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## **Riding for Seattle's Homeless Youth!**

NHM would like to recognize one of our beloved Board Members, Dave Hill, for recently participating in the RSVP bike riding fundraiser!

Dave designated New Horizons as the agency that would receive the funds he raised - and we were blessed by a gift of \$545!

On behalf of our staff, volunteers, and especially our kids, we thank Dave for all his hard work and continued commitment to NHM. It is greatly appreciated by us all!

## **How you can help.....**

Supplies still needed for LNO are listed below and can be dropped off at New Horizons during business hours. Please label packages with 'LNO.'

- +Scarves
- +Gloves
- +Candy
- +Fruit Snacks
- +Individually wrapped trail mix/nuts
- +Individually wrapped cookies
- +Cup of Noodles
- +Hot chocolate
- +Hot Cider
- +Sugar Packets
- +Creamer
- +Wooden Coffee Stir Sticks

Thank you for supporting our ministry!

# I N S I D E L O O K



New Horizons Ministries Quarterly Newsletter

October 2006

## “Should I Not Be Concerned About That Great City?”

Written by Malia Ansberry  
LNO Volunteer

The title of this article was the question from the book of Jonah, Chapter 4 that I first heard in my soul at an Urbana missions conference in 1987. I can vividly remember the night I heard God's call on my life to work full-time as an engineer while serving and financially supporting a ministry that loves kids in 'The City.' I feel compelled to mention that there were still cows outside of my window at school in Northern California at the time of this calling, but if that's what He wanted, I'd just look forward to Him working out all of the details. Well, of course, He did. When I scheduled my first real job interview in Seattle, a friend gave me a brochure about New Horizons and eventually, I took both 'jobs.' That was more than 15 years ago. Sometimes it feels like a lifetime ago, other days, it feels like it was only yesterday.

Like most folks who have been around this place for a while, my role has changed over the years. I started as a downtown outreach volunteer, and those years on Capitol Hill were filled with all of the joy and heartache that you can probably imagine. I remember celebrating birthdays, GED completions, and kids managing to stay sober for their first day. Mourning the death of my first young friend, then remembering her again a few years ago when she was listed as one of the last suspected victims of Gary Ridgeway. I mourned the death of a youth's infant child. I mourned and grieved the deaths of kids who never really got a chance to see what a normal life is like, and yet, through their faith in God they were able to meet Christ many years before I will. Softball, bowling, Bible Studies, dinner, ice skating, getting IDs. This is what relationship looks like at

New Horizons. We love kids. We serve them. And we pray our hearts out for them and Jesus shows His love and care for them in the midst of it all.

After 7 years doing outreach downtown, I transitioned to serve in other roles at NHM. I was blessed to serve on the Board of Directors. With my technical background I helped out on the website, and also lent other managerial assistance when it was needed. Then, about 4 years ago, I joined the Late Night Outreach Team, the part of our ministry that is focused on serving young women in prostitution. In many ways, this ministry is similar to the work I'd done years earlier - striving to find creative ways to be Jesus' hands and feet in the midst of (*cont. on page 2*)

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## A Windfall.....

Contributed by Sarah Murphy-Kangas  
Program Manager

For several years, NHM has been dreaming about how our youth and young women we serve on Late Night Outreach can find supportive housing and meaningful employment. The foundation of our ministry is and will continue to be relationship. When the youth are in our offices, drop-in center, or when we're with them on the streets, we feel good about what we can offer them - nurturing relationship, counselling, advocacy, help with next steps, hot meals, clean clothing, and care

in crisis and trauma. When they leave us for the 'real world' of looking for jobs, things can get much more tentative! Prospective employers often don't want to take a chance on our youth, and the ones that do often don't have the support that they need.

On Friday, October 20th we will be having a meeting we're calling *Windfall* to talk about his dilemma, and we've invited supporters and community members who have expressed interest in this discussion. 'Windfall' means 'a sudden, unexpected piece of good fortune or personal gain,' or, 'something,

such as ripened fruit, that has been blown down by the wind. We chose this name to recognize that this is something that *God is doing here, and we're expecting a plentiful harvest.* Even though our kids have lost so much in their lives, we're trusting in God to restore their fortunes, and we're excited to see what happens when we all meet together at *Windfall*. As always, we welcome any ideas you might have about either employing youth yourself, or ways that they might better connect with the community. Thanks for believing with us!

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## **NHM 2006 Speaker's Bureau!!**

As you may know, many of our new volunteers, donors, prayer partners, and food groups get connected to NHM by volunteers and staff going out to share about our work in their churches and other community groups.

New Horizons has recently completed a training to equip staff to be part of our Speaker's Bureau! We want to make ourselves available to you if your church, bible study, or office would be interested in hearing about the work we are doing, and how they might support NHM.

If you would like to resource one of our Speakers to come out and talk about NHM, please contact:

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We look forward to partnering with you in this way, and hope to hear from you soon with a speaking opportunity!

### *'...That Great City (cont. from front page)*

the harsh realities of life on the street. And yet, in a multitude of other ways, this work with young women in prostitution is light years away from the somewhat familiar life of street kids in Seattle that I know from years ago.

Being a LNO volunteer means standing on a street corner in the wee hours of a Saturday morning and being present in the lives of the girls and young women working in the slave trade of prostitution. We provide practical services like hygiene supplies, but more importantly, we give smiles, hot cocoa, and as much love and encouragement as possible in the midst of the trauma that is this evil world of pimping and prostitution. Our presence on the corner sometimes develops into relationship off the streets, and this is where God does the deep work in the hearts and lives of these young women.

One of my favorite memories from LNO happened on outreach one night. A young woman we'd never met before came up to us and stood on the corner with her back to us so that her pimp would not see her talking to us. Then she started crying 'I HATE THIS LIFE! I HATE EVERYTHING ABOUT IT! I JUST WANT TO LEAVE!' One of our volunteers stepped forward and asked simply 'Can we pray for you?' The woman melted on the spot and came over to us to be hugged, loved, and prayed for. It was amazing to hear a prayer that spoke such life into her heart. And then she left. The story did not end here though! About 1/2 an hour passed and she returned, with her friend, yelling, 'CAN YOU PRAY FOR ME TOO?' Just like the people in Jesus' day, these young women knew that in God they could find healing and despite living with so much pain, they could ask with joy to be touched by Him. They knew that He would be there, and that He cared for them.

Last fall, on a trip to Tibet to consider ministry there, I wrestled with whether or not this was the place that God was calling me. One night, I returned to the book of Jonah to revisit the call that I had received at Urbana all those years ago. God led me to Jonah 3:8-9:

'Those who cling to worthless idols  
forfeit the grace that could be theirs.  
But I, with a song of thanksgiving,  
will sacrifice to you.  
What I have vowed I will make good.  
Salvation comes from the LORD.'

So, while I stood there in Tibet among people who were literally clinging and bowing to worthless idols, my heart was filled with celebration and thanksgiving for the ministry of New Horizons. Indeed, the vow I made as a young woman so many years ago still remains. I will live to serve the youth in the inner city. For the moment, that means serving and loving the women on LNO. To serve in this way is truly an honor, for God is deeply concerned for our great city, and He is working through us to care for it.



## Our Donors

Contributed by Rebecca Cedergreen  
Development Director



The New York Times ran an article in November 2005 entitled 'What is Charity?' It stated that 'last year, giving that was directly related to helping the poor hit a record low, accounting for less than 10% of donations given by Americans and their philanthropic institutions.' Many factors play into this reality including increased awareness of international need, a greater understanding of how international issues affect our own domestic challenges, even the cost of domestic social services in comparison to services overseas. I suspect there is something else in play that isn't readily discussed - and that's the familio factor! To look someone in the face that resembles yourself, your family, your friends and to see the desperation that they are experiencing can sometimes just be too close for comfort. Suddenly, you are touched by your own vulnerability, the fragile truth of culture, economics, and human existence.

Each week I spend time talking with our donors, our supporters, our financial partners. I hear your stories, concerns, praises, and pray with you. Sometimes, after talking with one of you, I see a donation come in for \$5 or \$5,000 and I am moved by the knowledge that even though you may have just suffered a great loss, or are facing difficult challenges in your life, you still remembered our youth. I am moved by the commitment to your community and the compassion in your heart.

In the midst of national disasters or international relief work our donors remain faithful - not exclusive - but faithful - to our partnership in service to Seattle's homeless youth.

Over the years I have seen social service agency's struggle, cut back in staffing and services, close their doors, or profit from high profile stories of these vulnerable youth in order to stay open. In the midst of economic downturns or upswings, the people who choose to donate to New Horizons Ministries encourage us with their gifts of hope for our youth.

In my years of working in development and fund-raising I've seen hundreds of thousands of gifts generated through televised appeals, high profile events, or status donor clubs. There is something very unique about our donors, our financial partners. Maybe you have teenagers of your own, you are grandparents, or you are just young enough to remember being a teenager yourself, and you can't imagine the daily circumstances that these kids have to face. There is a heart of compassion shared by all who serve with us - direct service volunteers, office volunteers, board members, food group volunteers, prayer partners, financial partners, in-kind donors, or professionals providing services to us. You have kept our doors open. You have kept us on the street, reaching out to the confused, embarrassed, addicted, abused, angry, and hurt. Because of you, we can provide a place for them to realize their own strength and resilience. Because of you, we can give them hope.

**2006 DESSERT  
EXTRAVAGANZA!!!**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
SEEING YOU AT THIS  
IMPORTANT EVENT!**

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YOUR RSVP AND PLAN  
ON ATTENDING PLEASE  
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