

Media Fellowship House

# FELLOWSHIP NEWS



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## JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

Media Fellowship House is organizing a trip to New York City to watch the award winning musical, *The Color Purple*.

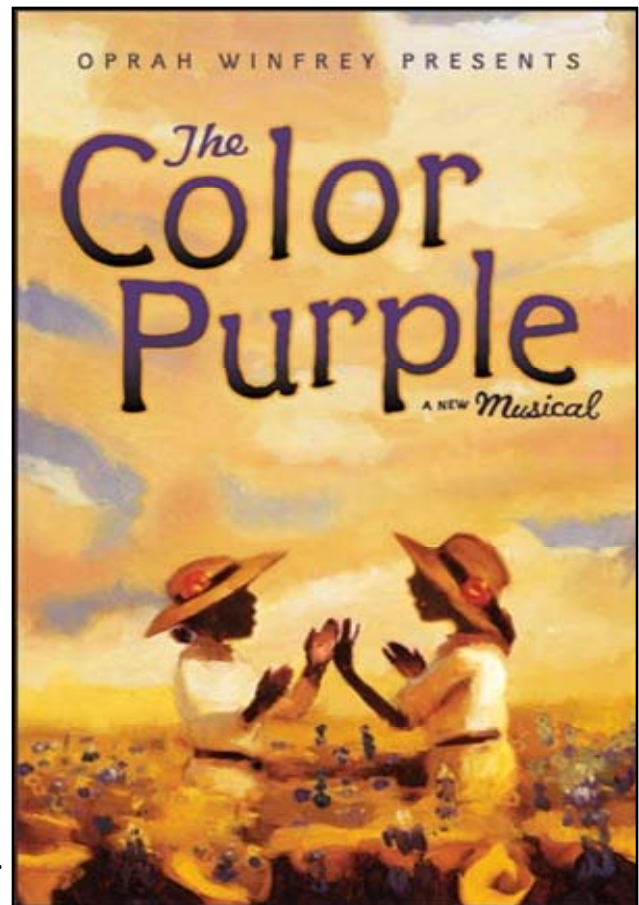
Described by critics as “A Roof-Raising Story of Triumph!” and performed by a cast who are considered “Blessed with talent!”, *The Color Purple* is a new musical based on Alice Walker’s Pulitzer Prize winning novel and Steven Spielberg’s moving film.

Tickets for the day are \$150 and include the bus trip as well as Orchestra seats for the matinee being held Wednesday, October 25, 2006. Media Fellowship House invites everyone to take part in this fun-filled day of fellowship.

“We’d just like to connect with our members and friends and enjoy a musical whose story is so touching,” stated Robin Otto, Media Fellowship House’s President “we’re looking forward to a great day.”

The *Color Purple* has received five Audience awards including Favorite New Musical while LaChanze’s brilliant portrayal of Celie won her the 2006 Tony award for Best Actress. You do not want to miss this dynamic cast.

For more information about the musical and to purchase your tickets, please contact Jerry at Media Fellowship House at 610-565-0434.



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-Aesop*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HONOREES

Congratulations are in order to our 2006 Marie Whitaker Humanitarian Award and Dorothy James Community Service Award winners.

This year, Media Fellowship House was pleased to present the 2006 Marie Whitaker Humanitarian Award to Tony DiTommaso and Comcast for their tireless dedication to our community. Tony has been a vital part of every initiative Media Fellowship House has undertaken, volunteering his time and experience to help ensure that we continue to be successful in all of our efforts. His heart-felt acceptance speech touched many hearts and further illustrated his generosity of spirit as he dedicated the award to his family members both at home and at Comcast.



Tony DiTommaso and George Rothacker pose  
With board members Joyce Ellis and Robin Otto

George Rothacker, acclaimed artist and founder of Rothacker Advertising and Design, was our 2006 Dorothy James Community Service Award winner. George's imagination was the catalyst for Media Fellowship House's Art of the Meal fundraisers while his design work was crucial to their success. "George has been a big supporter of Media Fellowship House and we are truly grateful for all he has done." stated Jerry Duffy, Executive Director of MFH.

Congratulations Gentlemen!!

## MEDIA FELLOWSHIP HOUSE'S NEW CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELOR

### **\*\*Announcing 2 Housing Seminars\*\***

Delaware County's Office of Housing and Community Development along with Citizens Bank are conducting two first time homebuyer housing seminars in our area.

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

October 28, 2006 at

Media Fellowship House

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November 4, 2006 at

Springfield Township Building

Time:9:00-12:00 both dates

For more information call us at

610-565-0434

The MFH Board of Directors couldn't be more pleased to announce that Michael F. Santarpio has been selected as our new certified housing counselor. Michael started working at MFH as a volunteer through the COSA employment program and was promoted to the full time housing counselor position in June. Michael is responsible for providing counseling to the participants of Delaware County's First Time Homebuyer Program. Last year, MFH counseled 149 households and helped 40 families purchase new homes.



Michael F. Santarpio

## WITH PENS IN HANDS RETURNS TO MEDIA FELLOWSHIP HOUSE

We are very excited to announce that the successful writing program, *With Pens In Hands Family Writing Program*, has returned to Media Fellowship House to continue its worthy mission.

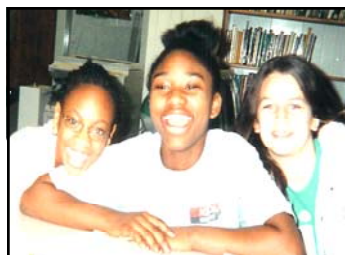
Founded by former Media Fellowship House President, Dr. Cecelia Evans, this program brings families together in fellowship through writing while teaching them to improve their written communica-

tion skills.

Since its inception, this program has brought over four hundred families together to experience the joy of writing.

The group meets at the house every Saturday from 9:30 A. M. to 12 noon and welcomes all who may be interested.

For more information please contact Dr. Evans at 610-565-4495 or the Fellowship House at 610-565-0434.



With Pens In Hands participants Having great fun while at one Saturday session.



## OUR GOALS FOR THE FUTURE

The Media Fellowship House Board of Directors have set two very important goals for the upcoming year. The first goal on our list is to improve and upgrade our facility. With the help and generosity of Honey Fix It, we intend to accomplish some much needed work on the inside and outside of our building. "These improvements

will not only enhance the look of our building, but will allow us to better serve the hundreds of senior citizens who come to the senior center during the week." said Executive Director, Jerry Duffy.

Our second goal is to complete production of our new video. The video, entitled *America in Black, White and Many Colors*,

was the brainchild of George Rothacker and details the harsh struggles that all races and nationalities have endured after arriving in America.

With the help of our friends and members, we are confident we will succeed in our efforts.

To learn more or view this moving documentary, please call us at MFH.

## THANKS TO ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS

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## Donate

*Media Fellowship House could really 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.*

*“Give  
What you  
have.*

*To Some-  
one, it  
may be  
better  
than you  
dare to  
think.”*



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# COMING SOON

*We have already started thinking about the exciting programs we will be offering to the public in 2007. Keep an eye on your mailbox for announcements about our Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration and our Black History Month Celebration as well as some new programs that are in the works. If you'd like to be more involved, just call us!*

## Join Media Fellowship House

**Yes! I'd like to join Media Fellowship House. Please enroll me at the following level:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$25      \_\_\_\_\_ Business \$75      \_\_\_\_\_ Patron \$100  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$50      \_\_\_\_\_ Senior/Student \$10

Please accept my donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help Media Fellowship House

Continue their service to the community.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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