



Winter, 1998

SANTA SUCCESS

Smiling Faces.....Satisfied Appetites
Jolly Elves.....Christmas Carols
.....Fundraising Success.....

That was Breakfast with Santa, 1997, (providing almost \$3,000 in funds for the two organizations). Our first joint fundraising venture with Attic Theatre was enjoyed by almost 500 adults and children. Mike Van Asten/Liberty Hall sponsored the total cost for both the food and facility. Board members from both organizations and volunteer friends donned Santa hats and served up warm hospitality with trays of french toast, fruit, and sausage. Plans are in the making to continue Breakfast with Santa in cooperation with Attic Theatre, making it an annual event. What brings the two organizations together? In the Fall of 1997, Attic Theatre approached us about working together on two fundraising events. It is a good fit for the organizations since both events have elements of theatre and community enhancement. Hoping one success leads to another, the Housing Partnership looks forward to our joint October event and another great Breakfast with Santa.

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

Over ten years, three programs have emerged to create affordable housing opportunities in this community

Home Buyer Program
offers rehabilitated houses for purchase by low income families.

Affordable Rental Program
provides our rehabilitated single homes and duplexes as rental units to low income families with monthly rent based upon income.

Transitional Housing Program
provides housing and supportive services to families in transition at eight Open Door Apartments

GIVING....GIVING....GIVING....GIVING....GIVING

The results of this winter's letter asking for support was heartwarming for the staff of the Housing

Partnership as many of you contributed to our efforts to improve housing in our community... "one house at a time". Contributions increased threefold over last year, and we are grateful for your generous nature.

We wish to thank these individuals for their contributions:

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In the last newsletter, we requested donations of equipment to upgrade our offices. You responded generously. We now have upgraded computers in our offices and printers available for our needs. As always, people also responded to our continued need for building materials.

These groups and individuals made in-kind donations:

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PROPERTY REPORT

Fourth Street Drive By... Watch us Work

This two story home in the Pierce Park area of Appleton has been gutted inside and out to the bare bones. Years of inattention and neglect have made this process necessary. In addition, as the gutting progressed, we found evidence of a major fire in the back of the house. This has created a need to rebuild the supports for the back of the house. Because of the extensive damage caused by this fire, we sought and received permission from the City of Appleton to renovate this house into a single family home home for addition to our rental program.

As Winter turns to Spring, come by and see how our dedicated group of volunteers can turn this caterpillar into a butterfly!



..our most recent acquisition..

South Morrison Street

On December 31, 1997, the Housing Partnership purchased the former Emergency Shelter building on south Morrison Street in downtown Appleton. At present, we are leasing the structure, rent-free, to the Salvation Army for use as an overnight warming shelter for the homeless. Since Christmas 16-20 individuals have been saved from sleeping out in the cold and snow. The Housing Partnership Board and staff see this use of the building at this time as fulfilling our mission to provide housing for those in need. When the Salvation Army finds another location for their warming shelter, we will renovate the building into affordable rental housing.



..our current project..

Kamp Followers?

Now that Kathy Kamp is on board as the new Executive Director, that is indeed what we are! Previously a Vice President in charge of health care policy for a large consulting firm in Washington D.C., Kathy brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the Housing Partnership.

Kathy's interest in issues related to housing began in 1989 when she ran a national study on discrimination against AIDS patients. This interest was engaged again in the Spring of 1991. Father John Zickert, (then pastor of St. Joseph Parish) asked Kathy to participate in plans to rehab the old convent building on West 8th Street into Open Door Apartments.

It was during this time that she first connected with Jim Wenner, and the Housing Partnership. Kathy admired the HP's mission of improving older homes in established neighborhoods to provide affordable housing to people in need.

"We have staff, Board members and volunteers who love this organization. I'm proud to be part of what HP does in this community."

WANTED

The Housing Partnership is in need of a 32 foot (or higher) extension ladder. If anyone has one to donate, please call us.
(731-6644)

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