



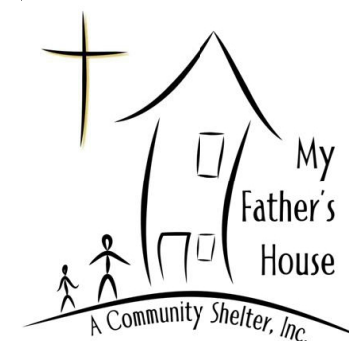
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# MESSENGER

Helping Families, Transforming Lives



SUMMER 2010

## Without My Father's House...



**Howard,  
Marie and  
Family**

*I might not have my family! But I do, and now we are moving into Stepping Stone Apartments and we are so excited!*



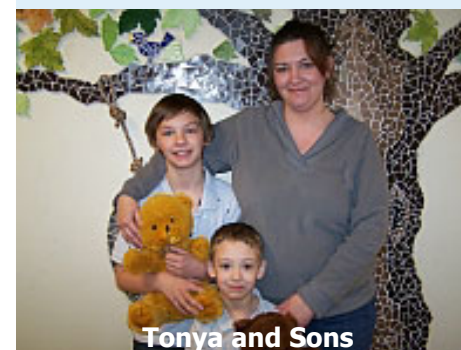
**Misty and  
Daughter**

*Most of all I am thankful because I am at peace, because God brought me here and it is a true blessing.*



**Josh and Daughter**

*I wouldn't have such a great opportunity to build my relationship with God, my daughter and others. I am very grateful!*



**Tonya and Sons**

*I would not have learned so much. The classes at My Father's House have been extremely helpful and now I am finally hopeful for the future.*



**Josh, Lottie  
and Family**

*My family would be separated, but here we can grow together and strengthen the family bond.*



**Mat,  
Nicole  
and Family**

*My family would be going from place to place to stay, and we would be stressed out about our next meal and where we would sleep.*



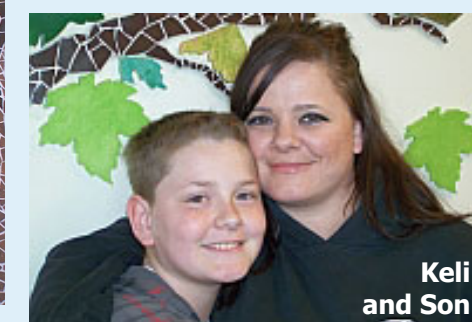
**Tiffany and Naomi**

*I wouldn't have so many brothers and sisters!*



**Tawni  
and  
Son**

*We wouldn't have a roof over our heads, a warm bed at night, or any of the blessings we have received here.*



**Keli  
and Son**

*My son would have been placed in foster care.*



## Golf-2-Give is Back!


*Our Second Annual Golf-2-Give Tournament is coming Monday, August 2, 2010! Don't golf? Join us for dinner at 6:00 – \$25 per person.*

The event will include a 4-person scramble, box lunch and dinner an awards following golf. Featured events for the day will include: Hole-in-One prizes on each Par 3, Long Drive Contest, KP's, Straight Drive Contest, Mulligan, player gifts, silent auction, raffle and much more. It all happens at the beautiful Willamette Valley Country Club.

Registration begins at 11 a.m. The cost before July 1 is \$150 for an individual, and \$600 for a team. After July 1 it is \$175.00 for an individual and \$700.00 for a team. Price includes: Green fees, cart, use of driving range and practice greens, gift package, box lunch, awards ceremony with prime rib/chicken buffet. Mark your calendar and call 503-492-3046 to reserve your spot!



## Wish List

- ☆ Bibles 
- ☆ Food Items
  - Fresh veggies
  - Meats
  - Milk      Jam/Jelly
  - Eggs      Ketchup
  - Cereal    Mayonnaise
- ☆ Cleaning Supplies
  - Glass cleaner
  - Disinfectant spray (*No powdered cleansers, please*)
  - Hand soap    Dish soap
  - Laundry soap
- ☆ Paper Products
  - Paper towels
  - Toilet tissue    Facial tissue
  - Feminine products
- ☆ Clothing Items
  - Pajamas - kids' sizes 4-14
  - Boys' socks
  - Boys' underwear sizes 6-8
- ☆ Children's Center
  - Graham crackers    Juices
  - Fresh fruit    Baby wipes
- ☆ Youth Connection
  - Microwave popcorn
  - Movie and event tickets
- ☆ Other Items
  - Office supply store gift card (for printer ink)
  - Gas cards for our van
  - 1.5" three ring binders

Call 503-492-3046  
for further information.

## New Thrift Store Opens and Partners with MFH



Chase Me Again, a new thrift store now open in downtown Gresham, is partnering with My Father's House, allowing residents of the shelter to shop, free of charge, at the thrift store at regular intervals.

Chase Me Again sells new and used clothing and household items to the public, and accepts donations on site. All effort is made to reuse and recycle as many articles as possible. Their prices are some of the cheapest around! Check out their website, [www.chasemeagain.com](http://www.chasemeagain.com). Or – better yet! – visit them on Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the lower level of the historic Zion Evangelical Church at 436 N. Main.

### Gresham Town Fair Chiropractic

#### Father's Day Special

Consultation and Exam  
X-rays if Necessary  
Report of Findings

for a \$27 donation to My Father's House

*Limited to new patients seen in June.*

*This special may not be used in conjunction with insurance.*

Enter to win a round of golf with a friend and  
Dr. Ramsey at Persimmon Golf Course!

Dr. Robert W. Ramsey, D.C., P.C.  
592 NE Eastman Parkway, Gresham  
[www.greshamchiropractor.net](http://www.greshamchiropractor.net)

503-667-6744

*A person's world is only as big as their heart -Tanya A. Moore*



## Take Me Out to the Ballgame

Join 400 MFH supporters for a day at the park...PGE Park that is! Wednesday night, August 18th, catch a Portland Beavers game, highlighted by a special surprise guest singing the National Anthem! Tickets are \$15 OR a great deal at 10 for \$100. Enjoy food, prizes and special announcements throughout the game. Call the MFH office at 503-492-3046 to get tickets.

## You're Invited to Celebrate... You!

On July 18th, My Father's House Advisory Board would like to "Celebrate You"! Join us for a free barbecue, take a tour of the house, and visit with the staff, past and present residents and the advisory board. It will be a special celebration of what God has done through our community of supporters. The grill fires up at 3:00 p.m., so grab your family and friends and make an evening of it. The more the merrier!



### "Give for Real" with MannaBears™!

MannaBears™ are Good For Kids...

**Your Kids** – they're a delicious gummi-bear snack packed with the nutritional goodness of 10 fruits and vegetables – and gluten-free!

**Kids at My Father's House** – MFH will receive 20% of every purchase, every four weeks, year-round!

**Kids Around the World** – every auto order of MannaBears™ will be matched with a nutritionally effective blend of Real Food Technology Blend, and provided to malnourished orphans around the world!



To order contact Jean Backus at 541-621-8038 or [RealSolutionsNow@wildblue.net](mailto:RealSolutionsNow@wildblue.net). Order as a "member" under account 2927887.



**MEET SHELBY**, our Summer Kids' Program Director! Shelby is a student at Multnomah University and is excited to join the staff at My Father's House. To volunteer with Shelby this summer, call her at 503-492-3046.

**Volunteer Opportunities!**



## from the Director's Chair



With any new project, you can hardly think of anything else until it's completed. Since the last newsletter, we have obtained a five-year lease for an apartment complex and moved a total of six families into the apartments, and we hope to add three to four more qualified families by the end of June. It is so wonderful to be able to give families an opportunity to continue what they started at My Father's House.

Stepping Stone Apartments is located on 92nd and Burnside. In case you missed the last newsletter, here's how it works. We are leasing apartments for our residents who have finished the classes and opportunities at the shelter. The next step would be to obtain affordable housing... but there are many



obstacles to overcome. One of them is poor rental history. It is becoming increasingly hard to find affordable housing for people with evictions or who have any type of criminal background.

Plus, sometimes they just need a little more encouragement and class time to help them be fully ready to embark on their own. Having our own "next step" program is the perfect solution! And now we have it in the form of this 18-unit apartment complex.

Still, we are not finished. Now that we have the apartments (a retired college dorm), we need to complete eight more kitchens in the units. If you are skilled at hanging cupboards, putting in countertops or laying vinyl floors, we'd love to have your help! Call our office at 503-492-3046 and leave a message for Doug. It is such a joy to see God expand our ministry to families. It's never too late to jump in. Call today and get involved!

God bless you,

~Cathe

Cathe Wiese, Executive Director

# It's not too late to send a kid to camp!

\$150 provides the awesome experience of camp, plus T-shirt, shorts, pajamas, swimsuit, flip flops, sleeping bag and flashlight.

