

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” *Matthew 11.28,30*

Spring Appeal

April 2011

Dear Friends,

It is our Forty First year and my memory fails me of all the beautiful people who have come into our lives, beautiful souls. On Wednesdays, a few older women come to have lunch in our soup kitchen. We are able to sit with them and reminisce. One, “Virgie 89” is a gifted quilt maker and gifted in the lessons of life. She livens up our table. Velma, a renowned cook, is recovering from a stroke but is well enough to come to lunch. It reminds me of the country song, “I drink from my saucer because my cup overflows, overflows with life.”


Today we sold a house to a mother with two children; a home that volunteers helped build on Land Trust Land. Yesterday, the first day of spring, we had six inches of snow. I read a quote from Will Rogers “If you find yourself in a deep hole, stop digging” It fits this winter...Smiles and warm attitudes from the men who do our coldest work. They tend our outdoor E.P.A. approved furnaces. We have been warm.

Phil Gray has died and gone to be with his wife Betty. At 89 he said “I want to be with her now.” She had predeceased him. He had worked with the thousands of volunteers from churches, schools and colleges to build our Craft Store, Learning Center and all of the buildings at H.O.M.E. He worked on over 50 homes for low-income families. He said “He maybe didn’t have the best carpenters but he certainly had the best looking ones”

We write to ask you to donate to us, to H.O.M.E, to “Serve first those Who Suffer Most”

God Bless You,

Love



Lucy Poulin