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## Hope 3:16 Community Center

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I am excited to share with you all the many wonderful things that have been happening within our organizations. Top of the list is that we have gone from Tenants to Landlord. We purchased the Fox Hill Center property this past August and have begun renovations in one of our buildings. This is a 4,100 square foot building that is being renovated into our Community Center and the renovations should be complete by the time this newsletter reaches you.

Our center will be used for community events and trainings, recreational space for our children enrolled into Kidz Rainbow Center, and Women of Hope (WOH) a new ministry that will use this space for various women ministries.

We also hope to rent this space out to the community at large for small special events. We have renamed our property to [Hope 3:16 Community Center](#). Please stop by anytime to visit our facilities and meet our staff.

### NOW ON A DIFFERENT NOTE...

#### *The Pain of Forgiveness*

With all that has been happening in our community and the many different emotions that people are feeling including me, I find myself thinking about how hard it is to forgive. It can literally be emotionally and physically painful. BUT, once true forgiveness has entered the heart there is a precious peace within one's soul that surpasses all understanding.

Hope For Kids has been located at 1400 Fox Hill Road, State College for 7-years. This property is across the road from The Second Mile's new location where they are building Phase I of their new campus. This was all very exciting for us because we too have begun our new projects and looked forward to being located across from the Second Mile with the hopes of possibly building stronger relationships between both organizations.

As I write this message and reflect on what has been happening in our community and my personal life as well, I am reminded just how important it is to forgive our fellow man no matter how hideous the act or crime may be. We must forgive, whether it affects us directly or indirectly. I don't pretend that this is easy to do because for most of us it is the most difficult and important decision in life that we will need to make. However, I can tell you that just as one man's anger and sickness can multiply onto a whole nation of people and destroy millions of lives – one man's spirit of forgiveness and peace can multiply and save a nation.

I now drive by land that just a short time ago was being totally reshaped by huge machines. The excitement I felt each day and night was growing in anticipation of seeing their first building constructed and directly across from this property Patton Township was also busy reshaping 84 acres into the *Bernel Park*. This was just all very exciting. Now I drive by a barren plot of land that was once busy with excitement that has been reduced to acres of mud from all the rain. I know this all sounds so gloom and doom but it is only that way if we allow it.

So my message is simple, "let's choose forgiveness so that we can live peaceably and rebuild our community and let's choose to pray and embrace our victims so that they can heal emotionally, physically and spiritually. There are many different victims in this case and they must also not be forgotten."

**John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son".**

*Brenda Lee Goldman, President & CEO*

### How You Can Help in 2012



### Trainings and Events

- April 20 Wisecrackers Comedy Club Fundraiser
- May National Foster Care Month
- July Keller Williams Poker Run Fundraiser
- Sept 29 Annual Foster Parent Training
- Oct Fall Harvest Parade
- Nov National Adoption Month



Photos courtesy of Chuck Carroll

The 2011 Agency Christmas Party for the foster children and families was held on Saturday, December 3rd and as you can see from the photos, a grand time was had by all...most importantly by the children!

Heart warming thanks to our community members who made the Christmas Party possible this year including Skip Moerschbacher for donating the use of space at Celebration Hall, to the EBA/ARL for their \$500 donation towards the expenses, to all the "angels" for providing gifts for each child: The Faith United Methodist Church of Bellefonte, Gamma Sigma Sigma, PSU Energy Institute, PSU ASCE Students, the Centre Hall Legion, and the McCloskey Counseling Center.

A special thank you to Chuck Carroll for donating his time and talent each year to photograph the party and providing the photos for wonderful memories for years to come for the children and families.

## PROPERTY FOR SALE



Hope For Kids has a 3.51 acres lot for sale in the Airport Industrial Park across from University Park Airport on Fox Hill Rd. for \$265,000. It is Lot 16 on Crosswinds Drive. Please contact Brenda Goldman 814-353-0200 for any questions or more information

## BUILDING FOR LEASE



This 4,150 sq ft building on the Hope 3:16 Community Center Property is available for lease beginning March 2012. You have the option to lease full or partial square footage of the building. Please contact Brenda Goldman at 814-353-0200 for more information.

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## TICKETS FOR KIDS



Thirty children were able to see an amazing production of Cirque Du Soleil thanks to the donation of the shows tickets by Tickets For Kids Charities, located in Pittsburgh, PA . Tickets for Kids receives tickets from various donors, events and attractions and then donates them to children served by non-profit social service agencies and community groups. For more information please visit their website at [www.ticketsforkidsfoundation.org](http://www.ticketsforkidsfoundation.org).



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## WISECRACKERS FUNDRAISER



Brenda Kephart, a former HFK foster parent, EBA/ARL staff member and Chaplain for the Elks Country Club is partnering with HFK to raise funds through the Wisecrackers Comedy Club. The event will take place at the Elks Country Club on Friday, April 20, 2012 . Ticket sales and details will be announced soon! **Thank you Brenda!**

Thank You For Giving The Kids This Fabulous Opportunity!



## KRC Fulfills Children's & Parent's Needs Alike



Aidan and Hunter, came to Kidz Rainbow Center in May of 2009 after being asked to leave another local daycare. As parents, we felt blindsided and upset to hear our children (then 2) were having difficulties at school. We had several unanswered questions and were devastated to remove our children from the daycare where they attended since they were 6 weeks old.

We set out on a quest looking for a local daycare who provided a loving, structured environment and were willing to work with the needs of the child. I toured several facilities in the area and didn't find any I felt comfortable leaving my children with while I worked, until I found Kidz Rainbow Center.

As the children got older, it was evident they were having some difficulties in several key areas. The staff went above and beyond a typical daycare role, by helping direct us to several different agencies in the area and working with these agencies to make sure we provide a cohesive environment for our children. The staff worked with our family and the intermediate unit to help develop an Individual

Education Plan, to customize the lessons to fit my children's individualized educational and emotional needs.

During this whole time, the daycare never made myself or my children feel out of place. They were invited to participate in all activities, field trips, and plays. I was amazed at all the events the daycare organized: field trips, soccer, plays, ice cream parties, baking cookies for the fireman, Easter egg hunts, community service, etc. The lessons educate the children on more than the typical ABC's and 123s.

I now feel confident my children are getting the help they need. I truly believe God sent us to Kidz Rainbow Center so our children could have the support they desperately needed. Each of these women have a special place in my heart for the compassion, love, and support they provide the children and families. Looking back, the best thing that ever happened to our family was making the change in daycares. KRC has gone above and beyond for our family and the women who work there are angels on earth! Our family can't say enough great things about the staff at Kids Rainbow Center. If you send your children to Kidz Rainbow Center you are truly not sending your children to a daycare but a "family" away from home.

Ternie and John Dlugoenski, Bellefonte, PA

## Santa Surprises the Children of KRC!



Thank you Santa, aka., Mike McCartney of Milesburg for visiting the children of KRC each Christmas and bringing such joy, excitement and wonder!

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**Recipe For a Happy New Year**  
*Author Unknown*

To leave the old with a burst of song  
 To recall the right and forgive the wrong;  
 To forget the thing that binds you fast  
 To the vain regrets of the year that's past;  
 To have the strength to let go your hold  
 Of the not worthwhile of the days grown old,  
 To dare to go forth with a purpose true,  
 To the unknown task of the year that's new,  
 To help your brother along the road  
 To do his work and lift his load;  
 To add your gift to the world's good cheer,  
 Is to have and to give a Happy New Year.

Never Deprive a Child of Hope  
 It Might Be All They Have

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**Local Real Estate Agent Supports Hope For Kids**



Local real estate agent, Michelle Swope, with Keller Williams Advantage Realty of State College, has 14 years of real estate experience in Centre County and the surrounding areas. Michelle would like to join efforts to help raise funds for Hope For Kids by offering \$250.00 to Hope For Kids every time she has a closing that results from a referral from the Hope For Kids network. So if you're looking to buy, sell or invest in real estate or know someone who is, please remember to contact Michelle Swope at Keller Williams Advantage Realty! Mention Hope For Kids and she will donate \$250.00!

**HFK Wishes To Thank Our Supporters**

HFK gives thanks to all who support our mission to help hurting children throughout the year including: Bernie Murano, Bob Hufnagle, volunteers from the Calvary Baptist Church, CitiServe, PSU Office of Student Activities, PSU ASCE Student Chapter, Faith United Methodist Church, Centre Hall Legion, Keller Williams Advantage Realty, Gamma Sigma Sigma, PSU Energy Institute, McCloskey Counseling Center, Mike & Jennifer McCartney, Chuck Carroll, Brenda Kephart, Moerschbacher Enterprises, William & Nicole Rigg, Clean Sweep, Janet Gess and children, Mt. Nittany Medical Center, Patton Township, UPS Store, St. Johns Catholic, Marion Walker Elementary, Ferguson Township Elementary, PA Family Support Alliance, Judge Ruest, Judge Lunsford, Attorney Denise Bierly and her Assistant, Meesha Calhoun. If we have forgotten to mention you please contact us so we may mention you in our next newsletter.

**I would like to support Hope For Kids with the following:**

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