

CH Clare House Clips

Clare House serves homeless women and children by providing a temporary home in a caring environment, life-skills programs, and aftercare support leading to self-sufficiency.

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In My Own Words

By Toni

I came to Clare House in June of 2009. I became homeless due to my disability. I couldn't afford my apartment because of the cost of my medications...I was uninsured and had to make a tough decision: to stop taking my medication or stay in housing. Needless to say, I needed my medication in order to live, so I chose to lose my home. Thank God for Clare House. They took me in and gave me the help I needed and put me in touch with Tabor Community Services. Together, they helped me budget and save up enough money for my own apartment. I also found help for my medicine through their resources.



Toni pictured at the Clare House picnic in 2009

I enjoyed staying at Clare House, it was like a real home. We had rules and chores to abide by, but the environment was safe and caring. I met some very nice people during my stay there, and hope to continue these friendships for the rest of my life. The staff was also very helpful and compassionate. Now I'm in my own apartment here in Lancaster and have been for a year. It's been 15 years since I could say that! I currently participate in the year-long aftercare program. During this time, I meet with my case manager monthly, and she and the other Clare House staff help provide me with resources, referrals and advocacy. When I need to talk, I know that Clare House is just a phone call away. I know that programs like Clare House exist in large part due to the kindness and generosity of friends like you. God bless you all for the help you give women like me in our time of need.

CATCH THE JAZZ
FEST FEVER...
SEE PAGE 3 FOR
DETAILS! 🎵

THIS JUST IN! The event has stepped up to a whole new level thanks to the addition of *New York Times'* Critic Choice Award Winner **TIM WARFIELD** as our headliner. **YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!**

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JAZZ FEST

For tickets: 717-291-8967
www.clarehouse Lancaster.org
Marriott Lancaster at Penn Square

SMOOTH JAZZ '07
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FRIDAY

8/6

CONTACT CLARE HOUSE...

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FOR ADDRESS CHANGES: If you need to update your address, would like to be removed from our mailing list, or would prefer to receive your newsletter via e-mail, contact Sarah at (717) 291-8967 or sarah@clarehouse Lancaster.org

From the Director's Desk



Jennifer Powell
Executive Director

2010 is a big year at Clare House. We are commemorating two tremendous milestones in our history...the 10th annual Jazz Fest and our 30th anniversary. Jazz Fest is only weeks away and we want to enjoy our 10th annual event with you. Read further for more information on the event and thank you to those already signed up to attend, sponsors and donors!! Time is running out... call us today!

30 years...although the celebration is bittersweet; bitter because our community is still in need of shelter services for homeless women and their children, but sweet because Clare House maintained the community support needed to provide these services to thousands of women and children over the years. Clare House started so humbly 30 years ago; long time volunteers remember that we used newspapers as window coverings because we couldn't even afford curtains. Essentially we were just a safe a place for women and children to go. Today we truly have blossomed to provide a full service shelter program that works diligently to move homeless women and children back into permanent housing. To honor all who have been touched by Clare House; the women and children we've served, the volunteers, donors, supporters, Board members and friends, we are celebrating with an anniversary commemoration. Please save the date, Wednesday, December 8, 2010 at Willow Valley/Double Tree Inn at 6pm for merriment, joy and fellowship. Our fall newsletter will have all the information necessary for you to register or serve as a table sponsor; but we are asking you to save the date today! One last request...it has been a privilege to serve as the Executive Director at Clare House over the past eight years. Truly, it seems like yesterday that I began at the shelter; now, the easiest way for me to gauge my tenure is to look at my two lovely children: Marcus was eight and Maddy was three when I first started; now they are 16 and 11! Needless to say, I need your help. I'm searching for Clare House history...we very much want to honor all who may have been involved with the organization...I can only go back eight years, you can help to go back 30!! Please contact me at 717-291-8967 or Jennifer@clarehouse Lancaster.org with any information, stories or names. Thank you. Appreciatively, *Jennifer*

P.S. looking forward to greeting you on August 6th at Jazz Fest and then again on December 8th! Twice in one year...what a pleasure!

VIEW FROM THE CHAIR



Jay Laser
Board President

Summer's here and the livins' easy...for those who like the heat. But, we have so much going on it almost makes me forget how hot it's been. And, speaking of hot, read on for information on our upcoming events. After an educational and inspiring Board retreat in March, facilitated by Dave Wauls of LMA Consulting, your Board of Directors is continuing to formulate a new strategic plan. Work is being done to develop the action items required to address the strategic objectives. A new vision statement and core values were developed and along with the plan will be unveiled at the 30th anniversary celebration. After a bit of summer hiatus that included our annual picnic and Jazz Fest, September will see the Board returning to our regular monthly meetings. I want to personally welcome our new Board members: Lisa Greener, Andrea Shirk, Suzanne Dombrowski and Pastor Bill Lentz. Also thank you to Chris and David Baker for hosting our annual picnic. Let me close by saying...thank you to the staff at Clare House. They continue to support our families every day. *--Jay*

"We never know how high we are, Till we are called to rise; And then, if we are true to plan, Our statures touch the skies."
~ Emily Dickinson

2010 Jazz Fest



The event is only days away and you don't want to miss this year's 10th annual celebration. That's right...10 years!! You will be entertained by The Faux Minx, The Amy Banks Quartet, and Tim Warfield, indulge in fine food and libations and enjoy fun and friendly competition with our silent and live auctions. Tickets are a reasonable \$65.00 and are still available , but hurry because time is running out; call or click today...717-291-8967 or www.2010jazzfest.eventbrite.com

Thinking about donating an item to our auction or becoming a sponsor?

You won't want to miss the action, contact us today for sponsorship information or to donate an item for our live or silent auction. Beautiful jewelery donated by Brent L. Miller Jewelers and Goldsmiths and j.a. Sharp Custom Jeweler, an amazing rug donated by Eسس & Sons, a microderm abrasion series from Restoration Spa, and a wine tasting for 12 from Antares Wine Company are a few of the items available for your bidding pleasure; not to mention a bevy of gift certificates, themed baskets, artwork, and much more! Remember, **Friday, August 6th, 2010**. Social hour begins at 6pm with complimentary beer and wine. Dinner at 7:30 with a welcome by event emcee, Paul Scott, from Smooth Jazz 92.7. After dinner guests will enjoy a short program to celebrate the 2010 Helping Hand Award recipients; Rox Perrefort, Interiors, and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ephrata. After the program the excitement begins with the live auction and the evening concludes with more merriment and dancing! Again...time is running out, contact us today! See you on the 6th!

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS THIS YEAR...

Want to help out Clare House with a gift of \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, or \$2,500? Call Shannon at 717-291-8967 to become a sponsor today! Unable to attend the event? Please consider making a donation instead.

MetroBank - Lead Sponsor
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House



Volunteer Connection

How Can You Make a Difference?

There are so many different ways to get involved with Clare House! Recently we had an amazing group of volunteers who were interested in renovating one of the rooms at our shelter to make it more welcoming and comfortable for a family. With a little paint, some accents here and there, and lots of good old-fashioned elbow grease, they were able to make an incredible transformation. A big thank you to Darby, Melissa, Hannah and Emily Papez; Chris, Janae, Hudson, Logan and Nyah Smiley; Todd, Lynn, Jordon and Carson Frick; and Todd, Penny and Alec Miller. We depend entirely on the goodwill of our supporters both financially and the donation of goods. In the past we have also had families who pooled their money together and in lieu of gifts for someone's birthday, holiday, anniversary or promotion, re-did a room at the shelter! Check out the great before and after shots below...



Before

After



Before



After



Before



After

Contact Shannon Bower, our volunteer coordinator, at (717) 291-8967 or via e-mail at shannon@clarehouse Lancaster.org to get started today!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

We are pleased to welcome Sarah Tomlinson as our new office assistant. Sarah's duties include managing the office, assisting the Executive Director, fielding program questions and coordinating donations. Prior to coming to Clare House, Sarah worked at Miryam's House, a transitional facility for women in Spokane, WA. Sarah is a graduate of Neuman College and enjoys spending time with her family and friends. Sarah likes to play sports, especially tennis. Please join us in welcoming Sarah. We are also excited to announce the addition of four new Board members: Susanne Dombrowski, Lisa Greener, Pastor Bill Lentz and Andrea Shirk. Clare House recently embarked on a new strategic plan and our new members are poised to join the initiatives. Be on the look out in upcoming editions to learn more about the new members. They join current members: Jay Laser, President; Dyan Myers, Vice-President; Andrea Turasky, Treasurer; Jackie Banyasz-Fogarty, Secretary; Chris Baker; Jay Brenneman; Maxi Cotto; David Freedman; Jack Howell; Liz Peris; Alejandro Rosado; and Jeff Shelly.



Sarah Tomlinson
Office Assistant

What's Happening?

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP SUPPORT CLARE HOUSE!

August 6, 2010
JAZZ FEST (see pg 3)

October 3, 2010
CAR SHOW

October 25, 2010
GIVE 20 NIGHT

Sunday October 3, 2010 Car Show @ Long's Park

WHEN: Sunday October 3rd from 9:30 AM-3 PM

WHERE: Long's Park
(Rt 30 and Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster)

WHY: Proceeds from the event benefit Clare House

HOW: To register or for more info, check out
<http://www.lcccpa.com/>



Monday October 25, 2010 Give 20 Night @ Iron Hill Brewery

WHEN: Monday October 25th from 5-10 PM

WHERE: Iron Hill Brewery in Lancaster
(781 Harrisburg Pk, Lancaster)

WHY: If you dine at Iron Hill on 10/25 between
5-10 PM and present our coupon,
20% of your bill (excluding alcohol)
will be donated to Clare House

HOW: To get your coupon, call 291-8967
and ask for Shannon

Around the House



Fun at the Brandvold's horse ranch!

Clare House residents haven't been *Around the House* much this summer. In June guests and staff at Clare House visited a 200 acre horse ranch in Elizabethtown. Steven and Marion Brandvold opened up their hearts and their farm and invited us to a good old fashioned cookout complete with hotdogs, burgers, chips and watermelon. The children enjoyed feeding the horses, taking horse cart rides, rolling in the grass and for some, seeing fire flies for the first time.

In July, residents, aftercare clients, staff, friends and Board members enjoyed our annual picnic. This year,

board member Chris and her husband David Baker hosted a picnic like no other. Yummy burgers, bar-b-que chicken, a potpourri of salads and desserts were gobbled up while the children played on the play-set or took a cool dip in the pool! Guests marveled at the serene surroundings, the beautiful home and the hospitality of our hosts. A special thank you to Chris and David Baker (William and Tom too) for inviting us to their home, to the lifeguards who donated their time to our event, and to Board and committee members and friends for supplying the food!



Kids enjoying the pool at the annual Clare House picnic!



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- Copy Paper
- Gift Cards
- Floor Cleaner
- Paper Towels
- Shaving Cream
- Twin Sheets
- Hand Towels
- RRTA Bus Passes
- Liquid-Plumr/ Drano
- Sunblock
- Twin Comforters
- Hair Gel/Spray

Were you involved at Clare House from the beginning or know someone who was? Did you serve on the Board of Directors or volunteer? Do you have a story to share? Were you a resident who received services at Clare House? Help us discover more about the history of Clare House...contact Jennifer Powell today with your story, photos, or information: jennifer@clarehouselancaster.org or 717-291-8967. Thanks for being a part of our celebration!



SAVE THE DATE... FOR OUR 30TH YEAR CELEBRATION!

Wednesday, December 8, 2010 @ 6 PM
 Willow Valley/Double Tree Inn

More info to come! Event is free,
 but reservations are required!