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Honey, Fix It. Inc. Donates an Extreme Makeover to Media Fellowship House

Media Fellowship House is currently benefiting from an extreme makeover which is being completely donated by the local home improvement firm, Honey, Fix It, Inc. The extensive project, which has been underway for several months, has served to revitalize the entire property as well as the good works that occur inside.

“The generosity of Teresa and Antonio Angarita, the owners of Honey, Fix It. Inc., have been truly inspiring,” said Executive Director Jerry Duffy. “They helped us at a time when we really needed their assistance.”

Honey, Fix It. Inc.’s work has included replacing all of the house’s rotted window sills and trim, replacing the iron rails on all of the house’s steps, repairing the cracks on the exterior walls, priming and repainting the entire exterior as well as replacing all of the windows in the building.

“And the quality of their work is wonderful.” said Jerry, “if you take a look at the windows that were installed or the paint job that they completed, you quickly realize that a great deal of time was taken in their efforts...the work was clearly done by craftsmen.”

Honey Fix, It. Inc. was approached by Media Fellowship House board member Marla Luzzi after the board realized that some repair work was needed on the building. Understanding that funds were limited, Marla thought Teresa Angarita might be willing to provide a small discount on some of the work. “Before approaching them, we never dreamed that they’d be willing to donate such a large amount of work to the house.” said Marla, “we would have been grateful for any discount they could have provided.”

Needless to say the board was overjoyed when they learned about Honey, Fix It. Inc.’s donation.

“The work they have done is extensive and would have been impossible for us to accomplish without their generosity.” said Robin Otto, President of Media Fellowship House, “it’s because of friends like Honey, Fix It. Inc. that Media Fellowship House can continue to serve the community.”

Thank You Honey, Fix It. Inc.



“It’s because of friends like Honey, Fix It. Inc. that Media Fellowship House can continue to serve the MFH President community”
-Robin

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Media Fellowship House Honors Long Term Supporters

At this year's Annual Meeting, Media Fellowship House honored several members of the community who have supported the organization for many decades. Many of the men and women who were honored have been supporters since the nonprofit began. "It was a great pleasure to be able to acknowledge these wonderful people," said Jerry Duffy, Media Fellowship House's Executive Director. "These Fellowship House members have been supporting our organization for a long time, many for more than fifty years."

Founded in 1944 after a restaurant in Media refused to serve lunch to a black woman and her daughter, Media Fellowship House has worked to ensure that everyone in the community is given an equal opportunity.

After reading off the names of the supporters to all in attendance, Mary Ellen Goldfarb, a Media Fellowship House Board Member, presented each of them with an engraved star, thanking them for their years of commitment to the house. "The star represents the light that these generous members have provided to Media Fellowship House for so many years." said Goldfarb, "it's the light by which Media Fellowship House has been guided since 1944."



Honored members from left to right seated: F. Hilary Conroy, Charlotte Conroy, Miriam Damron, Mary Mangelsdorf, Marjorie Crumrine, Paul Mangelsdorf, John Edwards and John Sennott. Standing: Gordon Ellis and Joyce Ellis

Honorees not in attendance: Alan T. Bonnell, Richard Erickson, Rosalie Grant, Mr. & Mrs. L. Eldon Lindley, Richard Rand, Ward Goodenough and Marita Green.

Congratulations



Media Fellowship House is grateful to all of those special people in our community who work so hard to make our world a better place in which to live. This year, Media Fellowship House presented awards to a few of those people in recognition of their contributions to our society.

Pictured left to right are Teresa and Antonio Angarita, owners of Honey, Fix It. Inc., who received the *Media Fellowship House Spirit of Friendship Award* for the kindness they have shown to Media Fellowship House; the Reverend Maridel A. Whitmore who accepted *The Dorothy James Community Service Award* on behalf of The First United Methodist Church of Media for their years of good works in our community; Robin Otto, President of Media Fellowship House and Dr. Cecelia Evans who received *The Marie Whitaker Humanitarian Award* for her lifetime commitment to family literacy.

*"Forget
injuries,
never
forget
kindness"*

-Confucius

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WRITING PROGRAM THRIVES AT MEDIA FELLOWSHIP HOUSE

Entering its eighth year, The With Pens in Hands Family Writing Program, now the With Pen in Hand Family Writing Program, continues to serve the community by helping families to improve their writing skills and to enjoy writing. Over forty families were served during the 2006-2007 year including mothers, fathers, guardians, grandparents and mentors. Children's ages range from two to eighteen and they have traveled from the Philadelphia area, Delaware County, Chester County, and even the state of Delaware to take part.



Saturday morning sessions are held from 9:30 to 12 noon at Media Fellowship House in Media, PA. The teachers Dr. Jesselyn Etheredge, Mrs. Janice Ewing and Mrs. Joyce Ellis, who is also a computer specialist, keep the two and one half hour sessions productive and alive. The program has also benefited from the services of Associate Director of the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project, Dr. Mary Buckelew and poet Roxie Graves.

"We went to the Media Theater to see one of our eight year old participants, Lara Etheredge, play the part of a troll in "Sleeping Beauty", said Dr. Cecelia Evans, Program Director. "Participants re-wrote their favorite fairy tales in the following weeks...additionally, several families participated in the annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration." It certainly is a very active group.

An anthology was published at the end of the program in June which showcased the work of participants. Included were stories, poems and art that were created by each of the students.

"We have also expanded the program to include strategies for success on SAT and PSSA evaluations," said Dr. Evans. "There are lessons on essay writing with a lively twist."

The program was funded this year by Ethel Sergeant Clark Smith Foundation and sponsored by the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project of West Chester University West Chester, Pennsylvania and Media Fellowship House, Inc.



A three Saturday program will be held at Second Baptist Church of Media, 400 E. State Street Media, PA, on August 11, 18, and 25, 2007.

Questions or registrations can be made by calling 610-565-4495, or 610-565-0434.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

Media Fellowship House's housing programs continue to offer assistance to our neighbors.

Homeownership First
Working together with Delaware County's Office of Housing and Community Development, last year Media Fellowship House provided education to more than 125 families who came to learn about the home buying process. Of those 125, almost 25 were able to purchase their own home right here in Delaware County.

HEMAP
There has been a dramatic increase in the number of homeowners who came to Media Fellowship House for assistance in preventing the loss of their homes to foreclosure. Last year, Media Fellowship House provided counseling to more than 150 homeowners who were in the foreclosure process. Unfortunately, these numbers continue to rise.

With the support of Delco's Office of Housing and Community Development, we will be able to continue serving our neighbors with their housing needs well into the future.

Donate

Media Fellowship House could use your help to achieve our goals. Please consider making a contribution to the house or becoming a member.

Just complete the form on the other side of this page and return it to us at the house.

Your contribution will go a long way in helping us continue our more than sixty year tradition of service to our community.

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give"

-Churchill



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