

Young People Who Care, Inc. Newsletter

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of Here.

Bethany Youth Center

“Love can do all things”

was the theme for this year's Summer Service Program which was Sr. Therese's ring motto. Not only did she truly live by this motto she taught others how to “DO” through her actions. Through helping, guiding, and teaching, she was able to inspire others to not only help themselves but more importantly ~ to serve others.

Throughout the week each day was a different element of the Catholic Social Teachings.

- ◆ Dignity of the Human Person
- ◆ Call to Community
- ◆ Option for the Poor
- ◆ Care for all that God's Created

At the end of the week we asked that they take what they have learned throughout the week and put it into practice in their communities. By doing this we can make the world around us a better place ~ one small act of kindness at a time.



The six week Summer Program had 194 volunteers, from 8 different states, who donated over 7,000 service hours to working with the poor of Clearfield and surrounding counties. The youth and adult leader's were able to complete over 55 projects including porch decks, painting, gardening, yardwork, assisting with housework, visiting the homebound, and much more!



Sr. Suzanne attends Canonization of St. Junipero Serra!

Sr. Suzanne received an invitation from Tim Chirdon, principal at Serra Catholic High School in McKeesport, PA to join him and a group of students in Washington, DC. There were over 25,000 people in attendance and when Pope Francis entered the Basilica everyone was silent as the Pope prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament—it was powerful. In his homily Pope Francis said: **“A Christian finds joy in mission: Go out to people of every nation!”**

Tim Chirdon came to YPWC, Inc. for a week in the 90's as a high school student and experienced what it meant to be a missionary. Sr. Suzanne has continued to work with Tim and Serra Catholic High School through mission trips to Frenchville over the past 18 years.

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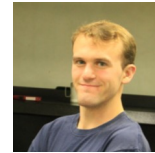
Direct Service Program:

Charlie Saggese & Jon McMullen joined the paid staff last year and



Charlie

continue to be an asset to the community. They are able to assist with transportation, moving jobs, small home repairs and those things that fall between the cracks of other county agencies. Many people are not able to give a donation for the service we provide. Your generosity is just one of the ways we are building a bridge between those who have and those who are in need. **Thank you!**



Jon

Bethany Retreat Center

continues to be a spiritual home to all who come to rest, renew, and take personal time. This year we have all rejoiced as our dear Sr. Therese entered the Heavenly Kingdom the end of April. In her memory we have erected pillars at the entrance of the main retreat center. The other pillar is in memory of dear departed friends who have come and gone from the retreat center over the years. A special thanks to Jim Collins who donated his time and talents to complete this project.

Bethany Retreat Center welcomes people from all walks of life and Christian faiths. Some have come for a short visit to the chapel, labyrinth, or Marian Grotto to pray the rosary. Others have stayed longer and joined the community for morning/evening prayer, daily Mass, reconciliation, or one of the schedule retreats.

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To view the upcoming retreats scheduled, join our email list, or

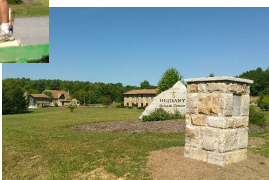


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Todd, Jon, & Jim set the last stone.



Since 2005 **Sarah Wells** has imaged being on Summer Staff. This summer she realized that dream. Sarah's love for

the poor and deep spirituality were a tremendous witness of Christian Discipleship to all those she encountered. Sarah shared: *“This was the best place to come to work my butt off, pray constantly and meet some new people.”* Sarah encourages anyone not to hesitate to take the time they need to really discern the best direction for their lives. *“It really opened up a lot of opportunities and ideas for me.”*

Thank you Sarah for giving of yourself!

YPWC, Inc. Upcoming Events:

- * **Thanksgiving Day Dinner**, Nov. 26th
- * **Christmas Program** for the families we work with during the year. If you would like to sponsor a family or donate items please call Sr. Suzanne 814-263-4177
- * **Christmas Eve Midnight Mass**, Thurs. Dec. 24th *All are welcome!*

Marian House ~ Women's Shelter throughout 2015 has been nearly full on a continuous basis. As of October 31st we have had 69 women and children stay for a total of 1,654 housing days. The women who come to Marian House become homeless for a variety of reasons, which include domestic violence, being victims of other crimes, loss of work, eviction, mental illness, and being displaced upon release from hospitals and prisons. Poverty itself in its many forms, from lack of finances, education, training, and lives void of a healthy support system, contribute to their becoming homeless. Marian House provides: ~ A safe and supportive environment ~ Meals, clothing, and toiletries ~ Educational workshops ~ Advocacy and assistance in obtaining services with other agencies.



The Chrysalis Program provides women in need with a long term supportive program which fosters personal growth. Recently, Julia, who participated in the program moved into her own apartment.



During the year she lived at Marian House, she was able to grow in many areas to prepare her to live independently again. She returned to her Catholic roots after being away for 26 years and continues to be faithful to deepen her faith.



Over the Summer Marian House had some much needed maintenance repairs and replacement of gutters from the harsh Winter weather and the handicapped ramp received a new coat of paint. The biggest project this Summer has been the addition of a new storage shed for maintenance equipment. This allows for the entire garage to be used for clothing and household donations which are sorted and shared with current and past guests.

The annual fall yard sale was a success. A special **thank you** to all who donated items and volunteered their time.

Volunteers Needed!!

Marian House staff is most grateful for our dedicated local volunteers who give so much of their time and talent to assist us. We are in need of more day time and evening volunteers. If you are interested in being a volunteer and donating a couple hours once or twice a month please call 814-765-5646.

Items Needed:

- ◆ Twin size blankets (new)
- ◆ Pillows (new)
- ◆ Hair bushes, shampoo & conditioner
- ◆ Feminine products
- ◆ Toilet paper & paper towels
- ◆ Cleaning supplies
- ◆ Monetary Donations

Without your financial support, in-kind donations and volunteers, we would not be able to continue this much needed ministry to homeless women and children 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year!

Life Line ~ Infant & Pregnancy Ministry



Provides assistance to pregnant women and parents with children from newborn to 2 years old. We have an office in Clearfield and Philipsburg with over 267 office visits this year so far. The clients come to the office for a variety of reasons and situations for: emergency formula and diapers, maternity clothing, baby clothing, baby supplies, and baby furniture. Clients also receive pregnancy & parenting educational materials and supportive counseling. Trained counselors address any concerns that the parents have and if their needs go beyond our scope we refer them to the appropriate agencies and resources. **All services are free and confidential.**

Volunteers Needed!!

We are always looking for volunteers to help either in sorting the donated items or desiring to work with the clients during office hours. Please contact Toni Kovach at 814-765-3225 for more information on ways you can volunteer.

Items Needed:

Currently Life Line is in need of the following boy & girl items, as well as, monetary donations:

- ◆ Clothing 18 month, 24 month, & 2T baby
- ◆ Winter clothing including PJ's, coats & boots.
- ◆ Diapers size 3, 4, & 5



Sr. Therese in Lisieux
September 18 ~ her birthday!

Anawim Community

The Anawim Community wishes to express its deep gratitude to everyone who has been so supportive during this difficult time of mourning with the passing away of our beloved Sr. Therese. Your prayers, cards, thoughtful gestures, and presence with us is appreciated beyond what words can describe. We continue with the vision Sr. Therese had dedicated her life to: a life of deep prayer and service of God's people in the spirit of the Beatitudes.

We know she is still with us in a powerful way in the Communion of Saints. Our life as a Community and our ministries continue to be blessed as we seek her intercession for the growth and development of the Anawim Community.

The Anawim Community is developing an **Associate Program** to be open for memberships in 2016. The Anawim Associate Program is for those lay persons, single or married, who feel called to share in the spiritual life, mission, and ministry of the Anawim Community within the context of their own families and communities. If you are interested in receiving more information on the Associate Program please email anawimco@gmail.com

Ways to make monetary donations:

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Credit Card: www.ypwcministries.org/donate