

## Summertime... and the livin' is easy...

That's according to the classic song from the Broadway Musical *Porgy and Bess*.

Unfortunately, the summertime is anything but easy for The Pantry Shelf and the clients it serves.

Historically, food donations slow down during the spring and summer as we shed our coats and hats for rakes and beach chairs. "We tend to get caught up in the wonder that is summer in New England, and forget about those less fortunate," says Bettyanne Lang, director of material assistance. "The media focuses more on the plight of those in need during the cold weather, when heating costs soar. Many of our clients actually are at *more* risk of having their utilities shut off *now* because the utility companies are not allowed to cancel service during the win-

ter. Any extra help we can give our clients with groceries is always welcomed.

"It is ironic that while many of us have full schedules of cookouts, parties and other celebrations, the clients we serve in the Pantry are struggling to put food on the table for their children.

"In the past, some people have had a 'Party for the Pantry.' When they invite friends and family to a cookout, they ask them to bring nonperishable items for The Pantry Shelf. It's a great way to share our gifts with others."

For information about how you can "Party for the Pantry," call Lang at 617-773-6203, ext. 19. Donations from individuals are always welcomed. There is a list of needed items on page 4.

## ISS creates Easter baskets for 200 area children



*Cindy Lee, Bureau Drawer manager, Ed Kelly, volunteer and board member, and Cindy's grandson, Michael Lee, helped assemble Easter baskets for needy children.*

For the seventh year in a row, volunteers created an Easter basket assembly line at ISS, making baskets for 200 children served by The Pantry Shelf.

"Our clients struggle to provide the basic necessities for their families, so something extra like an Easter basket is often out of reach. Our hope is to help the families and their children have as much normalcy as possible," says Laura Stracco, executive director.

"All of the candy and supplies were donated by area manufacturers and retailers, and volunteers gave their time to make sure the children we serve had special treats in their baskets on Easter morning."

## 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Walk raises \$26,000



*Sue Lydon Morrell, board and walk committee member and her niece, Brigid Rose McDermott.*

ISS's 32<sup>nd</sup> walk was a tremendous success, with more than 200 walkers and volunteers raising more than \$26,000. "This was a team effort," says

Laura Stracco, executive director. "Our dedicated walk committee has been planning this year's walk for almost a year, and dozens of volunteers donated a Sunday afternoon to make sure that the walk was picture perfect. We are especially grateful for our corporate sponsors, whose generosity helped defray expenses."

Back by popular demand, The Bad Hats provided musical entertainment during the party after the walk. Children of all ages sported balloon animals, created by clowns from The South Shore Joeys, who donated their time. It was a musical, fun-filled celebration, complete with a donated, catered lunch.

*please see more photos on next page*

**Save the Date**  
9<sup>th</sup> annual  
**Feed the Hungry Event**  
Thurs., Nov. 30, 2006



*Christy Lee, a Bureau Drawer and Pantry Shelf volunteer, and her son Thomas enjoyed the festivities.*

# **SOUTH SHORE WALK™**

**Helping our Neighbors in Need**



*Terri Elder, walk chair and associate board member, stays a few steps ahead of the Beantown Trolley, which discounted its services for the event.*



*Top fund-raisers, Karen DeCristofaro, bronze, and Linda Schatz, gold, sporting their medals. Marjorie DiSalvio, not pictured, won the silver.*



*Top youth fund-raisers, Amelia Davis and Ian MacLean tied for bronze, and Becky Thorne won the gold. Kendall Poulin, not pictured, won the silver.*



*Melody and Jelly Bean, clowns from the South Shore Joeys, delighted children of all ages with their antics and balloon animals.*



*Top senior fund-raisers, Evelyn Kyller, silver, and Betty DeCristofaro, bronze. Pat Baird, not pictured, won the gold.*



*Board member Tiffanie Williams and her dog, Ivana, celebrated with Denise Hajjar.*



*Ruth Johnstone, board member-at-large, enjoys her hummingbird.*



*Alita Norkus, Dot Foye, Miranda Helebert, Alpha Story, and Claire Hagan, New Directions director, enjoy the festivities.*



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## Mission Statement

Interfaith Social Services, Inc. (ISS) is a private, non-profit agency serving people of all faiths on the South Shore. ISS seeks to serve the communities by strengthening family life and offering assistance to anyone in need. ISS works to ensure that individuals and families have access to food, clothing and counseling.

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## Message from the Executive Director



Laura E. Stracco

Every year Interfaith's Walk gets bigger and better, with this year being no exception! Bethany Congregational Church was abuzz with activity as more than 200 walkers and volunteers participated in the event's 32<sup>nd</sup> year.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast was held in April at The Wollaston Church of the Nazarene. We are most grateful to Rev. Anne Rearick and her committee for their roles in planning such a wonderful morning. This year's breakfast featured Rev. Dr. Aida Irizarry-Fernandez, district super-

intendent of the Metro Boston Hope District, United Methodist Church, as the guest speaker. Proceeds from the event benefit Interfaith's programs.

The CITGO discount heating oil program gave ISS an \$840 discount on oil purchased to heat our building from December through April. We are hopeful that this generous program will continue next year.

Una Armstrong, our New Directions staff counselor, is returning to ISS from her maternity leave in a new capacity. She will work with clients several evenings each week as a fee-for-service counselor. Although she will be missed, we are thrilled that she will maintain her connection with the agency while enjoying her new role as Mom to Sorcha Maeve.

Demand for Interfaith's services continues to increase. The Pantry Shelf gave out more than 3,600 bags of groceries in the first quarter of 2006. Just

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## RECENT GRANTS

ISS is grateful for the generous support from these foundations:

George A. Ramlose Foundation	\$ 2,000	<i>Faith in Action</i>
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over 1,000 bags were donated by individuals, families, businesses, and places of worship, meaning we supplied 2,600 more bags of groceries than were donated. We have kept up with the demand by making more purchases

## Volunteers Needed at ISS

ISS needs volunteer receptionists at the front desk during the afternoon. Ideally, volunteers will work from 12:30 to 3:30; later if possible. There is no minimum number of days required, even one or two days would be helpful. This is ideal for students who want to gain work and/or community service experience.

Volunteers are also needed to accompany the van driver to the Greater Boston Food Bank to load groceries into the van, then unload them at ISS. Help is needed on the first and third Thursdays from 7:45 - 11:00 a.m., and once a week on the second and fourth weeks of the month, on rotating days.

Please call Laura Stracco at 617-773-6203, ext. 17 for more information.

at the Greater Boston Food Bank and grocery stores. Please consider hosting a food drive over the summer months, as the number of those in need of your assistance increases.

New Directions Counseling has provided services to more than 250 clients in the last 12 months; many are still active clients while others received short-term counseling or completed their course of therapy. There are currently more than 100 active clients. About 50 percent of all clients are seen on a weekly basis. Most others are seen biweekly. Only 25 percent have some kind of health insurance coverage. Thirty percent of the current caseload pays \$10 or less for a counseling session. The department depends on fundraising, grants, and counseling donations to continue providing care to those who so desperately need it, yet are unable to afford it.

Thank you for helping Interfaith serve those in need on the South Shore and for telling others about our agency. Your generosity does so much for those who are struggling.

I wish you all a wonderful, healthy, happy summer.



Interfaith  
Social Services

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## Food Pantry Shopping List

- ✓ peanut butter & jelly
- ✓ spaghetti & sauce
- ✓ macaroni & cheese
- ✓ soup
- ✓ canned tuna & meat
- ✓ breakfast cereals
- ✓ rice
- ✓ baked beans
- ✓ canned veggies
- ✓ canned fruit
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## ISS to benefit from paper recycling program

Stop & Shop on Newport Avenue generously agreed to name ISS the recipient of proceeds from the Abitibi paper recycling program. The program is simple: deposit clean and dry newspaper, magazines, shopping catalogs, and mail in the bright green and yellow container, called Abitibi Paper Retrievers®, in the parking lot of Stop & Shop.

Abitibi-Consolidated Recycling Division provides this program and collection service at no charge.

The Abitibi Paper Retriever® program has been recognized nationally for its successful recovery rate. Abitibi-Consolidated Recycling Division is committed to providing this program since they are an end user of the paper collected. By di-

verting this paper from the waste stream, they estimate that over 2.2 million cubic yards of landfill space is saved each year. In addition, by eliminating their ground-wood and kraft pulping operations, Abitibi-Consolidated Recycling Division reduced air emissions and wastewater discharges at their newsprint mill in Sheldon, Texas.

ISS is seeking other locations for additional retriever bins. It's the ultimate win-win-win-win. Companies will save on their trash hauling fees; ISS receives funding for its programs; Abitibi gets needed paper; all while helping the environment.

Please call Laura Stracco, 617-773-6203, ext. 17 for more information.

## A 'Day of Beauty'



*Left to right, front: Bettyanne Lang, manager of material assistance, and Holly Walker and Kate Chaber, career development specialists at Work, Inc. Left to right, back: Julie Foley, The Consultant of Style, Jannette Tappan and Melinda DeYoung, job specialists, and Nicky Krulikowski, ISS intern.*

The Career Closet presented "A Day of Beauty" for clients and career development counselors to help them determine what clothing is appropriate for interviews and in the workplace.

Julie Foley, The Consultant of Style and ISS volunteer, described three key ingredients—coloring, silhouette, and personal style—that help determine what will look best on them. "Once you know your personal style, you can empower yourself by choosing the styles which flatter you, inside and out, especially for

work," says Foley. "You'll also save lots of time and money."

"The career and job specialists found this workshop especially helpful," says Bettyanne Lang, manager of material assistance. "They will use the information not only for themselves, but to educate the clients they will be counseling."

The Career Closet provides free interview outfits for low-income women entering the work force. Donations of clean, current clothing and accessories are always welcomed.

## Rev. Rearick: Chaplain of the Year

Rev. Ann Rearick, hospital chaplain, was named Chaplain of the Year by the Church of the Nazarene. CL(CAP) Dwight Jennings, U.S. Army Retired, chief of chaplains, presented the award—an international honor—to her at the District Assembly for the New England District of the Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Rearick is the first hospital chaplain to receive this award, which is usually presented to a military chaplain.

Rev. Rearick was honored for her many years of service as a hospital chaplain. She also served for 10 years on the Chaplaincy Advisory Committee for the Church of the Nazarene, and has mentored numerous individuals who were training to become chaplains.

"We are privileged to have Ann working in our midst," says Laura Stracco, executive director. "We always knew she was special; this affirms it."

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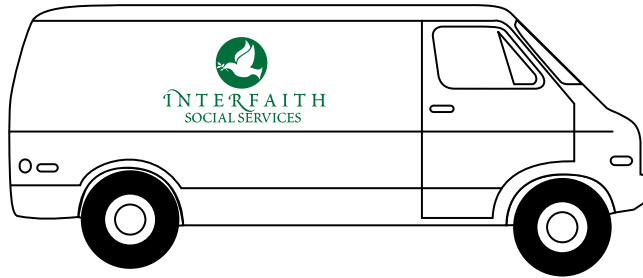
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Hingham, MA

Raffle and silent auction items are needed.  
Corporate sponsorships are still available.

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## ISS needs a new van

Interfaith Social Services needs a van to replace the current one, which is almost 15 years old with 120,000 miles on it. It was secondhand when it was donated to the agency in 1999 by an anonymous benefactor.

“The van has served us well all these years,” says Bettyanne Lang, director of material assistance. “It is essential to The Pantry Shelf; we use it to pick up food from The Greater Boston Food Bank and local grocery stores. Our day-to-day operation is dependent on having reliable transportation to transport groceries.”

Businesses or individuals who have a van, new or used in good working condition, that they would like to donate to the agency may call Laura Stracco, executive director, at 617-773-6203, ext. 17.

*The donation is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.*



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