

SAMARITAN INNS

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A YEAR OF CELEBRATION: SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends,

Hoping everyone enjoyed the holiday season and survived our region's historic snowstorms! As we patiently await the warmer spring weather, we at Samaritan Inns feels especially blessed as we prepare to celebrate our 25th year of empowering thousands of men and women across our region with hope for a future free from homelessness, alcohol and drug addiction. For a quarter of a century, Samaritan Inns has equipped thousands of men and women with the education, affordable housing, and structured support they need to reclaim and rebuild their lives.

We are busy preparing for a celebration to commemorate this tremendous milestone in our organization's history, honoring the thousands of lives transformed and the visionaries that brought this dream to fruition.

For the past 25 years, we have witnessed countless brave individuals enter our doors and emerge prepared to reclaim their lives from the cycles of homelessness. Look for more details about our 25th Anniversary Celebration in the coming months; in the meantime, mark your calendars for November 13th, 2010 to celebrate with Samaritan Inns as we commemorate this significant milestone.

This spring we will also launch the Samaritan Inns Alumni Program. We recognize the importance of fostering long-term relationships with and among our alumni, which is why on Sunday, April 25th we will host our Alumni Program kickoff. We invite them to join us so that together we can support and encourage others seeking a fresh start.

We would welcome your support in

celebrating those who have come through our program, those that are presently in our program, and those that have yet to begin the recovery process. We look forward with hope and affirmation to the years ahead. Please join us in celebrating twenty-five years of rebuilding lives.



Warmest regards, *Larry Huff*

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

VOLUNTEER FOCUS: DINNER FELLOWSHIP



Every Saturday and Sunday, Samaritan Inns welcomes volunteers from the community to enjoy an evening meal

with the residents in our Intensive Recovery Program - the first phase in recovery here at Samaritan Inns. The one requirement is that we ask our volunteers to plan, prepare and serve the meal to our residents themselves, before enjoying an evening of food and fellowship with them. Many of our volunteers insist they

feel just as blessed to serve in this capacity as our residents feel at the end of every Saturday and Sunday.

Samaritan Inns is fortunate to have volunteers from across the National Capital Area - from book clubs to motorcycle clubs to office colleagues to families to mother's groups to donors; we welcome everyone and are always impressed and increasingly grateful with the creativity and effort each group brings to the program.

We welcome Dinner Fellowship volunteer groups of up to five individuals. Given the intimate size of our Intensive Recovery Program (usually around 20 clients), we keep our volunteer groups for this phase of the program small,

so as not to overwhelm our residents in the early stages of recovery. We welcome children, aged 10 or older, and request that all minors be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Dinner Fellowship is a unique service opportunity that allows our volunteers to see the impact of their work first-hand. If you or a friend or family member are interested in learning more about Dinner Fellowship, or would like a list of upcoming open dates, please don't hesitate to contact Jamila Ward, Development Associate, at jamila@samaritaninns.org or (202) 667-8831, ext. 261. She will happily explain all program details, share program guidelines and answer any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you!

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You, John Crocker!

For over three years, John Crocker of Arlington, Virginia has set aside one Saturday a month for the residents of Samaritan Inns' Intensive Recovery Program. Mr. Crocker has faithfully prepared and enjoyed a meal with the men and women in our Intensive Recovery Program as part of Dinner Fellowship, our weekend service opportunity. Our residents and staff alike are grateful for his faithful support of our mission to end homelessness and addictions and our prayers are with him as he moves out of the area to other endeavors. [Thank you, John!](#)

First Semi-Annual Beautification Day!

Every year, Samaritan Inns' 8 properties are called home by over 500 men and women at various stages in recovery from homelessness and addictions. Our award-winning program and affordable housing services would not be possible without dedicated volunteers. For our first semi-annual Beautification Day on **April 24, 2010**, we will paint, sand, mow, garden, sweep, dust, and wash our buildings and properties to ensure that they remain as warm and welcoming as they are today for many years to come. We're thrilled to welcome **Greater DC Cares** in partnership on this project.

Thanks to our Dinner Fellowship Volunteers!

Over the past few months, the following individuals and groups have given generously of their time and culinary talents to the men and women of Samaritan Inns' Intensive Recovery Program by preparing, serving and enjoying a meal with them. Thanks so much, everybody, you have truly blessed our staff and residents!

4th Presbyterian Church • Mover Moms • Avon Kendrick and Friends • Elizabeth Khali and Friends • Larry and Lyn Huff • Rachel Grezler and Friends • Monali Patel • Jennifer Scholtes and Friends • Alpha Phi Omega • The Fennell Family • Hillary Cairns and Friends • The Lampman Family

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.

HOPE REALIZED: Samaritan Inns Celebrates 25 Years of Service

You are invited to join Samaritan Inns as we celebrate 25 years of life-changing service to the National Capital Region's homeless and addicted population. In honor of the thousands who have experienced our programs, Samaritan Inns will celebrate in a spirit of hope as we prepare for the next 25 years. Please join us for an evening of testimonials, award presentations, dinner and silent auction.

Samaritan Inns has a compelling legacy of success in addressing homelessness and addiction. We look back at the

milestones of the past twenty-five years and see over 12,000 men and women whose lives have been transformed through our program.

Over the years, we have empowered each individual who has entered our doors to reclaim their lives from the cycles of homelessness and substance abuse. We are enabled and emboldened with each client who is reunited with loved ones, secures employment and housing, and maintains long-term sobriety.

For sponsorship or ticketing information, please contact Paula Thompson Felder, Director of Development, at paula@samaritaninns.org or (202) 667-

8831 ext. 225.



Welcome Back, Welcome Wednesday!

For years, Samaritan Inns hosted Welcome Wednesday, a community open house opportunity for friends and neighbors to learn more about our work, impact, and ways to get involved. We're pleased to announce that in February, we re-launched Welcome Wednesday and look forward to seeing new faces at our next afternoon event in the Summer. Look for future dates on our website, www.samaritaninns.org!

Alumni Program Kickoff

Calling all Samaritan Inns alumni! We're pleased to announce the launching of our Alumni Program on **Sunday, April 25, 2010** with location information to follow. Please mark your calendars and join us for fellowship and check for updates at www.samaritaninns.org.

INTERN SPOTLIGHT: JILLIAN DELOS REYES

JILLIAN Delos Reyes is a native of the Greater Metro Washington area. Originally from Arlington, Virginia, she joins the Samaritan Inns family as our new Financial and Affordable Housing Communities Intern. Prior to Samaritan Inns, she worked as a Service Coordinator for the Center of Community Service and Social Justice in Baltimore, Maryland. While there, she focused on identifying employment opportunities and facilitating social rehabilitation programs for clients in their Single Resident Occupancy program. Jillian consistently goes well beyond her duties as an intern to ensure that everyone has the assistance they need. She shows joyful initiative and excels in the tasks assigned to her. We are grateful for the experience and vivacious spirit she brings to our offices and welcome her to the Samaritan Inns team.



"Since returning to the D.C. metropolitan area, I have been fortunate to have found an organization where I may further pursue my passion for social justice. From my experiences, I have learned that there is a distinct difference between helping and serving one's community. While helping may denote an inequality of strengths between people, service is based upon a relationship between equals. I admire the approach Samaritan Inns takes towards serving the people and encouraging others to find ways to give back. I look forward to working with the residents and dedicated staff at Samaritan Inns and am very thankful to be here."

In her spare time, Jillian sings at the National Cathedral, enjoys cooking, and hiking outdoors with her boyfriend and family. We're so glad to have her with us!

IN MEMORIAM

DR. LAWRENCE NEALE JONES, former Chair of the Board of Trustees of Samaritan Inns, passed on December 7, 2009. Throughout his life, Jones made a significant impact on his surrounding community as the Dean of Howard University's Divinity School as well as serving as a professor at Union Theological Seminary. A devoted leader in both academic and church communities, he was often called the "minister's minister". Samaritan Inns is eternally grateful for the influence he had upon our organization.

REV. KAREN ANN FOURMAN, former Innkeeper and longtime supporter of Samaritan Inns, passed on December 12, 2009. A faithful member of the Church of the Saviour Community in Columbia Heights, D.C. many years ago, Karen carried with her the spirit of service and humility to her congregations in Ohio, where she started her family. Karen's focus on community and servanthood throughout her life has blessed those who have crossed her path; we at Samaritan Inns are grateful to have known her and thankful for the joy she shared with our clients.

PROGRAM NEWS

At the beginning of 2010, Samaritan Inns relaunched our newly restructured Continuum Recovery Program, phase 2 in our Recovery Continuum, to best meet the needs of our clients with increasingly complex needs. Our program, still grounded in best practices and national standards, is stronger, more flexible, and more personal for our clients. We look forward to sharing the successes this restructuring will garner and encourage you to keep up with with us on our website at www.samaritaninns.org. Thank you to all our donors, volunteers, and community partners who have supported us through this transition - your support changes lives!

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