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LifeNet Welcomes the Troops Back Home

Welcome Home a Hero is a volunteer program to encourage and support our deployed military and greet troops at DFW Airport as they return home for two weeks of rest and recuperation. Beginning in January, 2011, LifeNet staff and Board members will participate once a month.

Anywhere from 150 to 275 troops come through DFW Airport each day, one flight arrives daily and one departs each day. Volunteers gather each day to welcome these troops off their flight, thanking and encouraging them for their service to our great nation. Here are a few pictures of our staff greeting the troops on January 12th. Thanks to all of you who participated; I'm sure you would say it was well worth the effort!





Fairweather employees participated in the Adopt a Family Program for Christmas, providing much-needed gifts and treats. The family they helped consisted of a single mother and two little boys.

Pictured, from back right: Craven Vasquez, Vocational Coordinator, Adriana Diaz Project Manager at the Majestic Theatre; Hortencia Farghal, Project Manager at The Bridge; Maria Olvera, Project Manager at the Meyerson Symphony Center; Stanley Reyna, Project Manager, City of McKinney; and Joseph Garcia, Vice President of Supportive Employment.

All of us at Fairweather, would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year !



Please adapt Fairweather’s mantra —
Reuse, Reduce and Recycle



A Good Year

by Liam Mulvaney, President and CEO

Well, here we are in 2011—I wish you and your loved ones a happy and prosperous new year! Pausing for a moment to look back on 2010, I think last year was a good year for LifeNet—I hope that you’ll agree. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Financially, we finished the year in the black and we have not always been able to say that. In fact, we’ve been able to put a small amount into our reserves to protect against future uncertainty.
- Our staff turnover was very low last year—about eight percent. Anything under twenty percent is considered good and I trust that this means that, while we’re certainly not perfect, most staff feel that LifeNet is a good place to work.
- Our clinic operations have grown and we helped more people than ever in 2010. The number of people we served increased by about 18 percent throughout the year.
- Our stock of permanent supportive housing (PSH) now exceeds 700 units. This makes us now the largest provider of PSH in Dallas—we surpassed the City of Dallas last year!
- The LifeNet Board of Directors grew dramatically in 2010. Under the leadership of Board Chair Richard Best, the Board membership has grown from eight to nineteen and has become very active in supporting the agency with ideas and contributions. The Board sponsored the staff Christmas party this year.
- Most importantly, because of the skills and dedication of our staff, we have, during the last year, reinforced our position in the community as a high quality, reliable leader in homelessness.



Thank you for making 2010 such a good year and I look forward to working with you to achieve even more success in 2011.

CELEBRATIONS

HAPPY JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES!

Tiffany Claxton1 year
Linda Comito.....1 year
Cory Puckett1 year
Laura Bickerstaff.....1 year
Craven Vasquez2 years
Barbara Harris..... 3 years

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

Lydia Matthews..... 1st
Donny Lancaster 3rd
Terry Smart..... 16th
Emily Younger..... 20th



Our Monthly **STAFF POT LUCK LUNCH**

Honoring the January “Birthday Babies”
will be on Friday, January 28th, 12:00 to 1:00,
in the Staff Break Room. Great chance to socialize.
Bring whatever you like—surprise us!



Housing News

by Traswell Livingston, VP Housing

What a wonderful year we have had in the Housing Department during 2010! We have opened an additional 130 units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). We were awarded 3 new PSH Projects that included Cliff Manor (50), Aspen Chase (40) and Melody Lane (40).



Moving Day at Aspen Chase

Helping to move homeless clients into LifeNet housing at Aspen Chase were LifeNet Staff Liam Mulvaney, Traswell Livingston, Ken Mogbo, Brandon Long, Tim Greene, U. S. Eldridge and Katherine Paape. Volunteers included residents from the surrounding neighborhood and formerly homeless LifeNet clients.

The HUD Program is continuing to grow and the veteran HUD Case Managers have begun to expand on the services provided with the help of the reduced case load.

Karen Price Housing QMHP, hosted a Christmas Celebration that welcomed her HUD clients to come and enjoy punch, cookies, fellowship, games and laughs together to wrap up 2010.

LifeNet is partnering with Street Soccer USA, a national soccer organization whose mission is to end homelessness through sports. Street Soccer USA currently has soccer teams all around the United States, but the Dallas program is brand new and starts in January. LifeNet is excited to be part of seeing the foundation of something great for our clients and the homeless population within our city! To learn more about the organization, please visit www.streetsoccerusa.org. There is also an amazing video related to the mission of this organization at www.iplayfor.org. For more information about referring clients to play on LifeNet’s team, contact Brandon Long blong@lifenettxas.org.

Our wonderful Board of Directors treated the LifeNet Staff to a lovely holiday party just before the Christmas break. We had a wonderful time, and the food, prepared by Chef Carlos, was absolutely delicious (can you say “to die for?”) We really felt pampered! Many, many thanks to our Board. Here are just a few pictures.



GOTCHA AWARDS

LifeNet employees are absolutely amazing! It's so wonderful to work in an environment where there are so many talented people who care so deeply about our clients. Listed below are the "Gotchas" awarded at the January Towne Hall Meeting.

Please continue to submit nominations when you catch someone doing something especially nice, helpful, or "above and beyond." Just email Jan Hunt at jhunt@lifenettxas.org.



Edna Yabs

Coming out to Prince of Wales on her lunch hour to interpret for a client who speaks Swahili and was in need of psychiatric assistance. He is now signed up with LifeNet and can begin receiving services.

Caught in the act by Lydia Matthews.



Jason Carter

Going out of his way in helping a very upset client who was not on his case load.

Caught in the act by Kalondra Ward and Terri Ross



Kathy Ray

Assisting with I.T. questions, requests and computer problems - EVEN THOUGH WE ALL KNOW THAT SHE IS NOT I.T.!! Many times she has stopped what she is doing to help. She is greatly appreciated!

Caught in the act by Sharel Key



May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.—Joey Adams

A New Year's resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.—Author Unknown

Many people look forward to the new year for a new start on old habits.—Author Unknown

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.— Benjamin Franklin

New Year's Day is every man's birthday.— Charles Lamb

New Year's Eve, where auld acquaintance be forgot. Unless, of course, those tests come back positive.—Jay Leno

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.—Oprah Winfrey