# TRANSITIONAL CENTER UPDATE

The capital campaign for the development of a 3-Tiered Transitional Center for the homeless of Center City Philadelphia is well underway. With an estimated total project cost of \$1.5 million, the project has been broken up into three stages. This will allow time to acquire the necessary property, while continuing to develop quality services for the homeless. As each tier is completed and paid in full, the next tier of the project will begin.

The tiers of the project are:

- <u>Tier 1</u> Dining Facility, serving nightly meals for 300 homeless and less fortunate individuals.
- <u>Tier 2</u> Training Center, providing educational programs, vocational training, and instruction in ethical behavior.
- <u>Tier 3</u> Six-month Transitional Housing for approximately 35-50 homeless persons.

Tier 1, the dining facility, was purchased and renovated in 2003 for \$500,000. To date, only \$142,423.78 remains to be paid before this tier is paid in full!

### OUR MISSION

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To bring Christians of different membership groups together, helping them to realize that despite our differences in our race, ethnic group, denomination, social class, economic classes, or the diverse ways we practice our faith, we can unify ourselves for the common good.

The purpose of our unification is to distribute meals & services to the homeless; to provide pre-release classes to incarcerated persons; and offer positive-value programs for inter-city youth.

### JOIN US TO SERVE

Indoor Feeding Program <u>1116 Spring Garden Street</u> <u>Philadelphia PA 19123</u> Monday @ 6:00 PM Wednesday @ 6:00 PM Fridays @ 6:00 PM Saturdays @ 5:00 PM (Indoor Feeding From December-April; Outdoor on 16<sup>th</sup> & Ben Franklin Parkway from May to November ) Sunday Fellowship & Breakfast @ 10:00 AM (Note: We do not close on holidays!) Volunteers should arrive 15 minutes early!



# **OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS**

Chosen 300 is celebrating 10 years of serving the Lord and changing the lives of the homeless of Center City Philadelphia. From a beginning where we served 100 bagged lunches a week, we now serve over 60,000 full-course, hot meals each year. Each night we serve there are guests who open their hearts to accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. For these new believers, a two session New Congregants class is offered on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month. New believers learn the meaning of salvation and the significance of baptism and communion. Since initiation of the classes in April 2006, 15 guests have been baptized and 150 now attend Sunday fellowship services.

Guests may also attend a sixmonth Journey to Discipleship Bible study class to learn more about Christian living. Classes are held on the  $1^{st}$ ,  $3^{rd}$  and  $5^{th}$ Saturdays of the month.

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Thank you for your support!



\$357,576.22 paid so far!

Only \$142,423.78 to go!

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## <u>GIVING</u> OPPORTUNITIES

### UNITED WAY COMMUNITY GIVING CAMPAIGN NUMBERS:

Southeastern PA Region #06484 Tri-State Region #029432 For All Other Regions Indicate "Chosen 300 Ministries"

### STOCKS AND SECURITIES

You can now give stocks and securities to Chosen 300!

### **GIVE ONLINE!**

Visit us at www.chosen300.org. You can even set up convenient automatic monthly withdrawal from your checking account or credit card.

#### REMITTANCE ENVELOPES

Use the enclosed postage-paid remittance envelopes to send in your checks.

Feeding the Hungry....and More!

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# JOB READINESS PROGRAM KICKS OFF

Chosen 300 welcomes Marc Williams to its leadership team! Marc will be heading Chosen 300's new Job Readiness Program.

Marc is volunteering his time in the evenings to visit with the homeless guests to determine their job skills and interests. He then matches them with openings that he has sought out in the local community. Marc further assists the guests in completing their employment applications and preparing them for job interviews. The program is off to a great start...to date, Marc has found employment for two of our guests!

Importantly, Marc will be building relationships with local employers who then become partners with Chosen 300 in helping to solve the problem of joblessness - one of the prime contributors to persons becoming homeless. As the program develops, other Chosen 300 volunteers will become involved in the job readiness program, providing resume writing workshops and job interview training.



Marc Williams and a guest in a counseling session.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT** – Proverbs 28:27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

# CHOSEN 300<sup>TM</sup> AROUND THE WORLD

Chosen 300 has adopted the Hebron Children's Home in Andhra Predesh, India, providing food, shelter and clothing for 200 homeless children.

Originally established in 1961, Hebron Children's Home is entirely dependent on foreign donations for all

operational costs and other expenses. On July 5, 2006 Chosen 300 stepped in and

adopted Hebron Children's Home, enabling them to receive United States support.

These children are not eligible for adoption in the region because they are over the age of 6. Without the services of the Hebron Children's Home, these children could end up working in rice fields for only \$30 a year or worse they could end up living on the streets, prostituting themselves for money to eat.



Chosen 300 board member Scott Rankin sharing the Gospel.

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around 4 years old to late teens come from local rural areas and include about 100 tsunami orphaned and displaced children that were rescued soon after the tsunami that hit the region in December 2004. Without the support that Hebron provides, more than 75% of the

children would starve to death out on the streets within a few months.

Hebron Children's Home was appropriately named after one of the world's most ancient cities. Hebron means "friend" or "community" and also "friend of God".

Chosen 300 Ministries is a 501(c)3 Charitable Organization. Contributions are deductible up to IRS limits.