Celebrating 30 Years of Healing and Empowerment

On September 20th, NHFC hosted its 30th Anniversary Pearls of Hope Celebration for the Northland Family Help Center. The event featured a variety of activities, including live music, booths for local service providers, the clothesline project, a kids zone, concessions, a pearl jewelry raffle, and an exhibition for local artists. The fair was a way for us to thank the community for its support and to celebrate 30 years of healing and empowerment. Michelle Shocked, the Buzzard Brothers, and our own Outreach Specialist, Brandon Rawls, performed with the Summit Dub Squad.

30 Years of Thanks
Below is a list of some of those who gave a helping hand:

- Our Sponsors: Lou Corp, Brecon Group, and Mangum, Wall, Wopat, Khu, and Harass, DLW.
- Genevieve, the Buzzard Brothers, and the Summit Dub Squad.
- Genevieve and the Buzzard Brothers for their concert, production expertise.
- Lee Kindig for her generosity, time, and effort.
- Dixie Systems for their support and sponsorship.
- The following individuals and businesses donated special jewelry for our raffle:
  - Langston Thomas, Lindsay Baker, Aimee Williams, Jeannette Hovey, Jeff Karl Jewelers, and Heidi Hanson.
- We would like to thank everyone who made the event a success.
- Mayor Sara Presler presenting Executive Director Sonja Burkhalter with a proclamation declaring the month of September, 2008 Northland Family Help Center Month.
- Our apologies to 30th Anniversary Celebration supporters who were not included in our Community Thanks insert in the Daily Sun. The paper edited the list due to space constraints.

Tax Credit Reminder

Northland Family Help Center qualifies as a working poor charity, and you may be eligible for a tax credit of up to $400. So make your donation today! Below are links to the form and instructions for the 2007 credit on contributions to working poor charities on the AZ Department of Revenue’s website. If you would benefit from the credit, make a donation to us.


Celebrating 30 Years of Healing and 10 Years of PEACE Project

Tony Britt – Currently Open

Mary Miles – Currently Open

Debbie Grogan – Currently Open

Beth Soucie – Currently Open

Angelee Van Hon – Currently Open

Deb Bennett – Currently Open

Women’s Shelter Manager: Phyllis Sweet
Children’s Shelter Manager: Jack Wilkinson

Executive Director: Sonja Burkhalter
Clinical Director: Marcel Duclos
Human Resources Director: Nancy Lochmann
Finance Coordinator: Patricia Pease

Outreach Specialist: Brandon Rawls, performing with the Summit Dub Squad

Mayor Sara Presler presenting Executive Director Sonja Burkhalter with a proclamation declaring the month of September, 2008 Northland Family Help Center Month.
Thank you for choosing to support NFHC. We couldn’t carry out our work without you!

In July we hired a new Clinical Director, Marcel Duclos, who comes to us from New Hampshire. Marcel’s expertise is in trauma, and he has 35+ years of counseling and psycho-therapy experience. He has also worked at regional, national, and international levels.

Two project monitors from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services’ Runaway and Homeless Youth Endowment (RHY) program conducted a comprehensive site visit on Sept 23-24. The site visit takes place every 3-5 years, and this year was described by the monitors as “phenomenal.” They completed 60 objective blocks, such as Shelter Management, Client Services, Program Evaluation, and reviewed client files, finances, and personnel files. They also listened to presentations, given by Children’s Shelter Manager Jack Wilkinson and Outreach Specialist Brandon Rawls, about our current shelter program and reviewed client files, finances, and personnel files. They also listened to presentations, given by Children’s Shelter Manager Jack Wilkinson and Outreach Specialist Brandon Rawls, about our current shelter program.

In September, NFHC was awarded a grant from the Navajo Nation to support the Women’s Shelter, Legal Advocacy program, and general agency operations. This is the second year that NFHC has received support from the Navajo Nation.

Also in August, new couches arrived for the Women’s Shelter living room. The furniture, which was purchased with a grant from the Women’s Community Foundation, makes the space more open and comfortable for children. The couches are a gift to the children in the shelter who are away from home.

Our Community Education Dept. taught three sections of NAU’s Freshman Year Experience on Healthy Relationships to a total of 250 new students.

Many thanks to Finance Coordinator Patricia Pease and Financial Consultant Johanna Klomann for all of their work getting ready for our annual financial audit! The first part of the audit went well, and the audit is on track for a timely completion by December 31st.

Master Gardeners continued to work on our Women’s Shelter backyard. The group came several weekends this summer to spread wood chips, build flower boxes, and eradicate our jungle of weeds. We are very grateful to Board Secretary Linda Chan who initiated and coordinated the project to adopt the Women’s Shelter backyard as a service project.

Many donors want to know what kind of gifts to provide for women and youth, who make up the majority of our clients, so we have included some gift ideas below. Please contact our Administrative Specialist, Christine Brooks, for more holiday gift ideas, to arrange for a donation, or to shop individually on behalf of the holidays.

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Stacey Wirth
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Wish List

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MK Consultants - Jody Rypkema
Portable Alarm
Bob Hart
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 gargantuan generosity!
NFHC News

On this page we included items that donors have requested to support these clients.

These are just examples of what we can accept in the name of the clients or of the organization.

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