



NHCO Marks Twenty Years of Service to the Community

On May 30, 1986, intense rains—eight inches in two hours—resulted in flash floods that took the lives of eight local residents. Creeks in Etna and Shaler overflowed their banks and caused more than \$20 million in damage to homes and businesses. Governor Dick Thornburgh declared ten communities in western Pennsylvania disaster zones.

Local religious and community leaders worked together to assist flood victims, directing the resources offered by congregations, businesses, civic organizations and individuals to best meet the needs of affected families. As a result, North Hills Community Outreach was incorporated as an organization of “People Helping People” in 1987.

To mark twenty years of service to local families in poverty, hardship and crisis, we will hold a **20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner** on **Sunday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.**, at St. Paul’s United Methodist Church in Hampton. We hope that you will save the date and join us for the celebration.

We’re happy to take your reservation now! Contact Wendy Gordon at 412-487-6316, option 1, extension 3112, or wbgordon@nhco.org. The ticket price will be \$30, with proceeds going towards the \$240,000 Kresge Challenge for the new Millvale Satellite (see page four).

2005-06 Annual Report Available Online

In an effort to be good stewards and utilize our limited resources where they are needed the most, we will not be mailing the **2005-06 Annual Report** to our donors as we’ve done in years past. We ask you to please access the report at www.nhco.org.

In 2005-06, **6,331 families** in hardship asked for and received our compassionate, effective and immediate help. That’s a 25% increase from the previous year.

Download the report today and find out the number one reason people came to us for help, a complete list of financial donors, our top 20 volunteers based on hours logged, the number of families who used our two food pantries, how youth helped, the final figures on our Ivan flood relief work, and much more!

Christina and her family moved to Pittsburgh after Hurricane Katrina destroyed their home. They are one of 12 relocated families to receive a free car from Community Auto, made possible by a grant to North Hills Community Outreach from **The Pittsburgh Foundation**.

Community Auto Offers Solution to Transportation Hurdles

In September 2005, NHCO established a partnership with **Community Auto**, Pennsylvania’s only licensed nonprofit car dealership dedicated to providing vehicles so low-income individuals can get to work. Our role is to take care of the “back office” functions, including finances and encouraging vehicle donations. This arrangement allows Community Auto to focus solely on repairing donated cars and getting them into the hands of local low-income workers.

During the first year, vehicles were sold well below retail value (at a savings to them of 37-48 percent) to 26 families in need. From July through December of this past year, 17 families received cars, so already we are poised to help even more families this year.

With the proposed cuts in public bus transportation and more than 70 individuals on the waiting list for a car, it is vital to continue to grow the program quickly and effectively. To donate your vehicle, please contact Randy Murchak at 724-443-8300 or rjmurchak@nhco.org.

Community Auto accepts vehicles in any condition but especially needs cars that require minimal repairs. Donors may take a fair market value tax deduction. Visit www.nhco.org for more photographs of families helped and details on how the tax law works in your favor when you donate a vehicle to Community Auto.

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The Connector

The Connector is published three times per year and mailed to 14,000 local addresses.

We are looking for a business or organization to underwrite printing and postage costs. Can you help?

You can **help us save** postage and printing costs by signing up to receive the newsletter electronically. Also, please let us know if you are receiving more than one copy.

Send any address corrections or other comments regarding *The Connector* to help@nhco.org.

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Mission: North Hills Community Outreach addresses the spiritual, emotional, physical and material needs of local individuals and families in crisis, hardship and poverty.

Vision: Northern Allegheny County is a community where everyone shares with their neighbors in hardship and no one is cold, hungry or forgotten.

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Volunteer **Joan Blumer** of Hampton organizes some of the 200 new coats donated by **Mellon Bank's Operation Warm** project. Special thanks to **Carlene Garrity** of Mellon for facilitating this wonderful donation.

Winter Sharing Projects Help Many

- 259 families selected 1,000 new and gently used warm winter coats at the annual Free Winter Coat Shop. Special thanks to lead volunteers **Jean Fitzgerald** and **Jean Kirk**. An additional 1,820 coats were shared with nine other pantries, congregations, shelters and social service agencies for distribution to those they serve.
- 465 families received a complete Thanksgiving dinner through Turkey on Every Table, another project led by the two Jeans!
- 430 families received credits on their utility bills or a grocery store gift card, allowing them to budget some funds for holiday spending for their loved ones. **Sandy Danahey** is the long-time lead volunteer on this project.
- 572 children received new toys that their parents selected at the free toy shop, enthusiastically led by **Karen Boujoukos**.

As much as we'd love to acknowledge every donor who gave generously so that others could stay warm and fed, we only have room to mention a few extra special efforts. Please know how much we truly appreciate every single gift.

- The **North Pittsburgh Corvette Club** donated \$2,000 worth of new toys.
- **Ponderosa** donated 311 Thanksgiving meal tickets valued at \$3,887 for our North Boroughs Food Pantry participants.
- **Morreale Chiropractic** collected and donated 103 turkey dinners and \$1,100 in grocery store gift cards.
- At one point, we were a little bit worried that we wouldn't be able to help 200 families who still needed their Thanksgiving dinners. That very day, a check for \$2,250 arrived in the mail from **Eichenlaub, Inc.** with a request that the money be used for Turkey on Every Table! The landscape contractor made this generous donation in lieu of holiday gifts for their clients.
- Members of **Salem United Methodist** and **Bradford Woods Community Church** prepared and delivered Thanksgiving dinners to 65 frail elderly Faith in Action care receivers as well as several food pantry participants.
- **Lester Hadburg** and **Gary Geller** of the **United Jewish Federation** delivered gifts and visited with Faith in Action frail seniors on Christmas Day.

*"Thank you very much for the help with our family's Thanksgiving dinner. Know that when you sit down and say your prayers, there is a family of seven thanking God for your blessing as well as His."—
Richland family*

Volunteers Make Phone Campaign a Success

As of January 12, we had received \$78,125 from 651 generous donors who responded to our fall phone campaign. Thanks to the following dedicated volunteers for making the calls and helping with the mailings. Names marked with an asterisk helped on more than one night! Thanks to **Bellisario's** and **Luciano's** for donating or discounting dinner for our volunteers. To help with the spring campaign, contact Ginny Giles at 412-487-6316, option 2, or vmgiles@nhco.org.

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Greg Wilson

Millvale Dedication a True Community Event



County Councilman and former Millvale Mayor **Jim Burn**, a longtime supporter of the expansion project, speaks at the event.

On December 10, more than 200 donors, volunteers and community members toured the new Millvale Community Center during the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony, jointly hosted by NHCO and the **Borough of Millvale**.

Special thanks to the following program participants: **Sam Bennardo**, NHCO Board and event emcee; **Millvale Community Choir**, directed by **Terry Schiebel**; **Vince Cinski**, Mayor of Millvale; **Jim Burn**, County Council; **Reverend George Mendis**, Christ Lutheran; **Beth E.**, NHCO service recipient; **Gary Brandenberger**, NHCO volunteer; **Cassa Collinge**, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development; **E.J. Donnelly III, MD**, and **Matthew Hughes**, St. Margaret Foundation; **Tom Landau**, Landau Building Co.; **Lynn Landis**, NHCO Board President; **Rhea Nicotra**, NHCO

Board member and Millvale business owner; **Jim Porter**, Millvale Borough Council President; **Jim Radock**, RSSC Architecture; and **Mary Wetzel**, NHCO volunteer and Millvale resident.

Extra special thanks to Borough Manager **Virginia Heller**. We most certainly couldn't have had a successful event without her! Thanks also to the following:

- **J&R Flowers** in Bloomfield donated 20 beautiful poinsettia plants and balloons.
- **Giant Eagle** donated a delicious sheet cake and dozens of cookies.
- **Edward Coll** of Sky's the Limit Photography donated his time and talent to photograph the event.

Turn the page to see how we're settling into our new Millvale Satellite!

Holiday Fundraisers

Two winter fundraisers are becoming a tradition at NHCO. Both offer great opportunities for groups and youth to volunteer, and both result in much needed funds to help our neighbors in hardship.

This year's **Gift Wrap** at Northway Mall brought in \$3,840 to support several local food pantries, including both of ours. Thanks to lead volunteer **Rozanne McCall**, **Teri Martin** at **Northway Mall**, and the following groups: **Heinz and Mellon** retirees, **Altrusa**, youth groups from **St. Alexander Nevsky**, **Stoneridge Covenant** and **Bethlehem Lutheran**, **Wexford Pregnancy Care Center**, **Bread of Life Food Pantry**, **Share One Pantry**, and **Girl Scout Troops 972, 1314 and 1552**.

NHCO is a "service unit" of the **Salvation Army** for certain northern zip codes and receives 90 percent of what we collect in our kettles to use for direct aid to families in need. This fundraiser was largely completed by youth and was led by volunteer **Laura Virostek**, a junior at Duquesne University. A total of \$3,713 was collected!

Thanks to **Gene Organ**, manager of **Shoppers' Choice**, and the following groups for covering an entire day of volunteering: **AAUW**, **North Allegheny Intermediate High Key Club** and **Coldwell Banker**.

Spring Share Up Next

Our next seasonal sharing project is "Spring Share" during which we collect and distribute grocery store certificates and candy baskets to approximately 500 local families in hardship. Please send your donations by April 2 to NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. For more information, contact Judy Murchak at 412-487-6316, option 1, or jamurchak@nhco.org.

Glass Slipper Ball

Zonta Three Rivers North will host the fourth annual Glass Slipper Ball on February 24 at the Four Points Sheraton in Cranberry. NHCO's scholarship program has received \$37,000 from the past three years. Call 724-935-6100 for tickets.

New Millvale Satellite Enables Compassionate, Effective Service

NHCO's seven core values of compassion, effectiveness, professionalism, collaboration, holistic approach, vision and stewardship all are being realized at the new Millvale Satellite, which was relocated to the renovated Millvale Community Center last fall. We are now better able to serve people in poverty, crisis and hardship from Millvale and 22 other communities. Here's how:

- An **elevator** enables volunteers and clients in wheelchairs or with other physical disabilities to reach our office (our previous location was only marginally wheelchair accessible).
- We have more than **twice the space** we had in our storefront location.
- The reception area offers comfortable seating for several clients/visitors and a nice work environment for our volunteer receptionists.
- Every office has a door, allowing for **private and confidential** discussions with those who come for help (we had absolutely no private interviewing space in the old building).
- Several unoccupied offices are equipped with telephones and computers, perfect for service recipients who need to use a computer for employment or other purposes.
- A **spacious project room** allows many volunteers to help at the same time.

We also have a **new phone system** that is linked to the main office in Hampton. The number to reach both Millvale and Hampton is **412-487-6316**. To speak with someone in Hampton, press 1; for Millvale, press 2. You may then enter the person's extension if you know it, or press zero to speak with the volunteer receptionist. This new system is much more efficient and increases our capacity to serve those in need.

In exchange for spearheading the capital campaign for the Community Center renovation, we have a 33-year lease with the Borough for just \$1 a year, allowing us to use our future resources to help neighbors in need. An additional \$389,000 is needed for us to receive a \$240,000 campaign-ending challenge grant from **The Kresge Foundation** in Troy, Michigan.

To help us obtain the Kresge Challenge Grant, please check the appropriate box on the donation form on the back of this newsletter, or simply write "Kresge" on the memo line of your check.

Thank you to the **Babcock Charitable Trust, Baronner-Chatfield Family Foundation, Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**, and the **Urban Affairs Foundation of the United Jewish Federation** for their recent gifts in support of the project. And a special thanks to **St. Margaret Foundation** for their five-year, \$150,000 grant to support ongoing operating costs at the Satellite.



After six years of planning and hard work, the Millvale Community Center is finally home to NHCO's Millvale Satellite, where 3,622 families in crisis received help in 2005-06.



Volunteer **Mary Ann Reynolds** of Richland enjoys the more comfortable working environment at the new Millvale Satellite.

Food Pantry Donations Needed

Donations to our food pantry tend to decline after the holidays, but the need for our services doesn't! Make your gift go even further during March and April, when all food and financial donations to our pantries will help us earn matching funds from **The Feinstein Foundation's** annual million dollar campaign to fight hunger.

All nonperishable items are appreciated, but we especially need cereal, juice, one-pound boxes of pasta, spaghetti sauce and hamburger/tuna helper. To make a financial donation, please just mark "Feinstein" on the memo line of your check. For more information, contact Natalie Klaum at 412-487-6316, option 1, or naklaum@nhco.org.

Thumbs Up!

- **Zachary Shuckrow**, a first-grader at McKnight Elementary, collected ten bags of groceries for the food pantry in lieu of accepting presents for his birthday party.
- The Gift of Sight Program at **LensCrafters** in Ross Park Mall donated 15 eye exams and 15 eyeglasses valued at \$3,000 for pantry participants.
- Several merchants in Wexford Plaza displayed collection jars and donated a total of \$736. Thanks to **J. Clay Play, Leone Animal Supply, Wexford Beer Distributing, GolfTEC, In the Kitchen, Arby's** and **Once Upon a Child**.
- 400 students at **Bellevue Elementary** collected \$1,379 in change, doubling what they donated last year.
- North Hills Middle School eighth-grader **Daniel Condrin** made and sold cookies, then used his proceeds to purchase \$100 in food for our pantries.
- 200 neighbors in need were treated to a free pancake breakfast, courtesy of **Trinity Lutheran** in Avalon.
- Pine-Richland High senior and band president **Peter Tine** collected \$1,000 worth of food at their winter concert.
- Hampton **Girl Scout Cadette Troop #207** collected 200 rolls of toilet paper for our food pantries.
- **Jean Bowman** of Hampton donated \$91 in honor of her 91st birthday.
- **Mark Panza** of **Panza Frame and Gallery** will help decorate the new Millvale Satellite with framed artwork by local artists.
- The **Ross Township Roadcrew** pooled their money to donate \$144 to help their neighbors in need.
- The **Hampton Shaler Etna Ministerial Association** donated \$807 from its Thanksgiving service hosted at **Bethlehem Lutheran**.
- The **Northern Allegheny County Chamber of Commerce** donated \$581 from its inaugural ball. Thumbs up also to **Tom Landau** of Landau Construction, who donated \$355 in raffle winnings back to NHCO.



OurHouse sales rep **Carolyn Funk** of Indiana Township donated environmentally-friendly cleaning supplies for our new Millvale Satellite.

Eight Women Complete New Choices Class

The New Choices program, sponsored by **Carlow College** and **PA Women Work!** and hosted at NHCO, graduated eight students in December. This ten-week career development course covered topics such as interviewing skills, self-assessments, and career exploration. The next series begins February 8; contact Carolyn Pschirer at 412-487-6316, option 1, or chpschirer@nhco.org.

NHCO Partners with Good Grief Center

NHCO is working with the **Good Grief Center** to sponsor a family support program for those who've lost loved ones. The program, which will focus on providing opportunities to participate in shared family activities, will begin this spring and is offered free of charge. Registration is required. Please contact Jan McCarthy at 412-461-1776.

Get Involved Today!

Volunteer Orientation Sessions

February 15, 10 AM, North Boroughs
March 15, 10 AM, Allison Park
April 19, 7 PM, Millvale
May 24, 10 AM, North Boroughs

Specific Volunteer Opportunities

- Citrus Sale - unload, sort and deliver fruit March 2-4
- Receptionists in Millvale, Allison Park and Community Auto (Richland)
- Faith in Action volunteer caregivers
- Free Rides for Seniors bus drivers and dispatchers
- Computer trainers - basic skills
- Microsoft Access - advanced knowledge
- North Boroughs Food Pantry
- **U.S. Open** at Oakmont Country Club, June 11-17. NHCO needs 200+ volunteers to staff our concession stand. Perks include free parking, one free meal per shift, and best of all for golf fans, free access to the golf event before and after your shift. Volunteers will need to attend a brief training this spring, date and location to be announced. Contact lead volunteer Ruth Graham at 412-486-5001 to sign up.

For orientations and all other volunteer opportunities, contact Ginny Giles at 412-487-6316, option 2, or vmgiles@nhco.org.

Mini-Masters Miniature Golf

NHCO's sixth annual Mini-Masters Miniature Golf Tournament will take place on **Thursday, May 17**, at RMU Island Sports Center on Neville Island. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. and features a round of miniature golf, a buffet dinner, silent auction and prizes. Prices for participation and sponsorships range from \$25-\$200. More exclusive corporate sponsorships are available as well. For more information, contact event co-chair Althea Worthy at 412-307-0069 or acw419@comcast.net.

Millvale Spaghetti Dinner

Mark your calendars for **Friday, June 22** and plan to bring your family to our Millvale Spaghetti Dinner at the new Millvale Community Center's banquet facility. Tickets are \$6 in advance, \$8 at the door and include pasta, salad, soft drinks and dessert. And if you'd like to volunteer, we're looking for cooks, servers and people to help with set up and clean up. Contact Maria Christina at 412-487-6316, option 2, or mschristina@nhco.org.

Case Management Participants Praise the Program's Support

NHCO's Case Management program takes a holistic approach to helping low-income families reach economic self-sufficiency. Each year, a monitor from the **Allegheny County Department of Human Services**, which funds the program, interviews program participants to assess their progress and satisfaction. Here are just a few of the comments from the most recent round of interviews:

- "I thank God they are there to help people."
- "I have always been treated with respect."
- "Once you start, they will not leave you."
- "This organization is a blessing from God."
- "They not only helped me get set up, they also helped me realize that I can achieve my goals."

Thousands will Benefit from Third Year of Compassion Allegheny

In January, NHCO announced the 11 organizations selected to participate in the third year of Compassion Allegheny. NHCO and its partners, **KEYGroup**, **Duquesne University's Nonprofit Leadership Institute**, the **Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management**, the **Program to Aid Citizen Enterprise**, and **Holy Family Institute** will provide technical assistance in board, staff, program and resource development to the grassroots faith- and community-based organizations.

Participating organizations also receive a small grant (\$3,000-\$9,000) to further their capacity to serve.

Funding for this project comes from a \$260,000 Compassion Capital Fund grant from the **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**. The **Pittsburgh Presbytery New Mission Fund** also supports the project.

Pictured below are leaders from the selected organizations. Together these groups will serve thousands of people in need throughout Allegheny County.

Front row seated left to right:

- Alma Speed Fox of **Freedom Unlimited** - serving low-income families and seniors in the Hill District
- Carl Baughman of **Samaritan Counseling Center** - serving individuals with mental illness and low-income families in northern Allegheny County
- Lucinda Wade of **Coraopolis Church of God** - serving at-risk youth in the Coraopolis/Moon area
- Suanne and David Stewart of **Caregivers Institute** - serving low-income families and people with addictions from across Allegheny County

Back row standing left to right:

- Sherri Leifman of **Union Aid Society** - serving seniors and low-income families in the Quaker Valley School District

Thanks from an FSA Graduate

"Thank you all very much for your help, hard work and good wishes on behalf of our family completing the FSA program and achieving our goal of a car. The Buick Skylark is really beyond our hopes. We are so very happy. We will all feel so much more confident when using this car for work and all the other reasons a family needs a safe, reliable car.

NHCO has really made a difference in our lives. We pray for you all and hope that this note in some small way shows our appreciation."—*from a Shaler family who recently graduated from the Family Savings Accounts program. They used their savings and \$2,000 in matching funds to purchase a car from Community Auto.*

There are still ten slots open for low-income savers in the Family Savings Accounts program. Contact Harriet Gibbs at 412-487-6316, option 2, or hzgibbs@nhco.org.

- Rev. Bruce Nordeen of **Greater Chartiers Valley Community Outreach** - serving seniors and low-income families in Chartiers Valley
- Dana Davis of **The Open Door** - serving the homeless, people with HIV and individuals with addictions across Pittsburgh
- Rev. Jim Herbst of **Urban Fuel** - serving at-risk youth in the Hazelwood community
- Renee Cox of **Prevention Point Pittsburgh** - serving the homeless, people with HIV and individuals with addictions across Pittsburgh
- Andrew Pugh of **Welcome Center for Immigrants and Internationals** - serving low-income and foreign-born individuals across Allegheny County
- Daniel Horgan of **Pittsburgh Cares** - serving at-risk youth, seniors, low-income families across Allegheny County

For more information about Compassion Allegheny, contact Keith Caldwell at 412-487-6316, option 2, or kjccaldwell@nhco.org.

Participating grassroots organizations in this year's Compassion Allegheny mentoring program were announced at the Pittsburgh Presbytery in January.





Bjorn and Beth Dakin of Hampton prepare the wheelchair ramp for installation.

Volunteers Build Ramp to Help Local Woman with Disabilities

A Shaler woman and NHCO Faith in Action care receiver who is confined to a wheelchair used to have to be carried in and out of her house. Now, thanks to the efforts of **St. Paul's United Methodist's Volunteers in Mission**, she can use her new wheelchair ramp to enter and exit her home. This was the group's first service project.

Nine members of the group spent two and a half days building the sturdy wooden ramp. Materials for the project cost \$316, which was donated by **North Hills Senior Services, St. Mary's, St. Paul's** and an anonymous donor.

"If you believe, as I do, that God puts opportunities before us and gives us the chance to choose which direction we will take, then this was clearly one of those opportunities," says the group's co-founder Dave Mitchell. "We couldn't have asked for a better project, for a more deserving person and the family she lived with. I know we were all inspired by the project and these people."

Thanks to volunteers **Chuck Bacu, Whit Cadman, Beth and Bjorn Dakin, Norma Dodge, Ray Franke, Dave Mitchell, and Mary and Dick Rishel** for their efforts on behalf of their neighbor in need.

Online Discussion Board Encourages Volunteer Caregiving



Faith in Action matches caring volunteers with frail elderly and adults with physical disabilities. The volunteers provide nonmedical assistance including transportation to doctors' appointments, home safety checks and friendly visits.

All volunteers and service recipients, as well as anyone interested in learning more about the program, are invited to sign up for an online discussion board to share ideas, resources and questions. Visit www.fia-ivc.net, a website sponsored by **Faith in Action/Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers of the Alleghenies**, a collaboration of eight area agencies with coordination by NHCO. The program is funded by the **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**.

Special thanks to **Kerry Schenker** and **Brian Hillwig** of **Information Solutions & Management** for volunteering their time to design the site.

Attention, Class of 2007!

NHCO is hiring up to eight local graduating high school seniors as Summer Youth Philanthropy Interns, funded by a grant from **The Heinz Endowments**.

This is an excellent opportunity for local teens to become involved as grantmakers in their community, while improving their organizational, communication and leadership skills. Interns will learn about human services by working extensively on one or more of our programs for people in need.

To apply, you must be a 2007 high school graduate from northern Allegheny County, be accepted into a four-year college or university for the fall 2007 semester, and have a valid PA driver's license and work permit (if under 18).

For a complete job description and application guidelines, visit www.nhco.org/youth.htm.

The deadline to apply is May 1. Contact Susan Rohm at 412-307-0069 or shrohm@nhco.org.

Five Grad Students Join NHCO for Spring Term

NHCO is pleased to welcome five first-year graduate students from **University of Pittsburgh's** Master of Social Work program.

Jennah Ferrara, Elizabeth Krugh, Jessica Mink, Olivia Robertson and **Eileen Retamal** are completing their foundation field placement with us during the spring term. They are working 24 hours a week at various NHCO locations, including Community Auto.

Front row - Jennah Ferrara and Elizabeth Krugh; Back row - Jessica Mink and Olivia Robertson; Not pictured - Eileen Retamal



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- Grocery store gift cards, which can also be used to purchase bus tickets
- Floor mats (for under desk chairs)
- Digital postal scales (2)
- Resin garden storage shed

Community Auto

- Vacuum cleaner
- Plastic/metal storage containers for auto parts
- Sears or similar hand tools such as sockets, wrenches
- Tire changer, MIG welder

To donate, contact Dianne Buirge at 412-487-6316, option 1, or dmbuirge@nhco.org. For a complete wish list, visit www.nhco.org.

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A Word of Thanks

To all of our generous donors—our thanks is immediate, but sometimes our thank you notes take a little longer, especially during "peak" giving seasons. All of NHCO's thank you notes are completed by dedicated volunteers, with leadership from volunteer **Renee Full** of McCandless.

We'd like to thank everyone who checked "**Save postage!**" on their donation forms in 2006. By not mailing thank you letters for 1,231 financial gifts received, **we saved \$568** in printing and postage costs!

Other ways to help us save are by letting us know if you have moved, are temporarily away, or are receiving more than one copy of the newsletter. Please email any pertinent information to help@nhco.org.

And don't forget about the easiest way to help us raise a little extra money to help our neighbors in need: every time you search the Internet, use the Yahoo-powered search engine at www.goodsearch.com. Make sure you've entered NHCO into the "Who do you GoodSearch for" box and we'll receive a penny for every single search. From July through December of last year, there were 8,883 searches done on behalf of NHCO (\$88.83). **If everyone who receives this newsletter conducts just one search every day in 2007, NHCO will earn \$51,100 to further our mission!**

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