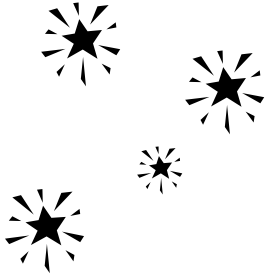




McAuley Miracles

A Newsletter of McAuley Ministries



Summer 2011

Hearts Blossom in McAuley Art Program

McAuley Ministries is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that includes:

- **McAuley House** meal site for the hungry
- **McAuley Village** transitional housing for single parents and their children
- **The Warde-robe** thrift store for the working poor.

Summertime Need:

Gently used shoes and summer attire.

To donate, please call **The Warde-robe** at 401-729-0405. For store hours, visit www.mcauleyri.org

Sharon Hermansky paints storms and sunsets, trees and flowers. She gives her paintings as gifts. In her art class at McAuley House, she finds a measure of peace, and a place to feel good



about herself. "It helps me to relax," she said. "It helps me to be a better person."

Sharon, who has experienced homelessness, volunteers at the House and attends the weekly class. Local artist and therapist Kathy King founded the class and volunteers as director of the program, and now is assisted by retired art teacher Deb Amylon. The class has grown to include an annual art show, and dozens of faithful participants, including those who are



Painting by Bob McGloin, a guest of McAuley House.

homeless, mentally ill, and poor.

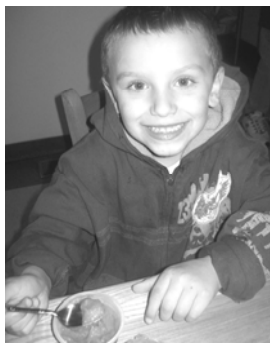
The goal, said King, is a safe space to heal, and grow. "We are all working together in this community, healing our fractured lives to make us whole," she said.

Summer Smiles for Those in Need

McAuley Ministries provides food, clothing and shelter year round. But we provide a taste of summertime joy, too. Among the plans this summer: a trip to Narragansett beach, an ice cream social, and a cookout in the McAuley House parking lot. "Humans have basic

needs, but we need joy, laughter and friendship, too," said Rev. Mary Margaret Earl, McAuley House. "Providing opportunities like these is part of our ministry."

To make a donation to foster summer joy, call Development Director Diane Holden at 401-941-9013 ext. 308.



Austin, 5, eats lunch at McAuley House.



A treat at McAuley House.

....food, shelter and clothing for the most vulnerable

Summertime Help: A Message from the Executive Director



- To be a homeless parent, living in your car, desperate for a safe place to live.
- To purchase your child's coat or shoes at a thrift store because it's the only place you can afford.

Few of us know what it's like.

Like most of you, I will not need this kind of compassionate care and assistance this summer, but many of the most vulnerable among us will.

This summer

- Thousands of the homeless and poor will come to McAuley House for breakfast or lunch. We serve 70,000 meals a year.
- We'll give dozens of vouchers for blood pressure, heart and diabetes medications. We'll help dozens of families pay rent to stay in their homes.

- 23 single parent families and their small children will live safely in McAuley Village, a goal-oriented, transformational housing program.
- Hundreds of working poor families will buy a pair of shoes, shirts, pants at The Warderobe.

All this is possible because of you and each generous donor supporting the work of McAuley Ministries.

As we move into summer and our thoughts turn to days at the beach, vacations and barbecues, please remember the hungry, the homeless and the poor.

This summer, with your help, McAuley Ministries will again provide for their basic needs.

- Don Wolfe

What is it like?

- To be so hungry you must stand in line in rain or snow or heat for lunch.
- To be unable to pay for a life-saving prescription.
- To be so down-on-your-luck that you need help to put together a security deposit.

Two Guests Share "Why I Eat Lunch At McAuley House"



Lisa : *I come here every single day. When I leave here, I go to Network RI. I put in all sorts of job applications. It makes me feel good when I come here. It takes my mind of my problems a little bit. If it wasn't for McAuley House, I would probably starve most of the time.*

Rebecca: *When I don't have enough, I come here with my kids. If I come here for lunch, I'll have more food for dinner. I'm trying to find work. There's nothing out there. Without McAuley House, I don't know what I would do.*



Collette Vacations: “Why We Give to McAuley”



(L-R) Collette Vacations President and CEO Dan Sullivan, his sister, Collette’s Manager of Community Relations Lynne Kelly, and McAuley Ministries Executive Director Don Wolfe.

Since 2009, Collette Vacations has sponsored “Lunch on Us at McAuley House,” providing financial support and volunteer assistance to the meals program. We asked Lynne Kelly, Manager of Community Relations at the family-owned local business, why they help:

Lynne Kelly: “My parents always told us that we have to give back. We have been fortunate in our family business, and we need to share that with our community.

We encourage our employees to volunteer, to see the impact we all can make. We sponsor “Lunch on Us at McAuley House” because we can see, in a concrete way, how we make a difference. When you provide a hot lunch to a hungry person, you know you’ve really helped.”

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Making a donation to McAuley Ministries is a heartfelt way to honor a friend or family member, or to memorialize the loss of a loved one.

Whether you are honoring a wedding, anniversary or other life-changing event, making a donation is a great way to mark the occasion and improve the quality of life for our most vulnerable population.

Please choose how to make your tribute:

- Visit www.mcauleyri.org
- Call 401-941-9013 ext. 308.
- McAuley Ministries P.O Box 73195, Providence RI 02907

Building a Community at McAuley Village

On Wednesdays, Chantalle Packard has a standing commitment: She and her three children join other McAuley Village moms and their little ones at a weekly community meal. Mothers take turns cooking and sharing with others.



“We all have dinner together,” she said. “There’s a lot of conversation.”

The goal is strengthening the community at the Village, a transitional housing program for 23 formerly homeless single

parents and their children, said the Rev. Michele Matott, Village Administrator.

“I would like to think of us as a community from which you can be nourished in friendship and the sharing of life,” Matott said.



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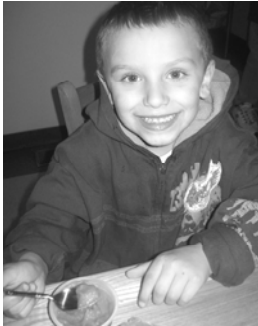
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