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A Message from the President

Before you read about some of the great things that we are doing, I want to thank everyone for their generosity in both time, talent and treasure. The time commitment of our members to help with our many projects is greatly appreciated and does not go unrecognized. Whether you are working with ministries, donors and families, moving furniture, or doing all of the important administrative work, your actions are what makes it all come together and allows us to serve the neediest of the needy. Please know all you do is valued by the HTN board and, most especially, by the ministries that we serve.

I am also incredibly thankful for the financial generosity of so many of our members. The contributions of so many who gave last year, as well as those who have made contributions this year, has put us in a comfortable financial situation. Even with significant increases in some of our operating costs, we are still well positioned to meet our 2021 goals. We will be reaching out once again in September in preparation for 2022.

Later in this newsletter, you will read details about our upcoming Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, May 25th**. I hope that many of you will attend as we do have a number of important topics to discuss and also need to confirm Lisa Dallas as our newest board member. I am very excited about this opportunity for us to come together for the first time since the pandemic started.

Thank you all again for your dedication to our mission during what is an especially challenging time for our communities. I hope that you will all use this promising

Steve Finley



New Look. Same Commitment.

As you may have noticed from the newsletter header above, our HTN Communications Team is very excited to introduce our new HTN logo. The new logo was inspired by the original logo (below) designed by **Kaitlyn Leshak**, granddaughter of Tom Moore.

Kaitlyn was a 7th grader when she hand-drew the original logo. She is now preparing to graduate from Lansdale Catholic and attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall as an engineering major. HTN influenced Kaitlyn to begin her "Art for the Needy" ministry.



Our logo not only communicates our name, but also how Christ and the church are at the center of the work that we do. Our steadfast dedication to our values, our ministries and our core philosophy remains the same.

Kathy Morris & Sarah Dempsey (Morris)

HTN Annual Meeting

As we reflect on what has been a challenging but rewarding year for HTN and think ahead to the rest of 2021 and beyond, we encourage all members to attend this year's Annual Meeting on **Tuesday, May 25th** at **6:30 PM** in the **St.**

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Weather permitting, our meeting will take place outside. We ask that everyone please keep a safe social distance and “BYOC” – bring your own chair! Social to follow general meeting, so please bring a mask.

We look forward to seeing you!



Fundraising: We Are an Easter People

In his address to Australia on November 30, 1986, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that as Catholics, “*we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.*” He spoke also of our “*fundamental duty of love for our neighbor, without which it would be unbecoming to speak of joy.*”

During these Fifty Days of Easter Joy, HTN continues to respond to that fundamental duty of love for our neighbor. Despite the persistent limitations we face now over a year into the pandemic, our Furniture Team is out each week making pickups and deliveries and providing new beds to our needy neighbors.

As our Treasurer Mike Fedyna has reported, HTN Fundraising had its biggest year ever in 2020 in the midst of the pandemic. The support of our friends and members like you was truly remarkable. Operation Santa, launched by Tom Moore in mid-December, raised an amazing \$17,375 for needy children in Kensington.

Teresa Bronte, school counselor at the Willard School, wrote a thank you letter to Tom, where she said: “*This has been a really rough year for our kids and families. Our kids have been cooped up in their houses for months, unable to see their friends and teachers. Some have lost family members to COVID. A lot of our parents, who work in retail and home health care, have lost their jobs due to closures. The riots in*

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to thank Tom and HTN for being a ray of Christmas light in these dark times.

Unfortunately, the impact of the pandemic continues to darken the days of our needy families in Kensington and North Philly. But HTN remains committed to our mission. Pandemic or not, our HTN ministry does all it can to bring the joy of Easter to our brothers and sisters and children in need.

Because of your incredible generosity, we have the funds needed to do this good work. As Teresa Bronte reminds us, your financial support has made a real difference in the lives of so many people. As Steve mentioned in his message, we will be reaching out to everyone in September for our Annual Appeal for your financial support and I am confident you will respond as you have done in the past.

May you have a joyous Easter season and share that joy with everyone you meet, and thank you for your continued support of HTN.

Dave White



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