. Thank you to all who staffed the event.

This truly is a community event.
It could not have happened without *every one of you.*



We would like to thank the following people and companies for sponsoring the Walk and donating prizes:

Seattle Rotary Foundation and Pacific Northwest Bank for sponsoring the Walk, Roger Winter for donating Mariner tickets, Toys R Us, Mari Loverich of Town & Country Market, Target of Northgate, Spa Bellissima, David Fu of Snappy Dragon, Seattle Children's Theatre, Thomas Manos & Jody Liddicoat for their beautiful flower pot arrangement, Barnes and Noble of University Village, Kristen Gould of Ballard Market Floral Department, Target of Bellevue, the anonymous giver of cool Microsoft

software, Pepsi, Jan Tjerne of Mountain Spring Lodge and Karl Tegenfeldt, Dick Haferbecker (and Joe) for procuring our grand prize from Alaska Airlines, Mike McAlpin of Mama's Mexican Kitchen, Tom Zahaba of Wing Point Golf & Country Club, Old Navy, Janet Moore for procuring several miscellaneous items, Doug Moore for donating Mariner tickets, Taproot Theatre, Barnes and Noble of Tukwila, Mary Cler & Anne Mueller of Classic & Carefree Hair Salon, Children's Museum, Nickie Little for procuring from Willow Lodge and the Barking Frog Restaurant, Melody Sarver of Mildred's Bed & Breakfast, Jennifer Matsuda of Red Fish Blue Fish Photography, Pacific Science Center (and Kristin Nickelson), Cynthia Cole for procuring from Hanson Chiropractic, Rita Nussli & Tara Lerew for donating a coffee basket, and Bernita Johnson for procuring balloons, paper products, most the barbecue food and several miscellaneous items for us.



Our grand prize winner was Packer and his mom, **Phyllis Laukala**. Packer raised \$2130 with 59 sponsors. Phyllis received two round-trip tickets from Alaska Airlines.



Our second grand prize winners were **Nora & Jeff Berry**. They raised \$2000 with 32 sponsors. Their prize was 2 box seat tickets to a Mariner game.





Creative Writing Group

By Joe Haferbecker, Outreach Volunteer

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The youth we serve often tote journals and notebooks around with them, and with very little prompting feel honored to share their work. It was these youth that inspired us to begin a writing group.

Once a week we wander around the center asking the youth, "Do you write? Are you a writer?" Some will boldly say yes, and begin to expound on their writing prowess.

Others are more subdued, but still feel that tugging at their soul that makes them write life down to deal with it.

We meet upstairs and sit on cushions and on couches, away from the noisy center. We drink coffee and tea and shut off the cold fluorescent lights in exchange for some warm halogens. On a typical night, we begin by reiterating the expectations of confidentiality, respect, and readiness to participate (which does not include a requirement to read aloud.) Usually three to five youth will join up in a night, then one of the staff will lead an exercise. For our first meeting we shuffled strips of paper around in an effort to create one poem out of lines that each of us had written. It was great fun. Other exercises have included writing in forms such as the sestina and the haiku. We have worked with sound, responding on the page to music, or a tape of a language that we don't speak. We have also worked with metaphor, description, and the interpretation of visual art. We sit in silence for about fifteen minutes and write. Then we read and laugh and encourage, and if the writer desires, we make suggestions.

The beautiful thing about this group is the same dynamic that is found at

By Eli

As my mind wanders away in time,
I try to find any words of light.
In my mind twisting and turning
on through endless night,
forever I live shaking.
I am striving for the love ever more
but when I turn around
you are there no more.
I try but why?
I find in my life a continuous circle
of never-ending ball of fire,
burning my soul into a state of ash and dust
as I rise to the heavens above.
I live and lie my life down
before my people that I've loved and lost
and experience is very sad
it makes me glad,
love and lost it gives me life
where everything is gone
and I live long, dumb, miserable life
as coincides all in my life.

work in our community worship nights. At worship night, we are not youth, staff, and neighbors, but simply worshippers. In writing group, there are no longer staff and youth, just people creating. Everyone in the room is taking the same risk. In fact, there are several staff who are often shy about sharing their work. They are there, not because they consider themselves writers, but because they want to encourage the youth. Our most consistent participant, Eli, adamantly encourages them to read what they have written. Eli wants to lead some of the groups. He has done that once so far, and was amazing. There, the group has come full circle. Praise be to God!

By Conrad

Pablo's Bubble Bath

Pablo needs a shower.
In fact, "Yo Pablo! Go take a bath."
Calgon doesn't take him away.
And dial gives him a rash.
He uses one soap only when he gets
busy with rubba dubb dubb.
Don't you know his bro' in the pink box.
The only man he let's inside his tub,
Mr. Bubbles!
When he gets in my bath tub
I'm feelin' luck -- cause he's always
there when I'm feeling yucky.
I love him more than my rubber ducky.

Dates To Remember

Community Worship	Every 4th Thursday, 7-8:30pm - - Aug. 23, Sept. 27 & Oct. 25th
Volunteer Training	September 15, 19 & 22 - Contact Sarah at ext. 110
Dessert Extravaganza	Friday, November 2nd - 7pm at Unveristy Presbyterian Church



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GIVING OPTIONS

AUTOMATIC BANK PAYMENT

New Horizons can now receive direct contribution gifts. If you prefer this convenient option of automatic transfers, you can authorize NHM to debit your account for a set amount each month.

COMPANY MATCHES

More and more companies are matching the charitable gifts of their employees. Check to see if your employer matches gifts and you can double your donation!

QUESTIONS??
Contact Mick Prandi
206-374-0866 ext. 115
mickp@nhmin.org

WISH LIST- Call 374-0866 to help.

Larger size jeans for men and women. New or used **backpacks and bags**. Contact Abra, ext. 130.

Larger size shoes, like 13 - 15. Contact Abra, ext. 130.

Steel locker for paint storage. Contact Calvin ext. 125.

New (or used in good condition) **aprons, hot pads and kitchen towels**. contact Abra, ext. 130.

New: bath towels, washcloths, spray or stick deodorant, brushes, combs, shoelaces, lice shampoo kits, hairbands, scrunchies and toothbrushes. Large diapers (sizes 3,4,5). Contact Abra, ext. 130.

Video recorder. Contact Bob, ext. 106.

Standing candle sticks (about 3-4 ft. high) for the chapel. Items for communion; **candles, lace cloth, serving trays, communion cups, ornaments**. Contact Lee, ext. 104.

Several disposable cameras to take to youth and staff events. Contact Susie, ext. 108.