



Learn more about the Center for Respite Care

HPCUMC is invited to see first-hand how its support is working at the Avondale-based Center for Respite Care; a **public open house** is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 2, 2007**, from 9:00 AM-8:00 PM, 3550 Washington Avenue. For more information, contact members Sue (513) 271-7547 or Ruth Young (513) 533-3042 or call the Center for directions (513) 621-1868. [Read Kevin's Respite Story](#)

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This Week's Good News at HPCUMC

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HPCConnects...Center for Respite Care

According to executive director Mary Beth Meyer, blessings rain at Center for Respite Care, an HPCUMC-supported ministry. "It's a God thing," Mary Beth says. She adds: "From surmounting an eleventh-hour challenge that ensured the Center's on-time opening in October 2003 to an out-of-the-blue offer of a rent-free housing just as the lease was running out on a former location, it's been clear to me that God is the project director...Miracles happen here."

The Center is a 14-bed 24-hour facility providing medical and nursing care to sick homeless people to promote effective healing. People who are homeless experience a high rate of unresolved health conditions and complications, repeat emergency room visits and extended hospital stays due to improper healing. Center patients receive holistic care and assistance in breaking the cycle of homelessness.

HPCUMC supports the Center personally and materially; Sunday School students recently sent handmade "Get Well" cards to in-house patients.

Rx for hope

Miracles at the Respite Center take on many forms; this week they arrived as beans and bubbles. HPCUMC member Sue Cober, a regular Center volunteer, cheerfully delivered several pounds of freshly-ground coffee and a dolly toting boxes of clothing detergent. "I got involved here because of the amazing things they're doing within a tight budget...[The Center's] vision goes beyond healing the incision...Clients learn that hope lies beyond the health issue," Sue comments.

In March, a miracle was personified in Ken, a former patient. Mary Beth explains: "Ken called in March 2007—three years after his recovery and days before HPCUMC's Rev. Brian King and volunteers were scheduled to arrive for a work session."

Ken offered to join the group's Mission Day, and at lunch he offered a touching witness of his conversion from atheism. From a porch-front pulpit, Ken attributed his transformation to a recently-widowed volunteer's participation in a Christmas Eve event at the Center. "He said: 'If someone who just lost his wife of 50 years was concerned about making sure I had a good Christmas, I had better give Christianity another look,'" Mary Beth recalls.

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Rev. Brian King, Lead Pastor, "The Park," (far left) and volunteers selected the Center for Respite Care as a work site last month.

REMINDER-FLYING PIG MARATHON

The Ninth Annual Flying Pig Marathon will be held next Sunday, May 6, 2007. The course remains the same as in 2006, but the race begins at 6:30 AM. Street closures **will** affect access to HPCUMC's Sunday services. Please consult www.flyingpigmarathon.com for additional information.