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Important Upcoming Dates

June 14, 2008

Saturday 9:00 A.M. Work Day

July 12, 2008

Saturday 9:00 A.M. Work Day

August 4, 2008

Saturday 9:00 A.M. Work Day

September 13, 2008

Saturday 9:00 A.M. Work Day

October 11, 2008

Saturday 9:00 A.M. Work Day

October 14, 2008

Tuesday 7:00 P.M. Quarterly Board Meeting

A non-profit organization may elect to apply for the federal tax exemption status under 26 USC B 501(c)(3). An organization receiving a "501(c)(3) status" gains certain privileges and obligations. A 501(c)(3) organization is exempt from paying federal income taxes (but still may be required to file annual income information). Additionally, all persons and organizations that make contributions (money or property) to a 501(c)(3) organization will be able to claim deductions for their donations to the organization on their individual federal income tax (amount of deduction to the extent allowable under federal statute, 26 USC B 170(c)(2))

When making your United Way contribution, please be aware that you may designate Uplift as the recipient of your gift through the donor choice program. This program is another way you can help us to help others.



Newsletter

Mission Statement

"We, who acknowledge God's providence and fidelity to His people, especially those in poverty, do dedicate our efforts toward the support of those who are homeless. Our goal is to deliver to the homeless those basic human needs, care and compassion that is not usually received from other organizations."

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Special thanks to

Quality Wood Products, Inc.
7400 East 12th Street
Kansas City, MO 64126
816-231-4601

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Next Quarterly Board Meeting

TUESDAY
OCTOBER 14, 2008
7:00 P.M.

at UPLIFT, 1516 Prospect
Kansas City, MO

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From the President

Frank Fiorini, President, Uplift Organization, Inc.

Greetings to friends of Uplift.

This has been an exciting first quarter. Quality Wood Products, Inc. fabricated and installed floor cabinets and counters in the kitchenette area of our warehouse for a reasonable cost.

The following volunteers painted walls and floors in the kitchenette, office, and restroom; Joseph Kordalski, Ron Aerts, Tim Schmidt, Zack and Greg Lebold, Terry Connealy, Gene Hadel, Kathy Smith, and Steve Tenner.

We purchased a 2002 Sprinter van to replace the 1988 GMC step van which was incurring costly repair expenses. This new van is the ideal size for our outreach service. Customized shelving was made and installed by Eveland Bros. and decals were made and installed by Missouri Poster and Banner. This vehicle will be put into operation in mid-May. We are continuing our search for another Sprinter and mini-van vehicles.

Vernon Estes, a high school volunteer made a repeat collection of canned goods which half filled the mini-van. Thank you Vernon!

First quarter income was down. This year the first quarter income was \$7,798.00 compared to \$19,623.00 last year. To make the situation worse our expenses were greater than last year exceeding income by \$8,298.00.

As always, Uplift awaits the generosity of donations and funding. Thanks to all donors and volunteers.

From the Editor

by Jennie Wheeling

The summary of our stats that appears on page 2 of our newsletter has been expanded to include comparable quarter stats for the previous year. This is intended to show any change in our community service that may have occurred.

We are in the process of adding more information to our website for our online friends.

Please check out the site at Uplift.org in the coming months. Hopefully information contained in our newsletter will appear very soon.

Again, Time Warner Cable has graciously recorded Uplift in action and linked to it on their web site. The location to view this short presentation is <http://www.kcondemand.com/Community.aspx> Click on Uplift to watch the video.

Uplift now has a presence on the internet! Our URL, or site address, is <http://www.uplift.org> and our e-mail address is uplift@planetkc.com

Uplift Organization, Inc.

Board of Directors

Ron Aerts
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 Jim Schmidt
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 Kathy Smith
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 Vivian Dennison, Support Coordinator
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 Leslie Greene, Development Coordinator
 Margo Yerk, Food Coordinator

Sojourner Free Health Clinic

Regardless of gender, background, age, and ethnicity, there is nothing that bears more importance than the conservation of health and access to adequate healthcare.

KC Thunder Entertainment founder and CEO, Kassim Carney, says that it is time to stand up and give back to our community by supporting the Healthcare Initiative. We hope you will join us in this effort by contributing sponsorship, donations, attendance, and support to the benefit concert upcoming in June 2008. A portion of the proceeds of this assembly would be donated towards programs, for instance: the Sojourner Free Health Clinic located at Grand Avenue United Methodist Temple, 205 East 9th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

The clinic opened on October 10, 2004, since that time there have been over 1000 patient visits, with over 500 patients seen. Over 200 students have volunteered at the Clinic working over 2200 hours; more than 2400 prescriptions have been filled. The Sojourner Health Clinic has become the primary care provider for many of downtown Kansas City's homeless.

Despite the poor condition of the current healthcare system in the United States. Even people working full time for minimum wage salaries can barely qualify for welfare and most certainly cannot afford appropriate health insurance. In addition to rising healthcare costs and the increasing population of uninsured Americans, economic and ethnic inequalities in medicine persist. As a consequence, our children and underprivileged are more likely to have poor health and die prematurely.

Our goal is to promote change and to bring about awareness of the need for healthcare reform right here in the heart of America. As June is approaching, please consider this cause worthy of your participation.

Refrigerator Needed

**Contact Uplift
 at 816-241-0060**

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Uplift Organization, Inc.

First Quarter Stats.....	2007.....	2008.....
Number of Volunteers.....	477.....	532
Number of Volunteer Hours.....	2,068.....	2,298
Number of Camps Visited.....	532.....	591
Number of Homeless Served.....	1,816.....	2,442

DISTRIBUTED ITEMS

Blankets & Sleeping Bags.....	354.....	669
Clothing.....	2,360.....	3,596
Beverages.....	8,877.....	11,948
Food.....	2,588.....	5,172
Misc. Items (Hygiene, Meds. etc.).....	1,575.....	3,822

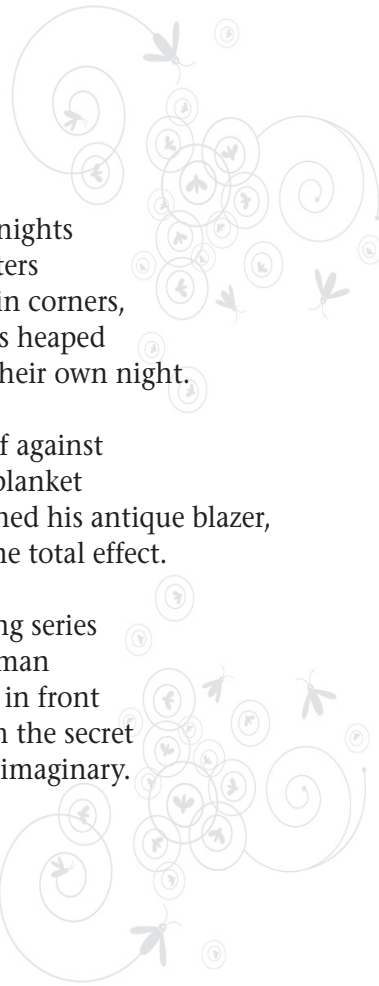
Tell Me

by Anne Pierson Wiese

There are many people who spend their nights on the subway trains. Often one encounters them on the morning commute, settled in corners, coats over their heads, ragged possessions heaped around themselves, trying to remain in their own night.

This man was already up, bracing himself against the motion of the train as he folded his blanket the way my mother taught me, and donned his antique blazer, his elderly, sleep-soft eyes checking for the total effect.

Whoever you are-tell me what unforgiving series of moments has added up to this one: a man making himself presentable to the world in front of the world, as if life has revealed to him the secret that all our secrets from one another are imaginary.



Monetary Donations are always welcomed:

Uplift Organization, Inc.
P.O. Box 270175
Kansas City, Missouri
64127-0175

Hours of drop-off donations at 1516 Prospect Kansas City, MO:

Monday 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday.... 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Volunteer Opportunities

OUTREACH

- Visit the homeless
Monday and Wednesday 6:00 PM
Saturday 5:00 PM
2-1/2 to 3-1/2 hours
Call Jo Bustamante at 816-524-0024

PREPARE MEALS

- Recipes and instruction provided
- Prepare and deliver meals for 60 people to Uplift
- Call Margo Yerik at
816-246-8801 (Home) or 816-516-1304 (Cell)

OUTREACH SUPPORT

- Transporting homeless to doctor appointments
- Visiting homeless in hospitals and detox centers
- Visiting and supporting people that have moved to permanent housing
- Call Vivian Dennison 816-520-2005 (Cell)

SORTING DONATIONS

CLEANING DISTRIBUTION CENTER

- Every second Saturday 9:00-11:00 AM
- Excellent service project for elementary and high school students
- Appointments not necessary

Summer Needs

- Socks
- Men's Regular Underwear
- Shirts & Tees
- Plastic Tarps
- Blankets
- Shampoo
- Playing Cards
- Sleeping Bags
- Canned Fruit
- Spam
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Matches
- 5 Gallon Plastic Jugs for water
- Large Lemonade Mix
- Jackets
- Toilet paper
- Tennis Shoes

Every second Saturday of the month is our work day. Donations may be dropped off between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

Those interested in meal preparation please contact Margo Bustamante at (816) 246-8801 or (816) 516-1304. Our cooks are asked to prepare meals for approximately 60 homeless. Occasionally there are donated supplies at the Uplift facility such as meat and other items that can be used for meal preparation.

Any Questions, contact Uplift at (816) 241-0060