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SONGFEST 2011 ENTERTAINS AND INSPIRES

The 7th IHN Songfest was enjoyed by a record audience of over 500 people in the historic 105-year-old Veteran's Administration Theatre. This year's event raised over \$11,000 for IHN of Greater Johnson City! The December 4th concert was opened with songs by musicians Ed Snodderly, Roger Rasnake, Lisa Pattison, Brandon Story, David Yates, and George Bottcher. Their guitar, fiddle, mandolin, bass, and guitar playing included both original and traditional songs.

For the sixth straight year, the popular ETSU Bluegrass Pride Band performed at the IHN Songfest. They showed why so many in the audience are eager to hear these talented musicians who attend the music studies program at ETSU. Dan Boner, Director of Bluegrass, Old Time, and Country Music Studies, is an enthusiastic supporter of IHN. He brought Josh Argo (fiddle), Andy Buckner, (guitar), Zack Carter (banjo), John Goad (bass), David Mowell (mandolin), and Cara Oliphant (fiddle) to the event. As in past years, these



students excelled by performing a variety of songs with great harmonies and instrumental precision.

George Bottcher, Master of Ceremonies, introduced the Darin and Brooke Aldridge Band to the stage. It was easy to see why they were nominated by the International Bluegrass Music Association as an Emerging Artist of the Year. With both exceptional instrumental work and outstanding vocals they are becoming very popular throughout the country. It was especially enjoyable to hear fiddle player Rachel Johnson



Boyd return to the stage with Darin and Brooke. Rachel sang in the 2009 Songfest while attending ETSU. She was joined by another ETSU student, Dwayne Anderson, on bass.



The annual Songfest once again provided a venue to expand the awareness of IHN's role in helping homeless families in our area. Special thanks go to all the sponsors and contributors who helped raise needed financial support through this year's Songfest!



Top to bottom: The Darin and Brooke Aldridge Band; opening group performs; Dan Boner with the ETSU Bluegrass Pride Band; Darin and Brooke Aldridge; the record-breaking crowd at the VA Theatre; Cara Oliphant and Andy Buckner. Photos courtesy of Ellen Wallen.

IHN would like to thank MSHA for its generous donation of printing and copying services.

Clergy and Coordinators Honored at Annual Dinner

On October 18, IHN held its annual Clergy/Coordinator appreciation dinner at Wesley United Methodist Church. The Board members and staff of IHN hosted the dinner, giving special recognition to the congregations and volunteers for all they do in service to IHN. Special recognition was given to Volunteer Coordinators that had volunteered for 10 years or more. They were Sandy Arner, Lori Mills, Donna Dik, Sharon and David Barnett, Ann and David Shipley, Mary Alice Fryar, and Jan Goodsell. It was a fun evening with several children from IHN sharing what being in IHN meant to them. Most of them liked the food and all the nice volunteers!



Nearly 70 clergy and volunteers enjoyed the evening together. Since Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church was hosting the IHN families that week, all of the family members were also present. The food was wonderful and prepared by the hands of one of our Board members, Eva Runningcrane.



Top to bottom: Coordinators receive 10-year recognition pins; IHN children share their thoughts; dinner in the Wesley Fellowship Hall. Photos courtesy of Brian Rosecrance.



In the Spotlight: IHN "Trailer Crew"

The staff at IHN of Johnson City would once again like to show our appreciation for the many wonderful volunteers that give of themselves to show love and care to families who are less fortunate. This month we'd like to spotlight some really incredible guys who give of their time in the early morning hours on Sundays to help the families in the program move their belongings from church to church.

As many of you are aware, the IHN guest families' bedrooms are rotated between host churches in the Johnson City area every week on Sunday mornings. This requires much coordination and volunteer help at the churches, but also requires a means of transportation for the families' belongings and their beds. Our "Trailer Crew" is a great group of guys who volunteer their own trucks to help load and pull the IHN trailer containing all of the families' belongings from church to church.

The "Trailer Crew" for several years has consisted of a very dedicated few, including John Fry, Ken Talley, Bob Peebles, and more recently, Mark Crowder. In the last few months two more men have joined this incredible group to lend their support on Sunday mornings. We welcome Allen LeClair and Michael Scott to the Trailer Crew. As a group, these men coordinate their own schedules and volunteer for several Sundays each month to be responsible to bring their own truck, hitch up the trailer, help the families and church volunteers load the trailer and then deliver the trailer to the next church.

The IHN program could not function without the support and dedication of this group of men. They perform one of the many essential functions to the organization, and do it with graciousness and pride. We'd like to extend a very special thank you to our Trailer Crew, and thank you to all of the IHN volunteers in the many roles that you all play!

~ Melissa Granger, Case Manager



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~ Brian Rosecrance, Executive Director

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IHN Welcomes Two New Staff Members

We are pleased to welcome **Aaron Scott** to the IHN staff as Development Manager. Aaron joined IHN in October 2011 after working the previous year for the Development department at Emmanuel Christian Seminary (ECS). A 2004 graduate of Milligan College with a B.A. in History, Aaron spent a number of years teaching middle and high school history and Bible in public and private schools since college. In addition, Aaron served on the staff of Reba Place Development Corporation (RPDC), an affordable housing ministry connected to his church while living in Evanston, Illinois. This experience working with RPDC led to a growing passion for faith based community development ministry.



He and his wife, Grete, also a Milligan graduate and current professor at the school, moved back to east Tennessee in the fall of 2010. Aaron serves as a deacon at Hopwood Church, is passionate about ecological justice and sustainability and has worked in ministries with ex-offenders and prisoners. Aaron and Grete stay busy with their very active two-year old son, Isaiah, and are expecting a second son this coming spring.

Aaron's tasks at IHN will include community outreach, volunteer recruitment and training, and supervision of the Family Resource Center office. He is excited to be a part of such an important and vibrant ministry. A native of northeast Ohio, Aaron is an avid Cleveland Browns and Indians and Ohio State Buckeyes fan. He and Brian are managing to get along despite the fact that Brian roots for "that team up north."



We are also pleased to welcome **K. Lynn Moore** as the new case manager for the *IHN - Families Moving Home Program*. She will be working with families to assist them in accomplishing the three goals set by HUD: to increase their skills, income, and self-determination until they reach the point of being permanently housed and self-sufficient.

Lynn is a veteran of the US Air Force, a retired broadcast engineer, a wife, the mother of three grown children and a grandmother. After retiring from broadcasting and successfully raising three children, Lynn volunteered at Caris Healthcare Hospice Service, the Johnson City Downtown Day Center, and IHN Day Center in 2007. She enjoyed the work so much that she realized she was not ready to retire, but instead just needed a career change. Lynn returned to college and graduated from ETSU this past August with her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. She plans to continue her education on a part-time basis in the evenings with the goal of earning her Master's Degree in Social Work.

Lynn is originally from Kansas City, MO, but spent many of her growing up years in Grand Junction, CO. She has travelled the world doing mission work and community building in Arizona, Canada, England, France, Spain, and Africa with *Youth with a Mission*. During her military years, she lived in Texas, Colorado, Mississippi, and Indiana, providing volunteer services to the military community. While in the military, Lynn met her husband, Mike, who is from Unicoi, TN. When they married, she made Unicoi her home.



The date is set!
Saturday, March 17
will be the
4th Annual

Chasing Snakes 10K Road Race and 4K Fitness Walk/Fun Run, to benefit IHN of Johnson City!

We are expecting this year to be bigger and better than ever! The gun will go off at 8:30 AM for the Road Race and shortly thereafter for the non-competitive event.

We need all hands on deck to make this event a success! There are volunteer opportunities for every skill level and time commitment. But we do need you! Check out our website at chasingsnakes10k.com. If you would like to volunteer, either in the period of time from now until race day, or during the weekend of March 17, please email Amy Combs at amycslp@comcast.net.

Thanks so much and may the road rise to meet you

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From the Executive Director

Whatever your age, I'll bet you still remember some nursery rhymes. Many of you know your family heritage and stories about relatives from previous generations. Those of different religions can tell stories from the Bible, the Koran, the Torah, etc. We know these things because other people took the time to tell us these stories. Story-telling is something we all have experienced and frequently do ourselves. Growing up in a Christian home, I knew the Christmas story before I could read because my parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles told it to me.

In this New Year, IHN will be focusing some new attention to volunteers and congregations. There is a need to recruit more congregations into the Network. There is a plan to offer more and various trainings to our volunteers. All of this will include telling the story of IHN in greater Johnson City over the past 11 years of service. ***We can use your help in telling that story!***

Perhaps you are friends with others that attend different of houses of worship. We just ask that in your conversations you tell them about your experiences and knowledge of IHN (i.e., how you became involved and what you do or have done as a volunteer). Let them know we are interested in talking to their congregations about the ministry and how they might be involved. It's merely a topic of conversation and telling your stories can play a significant role. It is yet another way to be of service and to be a servant.

Did you know that one of the earliest Christian traditions (beginning in the first three centuries of A.D.) is that of "hospitality?" It was an ideology and practice that distinguished the Christian community from others. Many Romans felt it was ridiculous the way the early church treated prisoners that were released, prostitutes, the poor, and strangers. Many early Christians began the tradition of taking such people into their homes. Sounds like an early IHN.

Please help IHN tell its story.....and keep in touch!Thanks for all you do. Happy New Year! May your 2012 be filled with opportunity, great works, and many blessings.

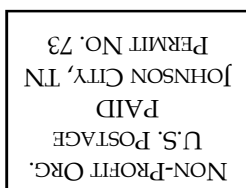
~ Brian Rosecrance, Executive Director

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