

“Does NHCO Accept Donated Vehicles?”

The answer to that often-asked question is now a resounding “yes!”

Transportation can be a major hurdle for families in hardship and poverty. Without reliable and affordable transportation, it can be difficult, if not impossible, to acquire and maintain employment. NHCO provides bus passes for some individuals with employment needs, but this is usually just a temporary solution.

We are happy to announce a new collaborative effort to help local workers purchase low-cost, reliable vehicles. NHCO now operates **Community Auto**’s programming. Community Auto’s mission is to “make vehicle ownership affordable to low-income individuals and families experiencing economic hardship so they have a safe and reliable means of transportation for getting to work and to meet other family transportation needs.”

Community Auto has been a volunteer-run organization since its inception in 2003. With NHCO’s partnership to operate its programs, Community Auto can now expand its services and help more people in need. It is the only nonprofit licensed car dealership in Pennsylvania that puts donated cars back into the hands of low-income workers.

How does it work?

Local community members donate unwanted vehicles (value may be tax deductible). Donors may drop off the car by appointment or request a pick-up. When calling to inquire about donating a car, please be prepared to provide the year, make and model, as well as the approximate mileage and general condition. **We need volunteers to pick up donated vehicles!**

The vehicles are repaired and reconditioned to meet standards and pass the PA State Inspection. **We need skilled volunteer “technicians” to recondition vehicles!**

The vehicles are then sold at reasonable prices to low-income workers

who need reliable transportation. In cases of dire need, cars MAY be given away as gifts. Community Auto is not a used car lot, and drop-ins and browsing are not allowed. Appointments are required. Most workers receive their cars with a AAA membership and a full tank of gas! The majority of cars purchased for \$1,500 or more come with a limited warranty.

Businesses, religious organizations and other nonprofits and community groups can refer individuals and families in need of affordable, reliable vehicles. Community Auto also participates with the **Department of Public Welfare’s Vehicle Grant Program**, which can pay all or part of the vehicle’s cost. A program at **Family Services of Western PA** can provide a loan.

“High end” vehicles too costly for low-income workers to maintain are sold to the general public to fund the reconditioning of other, more appropriate vehicles and to provide financial resources to further Community Auto’s mission.

Some cars are not suitable for re-sale to the public and are scrapped. Again, proceeds support the program to keep the costs of appropriate cars low.

Coming Soon!

We will post pictures (exterior and interior shots) of a selection of available vehicles at www.nhco.org. This will save valuable time and make it easier for potential buyers to see what is available. **We need volunteers to photograph the cars!**

If you need a car or would like to donate one, contact Randy Murchak at 724-443-8300 or cauto1@nauticom.net.

To volunteer, contact Ginny Giles at 412-487-6316 or vmgiles@nhco.org.

Community Auto is located off Route 8 in Gibsonia.



George and Susanne Dull of Fox Chapel volunteer together for Free Rides for Seniors.

Senior Bus Program in Full Swing

From May through August, **Free Rides for Seniors**, which is part of NHCO’s **Faith in Action-Hartwood** program and a collaborative effort with the **St. Margaret Foundation**, has provided **1,941 free bus trips** for seniors living on or near Freeport Road from Sharpsburg to Blawnox. Riders have ranged in age from 60-94, and the most popular destinations have been the grocery store, Waterworks Mall, St. Margaret Hospital and the Sharpsburg senior center.

Sixteen volunteer bus drivers have logged 419 hours in four months, while 6 volunteer dispatchers have worked 72 hours in the last two months. The dispatcher’s job is to answer the phone, take appointments and help the driver navigate. Among these volunteers are three couples who enjoy spending time together while giving back to the community: **Christine and Chuck Seibert, Dory and Reinald McCrum, and Susanne and George Dull.**

To learn more about Free Rides for Seniors, contact Kimberly Mikita at 412-784-5081 or kamikita@nhco.org.

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Mission: North Hills Community Outreach is an interfaith nonprofit organization that addresses the spiritual, emotional, physical and material needs of people 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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Construction to Begin on Expansion Project

NHCO's Millvale Satellite expansion has been delayed a year due to the flood, but we are excited to announce that we are moving forward. We invite our supporters to a ceremonial groundbreaking on **Saturday, December 10**, at noon. RSVP to Wendy Gordon at 412-487-6316 or wbgordon@nhco.org by December 5.

The current Millvale Satellite (1,900 square feet) is extremely inadequate for meeting the needs of local families in distress. There is absolutely no confidential workspace, which is vital to providing services with compassion, effectiveness and professionalism, and there is no group meeting space. Last year, **2,551 families in need from 23 communities** were served there (4,900+ were served across all sites). In addition to Millvale, communities served include Sharpsburg, Etna, O'Hara, Aspinwall, Blawnox, Fox Chapel, Indiana, Harmar, Cheswick, Springdale, Tarentum, East Deer, Frazer, Fawn and Harrison.

The expanded Community Center will:

- Provide 4,080 square feet for NHCO's Millvale Satellite – adequate space for now and for growth for the foreseeable future;
- Develop 3,432 square feet for rental to other human service and education providers, bringing needed services to the northern suburbs. Rent will be used to cover the increased cost of utilities, maintenance, security, etc. for the building; and
- Upgrade 10,144 square feet (entrance, multipurpose room and common areas) for shared programming space to enhance and promote community usage of the meeting/training/banquet facilities for seminars, workshops and events.

In exchange for spearheading the capital campaign, NHCO will receive occupancy for \$1/year. This will free us from the burden of rent without exchanging it for the burdens of building ownership while dramatically increasing our dedicated space.

With flood recovery efforts finally winding down, it is imperative that we move forward with this project and the fundraising necessary for it. But **construction costs have gone up 10%** since we began to plan – due in part to the high demand for construction in our area caused by the devastation of Hurricane Ivan. We expect prices to rise even more due to Hurricane Katrina.

In-kind donations and volunteer time will help to contain project costs, now estimated at \$2.2 to \$2.6 million. Can you help? Financial donations, in-kind contributions and volunteers are all needed. Please also consider participating in our **Bricks Campaign!**

NHCO expands services in response to community needs to ensure that no one in northern Allegheny County is cold, hungry or forgotten.

To learn more about this unique collaborative effort with the **Borough of Millvale**, please attend one of our upcoming open houses at the current Millvale Satellite: **Saturday, October 22**, 11:00 AM, or **Friday, October 28**, 6:00 PM. RSVP to Wendy at 412-487-6316 or wbgordon@nhco.org.

In-kind donations and volunteers needed!

Contact Don Breitbarth at 412-821-0904 to help, and [visit www.nhco.org](http://www.nhco.org) for updated lists.

- Commercial restroom toilets, sinks, mirrors, stalls, vanity tops, grab bars, dispensers
- Kitchen cabinets and countertops
- Drywall
- Acoustical drop ceiling tiles
- Drop ceiling lights
- Vinyl tile
- Commercial office carpeting
- Rubber cove molding
- Ceramic flooring and wall tile
- Two-story elevator
- 10# ABC dry chemical extinguishers
- Fire extinguisher cabinets with bubble door
- Windows and blinds
- 12" block material, ground-face block, split-face block
- Galvanized studs
- Dumpster service
- Volunteers to help with minor demolition work, removal of small trees and bushes, clean up and painting

BRICKS CAMPAIGN

Participate in our Millvale Satellite Expansion Bricks Campaign and make an impression that will last a lifetime!

BRICK OPTIONS (See below for pricing.)

- A. 4"x8" brick: 3 lines, up to 18 characters each (includes spaces/punctuation)
- B. 8"x8" brick: 6 lines, up to 18 characters each (includes spaces/punctuation)
- C. 8"x8" brick: Business/organization logo

JOHN YOUNG
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF MY WIFE ANN

CONGRATULATIONS
TO CARRIE AND
BRIAN FOX ON
THE BIRTH OF
THEIR SON JOSHUA
JUNE 28, 2005

The Future Millvale Community Center & NHCO Millvale Satellite



Brick Sidewalk

****Early Bird Discount Deadline: November 30, 2005****

Please complete a separate form for each brick ordered.

Order Date _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Choose One:

- Brick A** (4"x8") - \$55 (\$50 before 11/30/05)
- Brick B** (8"x8") - \$110 (\$100 before 11/30/05)
- Brick C** (8"x8" logo) \$325 (\$300 before 11/30/05)
(Call Wendy at 412-487-6316 to arrange logo delivery.)

Please Print Clearly!

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Your gift qualifies as a charitable deduction for tax purposes. **Please mail form with payment** (payable to NHCO with "Bricks" written on memo line) to NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. Call Wendy at 412-487-6316 with questions.

What about Katrina?

NHCO is helping hurricane survivors who relocate to northern Allegheny County with such necessities as food, diapers, clothing, prescriptions, school supplies, winter coats, security deposits and first month's rent, furniture, utility assistance, bus passes, job assistance and holiday help. For those who choose to relocate permanently, we can help with long-term solutions such as scholarships and Family Savings Accounts.

Working in cooperation with the **Allegheny County Department of Human Services** and **The Pittsburgh Project**, we will walk beside them, help them to find apartments, recover identification, birth certificates and drivers licenses, link them to other sources of aid, and help them to apply for FEMA and flood insurance funds.

Words of Thanks from Flood Victims

"The volunteers who delivered our furniture were so nice and polite (even though we have four flights of stairs). We really cannot thank you enough! Finally, after that devastating September flood, our lives are getting back to normal!"

"I know there were many people affected by the flood, but the outpouring of love and assistance you showed us made us feel like we were the only people in the world. I also commend you on how you help people. You allowed me to ask for help but made it easy enough that I kept my dignity."

"All of you got the things done in a matter of days or a couple of weeks that would have taken us years to accomplish. We just can't say thank you enough."

The Flood of 2004, One Year Later

More than a year after flooding from Hurricane Ivan devastated much of our service area, we are finally winding down our relief efforts. Thanks to the generous support of thousands of local individuals and groups, we've helped hundreds of flood victims get back on their feet. We are still helping several families and businesses though and need skilled electricians and plumbers to volunteer their time and talents to help their neighbors in need.

A complete overview of our flood work from the past year will be available in our upcoming annual report, which can be viewed online at www.nhco.org in November.

In the meantime, here is a brief snapshot of our flood relief efforts from the past year. All numbers are as of August 31, 2005.

- **991 families received \$695,559 in direct assistance**, including:
 - 755 individuals received new clothing
 - 197 families received food
 - 176 families received household items (bedding, dishes, etc.)
 - 130 families received general home repair and/or clean-up
 - 117 families used dehumidifiers on a rotating basis
 - 92 families received a washer and/or dryer
 - 50 families received housing assistance (relocation or shelter)
 - 49 families received furniture
 - 34 families received new furnaces with ductwork
 - 25 families received utility assistance
- **53 small businesses received \$67,681 in direct assistance**, including:
 - 30 businesses received general site repair and/or clean-up
 - 27 businesses received furniture, equipment and supplies
 - 22 business owners and managers received guidance from volunteer attorneys, marketing experts and other professionals
- **1,102 volunteers gave 18,366 hours of service**

- **Religious groups, civic organizations, schools and businesses donated a combined \$243,806 in funds and in-kind goods**

- This past July, NHCO coordinated the efforts of 300 volunteers from **PA Christian Endeavor (PACE)** who traveled from the Lancaster area to assist with flood relief. The largely youth volunteer corps made significant repairs to an astonishing 73 homes



Two young PACE volunteers repair a flood victim's brick wall.

- in a two-week period. Flood victims in Etna, Sharpsburg, Millvale, Tarentum and Carnegie all benefitted from the volunteers' hard work and positive attitudes. Special thanks to **Reverend Sam Yeager** of PACE and to **Mt. Alvernia** in Millvale for housing all of the volunteers.
- Special thanks to our partner, **Hosanna Industries**. In order to assist the greatest numbers of households and provide assistance as efficiently as possible, NHCO performed case management services (needs assessments, eligibility verification, follow-up) for 110 families while Hosanna Industries bore the actual cost of making the home repairs.

Youth Leaders Welcome at NHCO

This past summer, 22 high school students attending the **Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminar** at LaRoche College found time to help out with NHCO's flood relief efforts. One youth participant wrote to thank us:

"When I learned that my group would be participating in the flood victim project, I was less than enthused because I did not think I would be able to contribute much. After I looked back at the experience, however, I realized how fortunate I was to be able to be a part of it. Our efforts may not have appeared extraordinary or heroic, but they were very much needed and appreciated. Even more rewarding was the woman's reaction to our service. She was truly touched, which inspired all of us to continue to volunteer in the future."

NHCO's Youth Leadership Program continues to expand into more school districts. If you are the parent, teacher or guidance counselor of a student who wants or needs to complete a community service project, contact Susan Rohm at 412-307-0069 or shrohmn@nhco.org.

Thumbs Up!

- This year's Dessert Theatre raised more than \$6,000. Special thanks to **The St. Paul's Players** for donating two performances.
- **NHCO's Bridge-A-Rama** held their annual lunch at our Allison Park office. In addition to their regular financial contributions, they also brought food for our pantries.
- Children of families served by NHCO were treated to a "mini press conference" with **Pittsburgh Pirates Jack Wilson** and **Jason Bay**. Thanks to **Giant Eagle** in Seven Fields, **Michelle Patterson**, **Judy Dodd**, **Damita Rupp**, **Brian Frey** and **Rich Mamone** for making it such a special day for the kids.
- 78-year-old Free Rides for Seniors rider **Jean Creo** of Aspinwall now volunteers as a dispatcher. She says the transportation program has made a big difference in her life and she is thrilled to be able to give back by volunteering.
- The **Shaler Area Education Association** raised \$4,000 for NHCO's flood relief efforts by selling \$1 bracelets with "Rebuild" imprinted on them.
- For each high quality hanger customers returned to **Owl Cleaners**, owners **Heather** and **Joe Zicarelli** donated 20 cents to NHCO for a total contribution of \$3,000 so far.
- **Allegheny Financial Group** raised \$500 during a softball game. Special thanks to organizer **Vince Parrucci**.
- The **Pittsburgh Riverhounds** held a soccer clinic for local children at the **Ross Township Community Center** as part of NHCO's Tobacco Free North initiative.
- **Barb Barcousky** of Ben Avon was named a Community Champion by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. Barb is the lead volunteer at NHCO's North Boroughs Food Pantry, which provides food for 175 local families every month.

Support Groups

Unless noted, groups meet at NHCO Allison Park. Holidays may conflict with regular meeting schedules; verify dates with Harriet Gibbs at 412-487-6316 or hzgibbs@nhco.org.

- Alzheimers/Dementia (for caregivers): Every second Tuesday, 7 PM
- Young Widows/Widowers: Every first Thursday, 7 PM, King's Restaurant in Wexford
- Bereavement: Every first Monday, 2 PM
- **(NEW)** Life Limiting Illnesses (for caregivers): Every second Thursday, 6 PM

Volunteer Opportunities

Contact Ginny Giles at 412-487-6316 or vmgiles@nhco.org for more information on any of these opportunities:

- Holiday Gift Wrap at Northway Mall
- Salvation Army bellringers
- Citrus Sale—group sales, distribution
- Skilled volunteers such as electricians and plumbers to help local families still recovering from last year's flood
- Faith in Action volunteer caregivers
- Bus drivers and dispatchers for Free Rides for Seniors
- Callers to participate in the fall phone campaign
- Callers to participate in a satisfaction survey to flooded families and businesses

Volunteer Orientation

This one-hour session offers an overview of services and volunteer opportunities and is suitable for both current and prospective volunteers ages 14 and up. Contact Ginny Giles at 412-487-6316 or vmgiles@nhco.org to attend.

- October 20, 10 AM, Millvale Satellite
- November 8, 7 PM, Allegheny General Hospital
- January 12, 10 AM, Allison Park

Tobacco Free North

Tobacco use is an economic issue as well as a health risk. NHCO's Tobacco Free North Resource Specialist is available to speak to your congregation, school or civic group about smoking cessation and prevention. Contact Nicole Davis at 412-821-0904 or nmdavis@nhco.org. NHCO will sponsor an activity for the Great American Smokeout on **November 17**. Visit www.nhco.org for details.

Support Terrors by the Lake

NHCO is one of the beneficiaries of this popular haunted house at North Park, which is open evenings through October 30 (closed on Mondays). Thanks to **Western PA Children's Charities**.

Pantry Items of the Month

October: potatoes (any kind)

November: sugar, oil

December: rice, pasta packages

Contact Natalie Klaum at 412-487-6316 or naklaum@nhco.org for tips on organizing a food drive.



Family Savings Account Program "graduate" Marilyn Millar proudly poses with Al Brumn, Assistant Sales Manager of Mick's Chrysler, alongside her 1996 Saturn.

Local Woman Realizes Dream of Car Ownership

Marilyn Millar has dreamt of owning her own car since she was 18 years old. Marilyn lives in West View and works as a food service assistant at UPMC Passavant. With shift work, it can be very difficult, if not impossible, to have to rely on public transportation.

Marilyn opened an NHCO **Family Savings Account** (FSA) on May 10, 2003. The FSA Program provides a dollar for dollar match up to \$2,000 for home or car purchase, home repair, small business start-up or college education. It is funded by the **PA Department of Community and Economic Development**. Savers must meet income guidelines to participate.

Marilyn diligently completed her financial literacy workshops in July 2003 and made monthly deposits of \$84 for 24 consecutive months. She reached her savings goal of \$2,000 in May 2005 and received her \$2,000 match.

Although she had a driver's license, Marilyn had not driven a car for many years, so she voluntarily completed a driver's refresher course before buying a car.

After comparison shopping for two months, Marilyn finally found the perfect car—a 1996 Saturn at **Mick's Chrysler**. Thanks to Mick's for working with NHCO and Marilyn to ensure a smooth sale.

We congratulate Marilyn on her accomplishment and hope that her new car serves her well for many years to come.

To learn more about FSA, contact Harriet Gibbs at 412-487-6316 or h zgibbs@nhco.org. Income guidelines are posted on our website at www.nhco.org/eligibility.htm.

Special thanks to **State Senator Mike Turzai** for his support.

\$5,000 in Scholarships Awarded

NHCO's Scholarship Program is open to nontraditional students who reside in northern Allegheny County, live at or below 200% of poverty level, and are enrolled (or plan to enroll) in a school of higher education. Applicants must write a 500-word essay on how an NHCO scholarship will make a difference in his or her life. Most scholarships can be used not just for tuition, but also for books, supplies, transportation to school or childcare.

The scholarship committee recently granted \$5,000 in scholarships for four current recipients and five new students for the fall term. The recipients range in age from 19 to 46 and are attending CCAC, LaRoche College, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh School of Massage Therapy and North Hills Beauty Academy.

Many thanks to the Scholarship Committee: **Alicia Dal Lago**, owner of Alicia Photography and founder of the NHCO Scholarship Program; **Mary Jo Hess**, Zonta Three Rivers North member; **Rosemary Prager**, lead volunteer for our Back-to-School Project; and **Ann Vande Weerd**, Employment Specialist with CCAC-North Campus.

We recently received the following thank you letter from a grateful scholarship recipient from Hampton:

"Please accept my deepest gratitude for the generous scholarship award. Your vote of confidence most especially means a lot, for it encourages me as I make this big step in transforming my and my daughters' lives. I intend to use my education and degree in counseling to hopefully elicit positive transformation in the lives of others."

If you or someone you know would like to apply for an NHCO scholarship (or if you'd like to sponsor a scholarship to help others), contact Harriet Gibbs at 412-487-6316 or h zgibbs@nhco.org.

Groups Invited to Apply for Second Round of Compassion Allegheny

Last year, NHCO was one of 14 organizations nationwide to receive a Compassion Capital Fund grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. We used the \$234,000 to mentor eleven small faith- and community-based organizations in staff, board, program and resource development with an emphasis on compassion, effectiveness and stewardship. The project also gave \$58,500 in sub-awards to the participating organizations.

We have been awarded an additional \$260,000 to continue this important work. Allegheny County organizations with a mission of helping the poor, frail elderly or at-risk youth and a budget of less than \$500,000 are now invited to apply. Contact RaSheda Davis at 412-487-6316 or rkdavis@nhco.org to request an application.

Duquesne University's Nonprofit Leadership Institute and **KEYGroup** remain our two major partners, and we have added other partners as well: **Bayer Center for Nonprofit Management**, **Holy Family Institute** and **University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work**.

We thank **The Forbes Funds**, **Allegheny County Office for Faith-based and Community Initiatives**, **Pittsburgh Presbytery**, **The Heinz Endowments**, **United Way of Allegheny County** and **Senator Rick Santorum's** office for their support of Compassion Allegheny in various ways.

We Asked, You Answered!

Find the results of our community needs assessment surveys and focus groups involving local healthcare providers, religious leaders and school officials at www.nhco.org. We've also posted the results from a survey of volunteers that measured their level of satisfaction and desire (or lack thereof) for recognition.

Back to School Made Easier

Thanks to generous congregations, Vacation Bible Schools, civic groups, businesses and individuals, **607** low-income children and young adults (preschool through college) returned to school with new backpacks filled with age-appropriate supplies, and families in extreme need received clothing certificates. Thanks to six-time lead volunteer **Rosemary Prager**. Special thanks:

- **Dutilh UMC** and **Orchard Hill Church** each collected more than 100 backpacks filled with supplies.
- For the second year, **Rogers Elementary** collected pennies (*Change to Make a Change*) throughout the school year to purchase clothing gift certificates.
- **Northwood Realty** celebrated *Christmas in July* and collected 48 backpacks.
- **Hampton Presbyterian** gave money to 17-year-old church member **Sara Hunkele** to help others. Sara purchased several backpacks and filled them with supplies.
- **Christopher** and **Andrea Gingrich** (ages 8 and 9) collected school supplies from their North Park Manor neighborhood.
- **Lauren Cebulski** collected school supplies from her neighbors on Balmoral Drive for her confirmation project and then helped sort and pack the items.
- For the third year, teenager **Katie Muskal** conducted a collection in her Oakridge Neighborhood.
- Retired school teacher **Ann Brooks** bought 42 new backpacks on ebay.
- **Oxford Athletic Club** set up a collection box for its members.
- **Treasure House Fashions** donated clothing certificates.

Members of **Springdale United Presbyterian Youth Group** display some of the new backpacks they collected.



Sharing Projects Help Families in Need this Winter

Throughout September, our “sharing projects” room was inundated with hundreds of donated gently-worn coats for our **Free Winter Coat Shop**. Visit www.nhco.org for a recap of the project; we'll tell you how many families received coats and who made it all possible.

Another major project in the works is **Turkey on Every Table**, which provides local low-income families with a complete and nourishing holiday meal. With your help, we expect to provide

Thanksgiving dinner to well over 600 families this year. This is a terrific group project, so talk to your congregation, civic group, school or business about participating, and visit our www.nhco.org for a list of items needed.

Sharing Holiday Warmth offers the gifts of light, heat and nourishment to low-income families in the form of \$75 in utility and grocery credits. Knowing they are receiving this assistance, families are able to budget for the holidays, allowing them the dignity to select their own gifts for loved ones. We will hold a luncheon to thank donors who contribute to Sharing Holiday Warmth [see box].

Special thanks to **Magoo's Bar & Bistro** (owner **Jay Fairbrother**) for generously sponsoring this event.

For more information on any of our sharing projects, contact Judy Murchak at 412-487-6316 or jamurchak@nhco.org.

Sharing Holiday Warmth Luncheon

Sunday, November 13
11:30 AM - 2:30 PM
(Open house style)

Magoo's Bar & Bistro
9101 Perry Highway
McCandless

Couples & Families: \$75
Individuals: \$40

100% of the ticket price is used to help families in need. Your donation qualifies as a charitable deduction for tax purposes.

RSVP to Kerry Mink at 412-487-6316 or kamink@nhco.org by November 7. Or send a check (payable to NHCO with “SHW Luncheon” on memo line) to NHCO, 1975 Ferguson Road, Allison Park, PA 15101.

United Way Day of Caring

On September 16, seventeen **MEDRAD** employees, including lead volunteer **Drew Campbell**, provided most of the supplies and tools necessary during their United Way Day of Caring project at NHCO. The group cleaned up our grounds, painted walls and made repairs.

CCAC North faculty and students, led by **Kathy White**, continued this work later in the month. They bought their supplies using donated Shop'n Save Greenpoints.

Both groups have made wonderful improvements to our facilities, and we appreciate that they chose NHCO for their projects.

Please accept my gift to forward NHCO's mission!

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone (in case of questions) _____

GIFT AMOUNT & PAYMENT METHOD

\$30 \$60 \$80 \$100 Other \$ _____

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Please contact me about volunteering.

Please contact me about including NHCO in my will.

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Wish List Priority Items

- HP Laser Printers
- Portable tv/vcr combination unit (2)
- Portable/window air conditioning unit
- Paper shredder
- Gas cards
- Wall-mounted diaper changing table
- 2006 appointment books and calendars
- Carpeting (materials and installation) for North Boroughs Satellites

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

NHCO Places Endowment Fund with The Pittsburgh Foundation

NHCO's Board of Directors recently voted unanimously to move our endowment fund to **The Pittsburgh Foundation**. Currently, we have about \$11,000 in our endowment, but we hope to grow that amount over the coming years to ensure that no one in northern Allegheny County is cold, hungry or forgotten.

Our endowment was established with gifts from the **Rotary Club of McCandless, Alfred and Arlene Grubbs** and from proceeds from our Fifteenth Anniversary celebration in 2002.

Placing our endowment with The Pittsburgh Foundation offers many benefits, including the ability to structure, accept and manage complicated gifts such as life insurance policy designations and charitable remainder trusts.

For more information about making a gift to NHCO's endowment fund, contact Kerry Mink at 412-487-6316 or kamink@nhco.org.

United Way Contributor Choice Codes

- **2357** - NHCO's General Fund (allows NHCO to respond most effectively where the need is greatest)
- 3806 - NHCO's Employment Services
- 9140 - NHCO's Food Pantries
- 9036 - CFC Code for federal employees



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