



RSVP fits with ISS' mission



Betty DeCristofaro, ISS RSVP volunteer, and Bettyanne Lang, manager of material assistance, at the luncheon.

Several of Interfaith's volunteers attended The Norfolk County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) annual volunteer recognition luncheon at The Lantana in Randolph.

RSVP is a nationwide volunteer program that invites adults age 55 and over to use their life experience and skills to assist their

neighbors in need. Volunteers have the satisfaction of knowing that they are truly making a difference, the opportunity to use their skills and experience, as well as the chance to learn something new and make new friends.

RSVP gave ISS volunteer Betty DeCristofaro a Shining Star Site Achievement Award for her dedication to volunteer service at the agency. "She's amazing," says Laura Stracco, executive director. "She works at the front desk, she knits items for our fund-raising auctions, and sometimes she can be seen working in the thrift shop. Betty also has been known to staff a hole at the golf tournament. Basically, she does what is needed. We are thrilled to have her."

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Demand for Thanksgiving dinners increases

Last year ISS gave Thanksgiving food baskets to 200 needy families, and expects that to increase to 250 this year, as more and more families deal with financial problems.

ISS provides turkey dinners, with all the "fixings" for needy families that receive food from the Pantry Shelf. "The Thanksgiving dinners are above and beyond the regular pantry offerings," says Bettyanne Lang, director of material assistance. "These families

struggle to get even the most basic of necessities. When I sit down to dinner with my family on Thanksgiving, it is rewarding knowing that ISS has helped so many families have a similar experience."

ISS needs gift certificates to grocery stores, canned fruit, vegetables, pie crust and filling mixes, cranberry sauce, stuffing mix and cash donations. Call Lang at 617-773-6203, ext. 19 for more information about how you can help make the holiday a better one for others.

Student collects donations



Sixteen-year-old Carla O'Connor recently conducted food and clothing drives for ISS as a community service project for the National Honor Society.

O'Connor, a Girl Scout, knew about ISS because other scouts had done projects for the agency. "I thought they were a great organization, and I wanted to do something to help," she says.

And help she did. The project required 30 hours of work; she put in 78.

She delivered 55 bags of food to the Pantry Shelf, in-

cluding 40 pounds of pasta, throughout the summer. "I held coffee and dessert hours, and asked my friends to bring food and clothing, and I spread the word to other scouts, asking them to bring donations to scouting events."

In addition to the food, she donated 380 pieces of clothing and accessories to the Career Closet, an ISS program that provides interview attire to low-income women trying to enter the work force.

"She went above and
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3rd Annual Turkey Dip

The 3rd Annual Turkey Dip will be held on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23 at 8:30 a.m. at Mary's Boat Livery on Route 3A in Marshfield. "Dippers" can expect to go into the water at about 8:45, (and back out promptly well before 8:46!). All of the money raised will go to support programs at ISS.

Katherine Maloy, 16, the Dip's founder and organizer, hopes to raise \$5,000 this

year. "We raised about \$800 in 2004, and \$3,100 last year. We hope more people will turn out to make 2006 the biggest year yet.

"We will serve beverages and refreshments and have colorful, commemorative tee-shirts for sale."

Donations and sponsorships are welcome. For details and sponsorship forms, call 617-842-3224 or email: turkeydip2006@gmail.com

Food/clothing drives



Carla O'Connor delivers clothing to the Career Closet.

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beyond with the clothing,” says Bettyanne Lang, director of material assistance. “She sorted, washed, ironed and mended clothing for the Career Closet and the Bureau Drawer, and delivered everything, separated by size. The clothes for the Career Closet were on hangers, with protective plastic over them.

She also delivered 16 bags of children’s clothing, 17 bags of women’s clothing, and 10 bags of men’s clothing to the Bureau Drawer at ISS.

“The volunteers in the Career Closet and Bureau Drawer were thrilled with the wonderful condition of everything, and how well she did dividing clothing between the Career Closet and the Bureau Drawer,” says Lang. “She did a great job. She was so excited about what she was doing and how much she was helping. I loved working with her. She is really an exceptional young woman.”

RSVP honors volunteers

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Nancy Stasio, ISS RSVP volunteer, and Cindy Lee, Bureau Drawer manager and ISS board secretary, at the luncheon.

Applications for the RSVP program are available at Interfaith or by contacting the Norfolk County RSVP office by phone at 781-329-5728 or via e-mail at rsvp@norfolkcounty.org

Bob Taylor returns to ISS...Again



Robert F. Taylor returned to Interfaith as a counselor earlier this year. He was the executive director of the agency from 1967 to 1994. In 2001, when the agency needed his leadership *again*, he came out of retirement and guided it through the next four years, when he retired *again*, in 2004.

Taylor, who spent his formative years on the South Shore, holds a Master’s Degree in Social Work. During his “retirement” years he worked

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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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Dear Friend of ISS,

In these uncertain times, it is a great relief to many needy people to know that when times get tough, ISS is here to help. This Holiday Season, Interfaith Social Services, once again calls upon your thoughtful and generous financial support for this Holiday Appeal.

Here are some of our client's stories...

"I am 65 years old, disabled, and I've been a widow for over 20 years. My income is a little over \$12,000 a year. If I didn't have you people, I don't know how I could get by."

This woman is grateful for The Bureau Drawer, where she buys all of her clothing and gifts for her children and grandchildren at reduced prices. More families did their back-to-school shopping at the Bureau Drawer this year than in previous years. Your financial support helps those struggling to make ends meet.

"I can't tell you how much we rely on the groceries you give us. I don't know how I would feed my children without your help."

In June, July and August, the Pantry Shelf provided almost 4,000 bags of groceries to needy households, 23 percent more than last year, During that same period we received a little more than 1,000 bags of donated food. The agency buys food to make up the difference. Your donation helps to fund the shortfall.

"I lost my job last year, still haven't found a new one, and my unemployment is about to run out."

Many people live paycheck-to-paycheck, and when they lose a job, the result is catastrophic. Thankfully, ISS has many programs that can help.

"I boil water every evening for my children's baths"

This is what one ISS disabled client does because her oil tank is empty and she can't afford to fill it. She struggled all summer and when winter sets in she will need to heat her home. Plain and simple she needs assistance to buy oil.

I hope that you will be able to find it in your heart to give generously to help ISS continue helping so many of our neighbors, who are very much in need. Your tax deductible donation will enable ISS to continue to strengthen family life and offer assistance to those in need.

Thank you for your continuing support. May God bless you and your loved ones with health and prosperity this Holiday Season!

Sincerely,

James F. Thorne
President

P.S. You may want to honor a loved one by making your donation in their name.

Bob Taylor returns

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as a therapist, working with children, families, and elders living in nursing homes. He also served as Director of Development for the Lower Cape Outreach Council in Orleans.

In the 1960s Taylor was a psychiatric social worker for several organizations, including Worcester State Hospital from 1964-1967 where he was the head psychiatric social worker.

Laura Stracco, who replaced Taylor as director in 2004 is happy to have him back at the agency. "When Bob announced he would 'really' retire I knew it wouldn't last long. He has a true calling to help others. The Board of Directors and staff are thrilled that he accepted our request to return as a counselor. He is an extremely wise gentleman with a calm demeanor. He connects with his counseling clients, drawing on his years of social work experience to design unique treatment plans for each of his clients.

Claire Hagan, RN, LMHC, director of New Directions says "We are very fortunate to have Bob Taylor as a clinician. He brings his clients an enormous amount of skills and compassion already having made a great impact."

Golf Tournament raises \$20,000 for ISS programs



(L to R) Doug Hamilton, Tom Kelly, Max Campion, and Brad Cadigan display prizes they won for landing their tee shots on the green.

It was a perfect day for golf at Interfaith's 5th Annual Golf Tournament in August at the South Shore Country Club in Hingham. The day began with coffee and doughnuts followed by a Florida scramble, awards dinner, raffle, and silent auction. Thanks to the generosity of this year's golfers and corporate sponsors, the event netted more than \$20,000, which will benefit hundreds of individuals and families on the South Shore served by Interfaith's programs.



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From the Executive Director



Laura E. Stracco

A mother in Quincy has been boiling water all summer for her children's baths. She ran out of oil last spring and has had to make do with her electric stove.

This is one of many heartbreaking stories that I hear on a daily basis at ISS. It is why your continuing generosity is vital to the work we do.

For those of us living

comfortable lives, the scenarios I see are difficult to imagine. However, they are very real to those living them.

For the first time ever, requests for financial assistance through *HomeSafe* and *Fresh Start* were steady all summer as clients tried to avoid utility shut-off notices. Many families are still in debt to area gas and utility companies from last winter, and were forced to leave their oil tanks empty over the summer. For many of our clients, the amount they receive from the "Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program" will not even put a dent in accumulated debt, nor will it be enough to cover

a single oil fill at the current prices.

We are grateful, with your continuing support, to be able to help.

The Pantry Shelf was very busy all summer. In fact, we filled 23 percent more food orders in FY '06 than in FY '05. Serving more than 25 households a day is now the norm rather than the exception. We are ever so grateful to the volunteers and donors who make the Pantry Shelf program possible. For so many of our clients, the high cost of rent and utility bills often drain a family's resources leaving little left for anything else, including food.

Needless to say, we are very concerned for our clients, especially those with children. As always, we will do all we can to help as many as possible. We hope you

will give to our holiday appeal as generously as your means allow.

I consistently apply for grants to help fund our programs and am hopeful we will receive positive feedback from several new grant sources.

It will be a struggle, but with support we will be able to help many who would otherwise find themselves cold and hungry and oftentimes without anywhere else to turn.

I am thrilled to report that our intern, Sasha Davila, is developing a resource book for social services on the South Shore. The book is sorely needed to help agencies and families access the help they need. Davila is in the graduate program in applied sociology at UMASS Boston.

Dear ISS,

I cannot thank the person/persons (Ada Bacon Fund and Jan Stewart, Manager of Material Assistance) enough for giving me the grant (for my dental work). It is awesome to know that there's people out there willing to help people in hard or difficult situations like myself. If it wasn't for you the operation that I truly need would not be possible, but thanks to you I can now receive the proper medical attention that I've needed since early childhood. Once again I would just like to say thank you very, very, very much.

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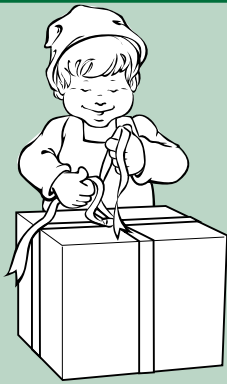
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City of Quincy Community Development Block Grant	\$ 2,925	Career Closet
Ada Bacon Fund	\$11,780	Client Medical Expenses



ELVES WANTED

Once again, ISS is providing gifts for children in need through its "Adopt-a-Family" program.

"The need for 'elves' increases every year," says Bettyanne Lang, manager of material assistance. "Last year we provided gifts for 300 children, children who would

otherwise have had a very bleak holiday. I expect the need to be higher this year, as we serve even more families in the Pantry."

The process is very simple: Lang matches "elves" with families in need, providing the names, ages, clothing sizes and two toy requests for each child. The "elves" purchase, wrap, and deliver the gifts to ISS for distribution.

"Many companies participate, encouraging employees to give to those less fortunate instead of spending money on grab gifts or Yankee Swaps. It is also a great family tradition, which can teach young children the joy of helping others in need."

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