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# The Threshold Times

Threshold Clubhouse- Durham, NC "All the News We See Fit To Print"

## HomeGoods Joins the Threshold Family!

Good news, good news! Threshold's Transitional Employment program just grew by 7 slots! Thanks to our new partners at HomeGoods, we are pleased to be announcing the start of a wonderful set of new jobs for us. HomeGoods, a member of the T.J.X. family of stores that includes our long-time friends at T.J. Maxx and Marshalls, has two locations in our area, one at Brier Creek Shopping Center, and one at Renaissance Village.

The Brier Creek Store has recruited a six member crew to be their warehouse team. As of this past Monday, Threshold members are unloading boxes from a truck, sorting them into the proper departments, unpacking and distributing all the goods that come into HomeGoods. We have had a very successful first few days, and we anticipate that this will be a great opportunity for many Threshold members as we go forward.



**Duane Haley at the Brier Creek store**

To make this opportunity available to the widest range of members possible, we have arranged to pay a driver to transport the crew to and from Brier Creek daily. This is an investment in the strength of our TE program that we are more than willing to make, and we know it will pay off! Our six pioneers at this new TE are Johnnie Allen, Art Clay, Duane Haley, Ricky Johnson, Robert Speed, and Cary Williams. Congratulations to all six!

At the Renaissance Village store, we have started one slot doing maintenance in the mornings. One of Threshold's newer members, Larry Brown is our first person to try this one, and so far it has gone very well. Way to go Larry! Watch and listen for possible new slots as we continue to build our relationship with these fine stores. We have been made to feel valued and welcomed already, and I am sure we will see these opportunities flourish and grow. This is going to prove to be a very sound business arrangement for HomeGoods, and an extremely valuable set of TE placements for us. Stay tuned!



**Larry Brown at the Renaissance Center store**

**By Phil Wintermute**

Helping Adults in Durham with Severe Mental Illness Re-Integrate Into the Community

## Courage to Reveal, Courage to Heal: Threshold's Wall of Hope

**May 17: Reception and Silent Auction, 6:00 – 8:00, Parker and Otis**

**May 18: Community Celebration, 1:00 – 5:00, Bull City Business Center downtown**

Artist Andria Linn spent the morning of March 18<sup>th</sup> at Threshold working with members to color mock-ups of the mural design. For a sneak preview of the mural, check out the scale versions of the mural at Toast, a new downtown Durham restaurant. Then join us at the Reception/Silent Auction on May 17<sup>th</sup> to bid on these mural replicas. Call or email, 682-4124, or [m.mcneish@thresholdclubhouse.org](mailto:m.mcneish@thresholdclubhouse.org) today to add your name to this growing sponsor list!

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**Above: Artist Andria Linn working with Patty Wallace.**

**Below: Orlando Edwards helping with the art project.**



## Abundance of Thunder

Once upon a time a child came upon two puppies, one named Salt and one named Pepper. The lightning bolted and there was an abundance of Thunder, why shudder when rain drops pelt on your head. Was it better read than said, honestly it goes back to clash, boom, bam, a bolt of lightning and an abundance of.... which is plentiful. The motto of the story is be good to everyone- be plentiful and if you prosper you'll have plenty and no cruelty to animals.

**By Shirley Mulchi**

## Roving Reporter Question: What is your favorite thing about Employment Dinner on Mondays?

Interviewed by Annie Knapp

**Karma Dixon:** Being around Threshold staff and members.

**Richard Medwedeffe:** I really like Phil's topics and advice.

**Johnnie Walker:** I like to hear about announcements and who is working.

**Sandy Lovett:** I like socialization and learning what jobs are available.

**Richard Hudson:** I like to learn about how to meet employer's expectations and learning how to get along with co-workers. Also I like to learn about work ethic.

**Joanne Howell:** I like being around people.

**Shirley Mulchi:** It's a good way to learn about aspects of employment and to learn about the types of jobs that are open. Also, it's a good way to learn how to build a working relationship while maintaining work at Threshold.

**Terry Britt:** I like getting a meal and talking about how to handle a new job.

**Thomas Barnes:** I like the tips on what to do in order to get a job, like filling out applications and going on job interviews. It increases your chances of finding a job.

## Crop Walk 2008

Yesterday, I walked 4.8 miles! No, I did not walk it by myself! A whole bunch of people with my church walked for crop, or did the CROP Walk. I do this every year! This year I raised one hundred and thirty dollars. It even hit the Sunday Newspaper. The article in the paper talked about how much we raised altogether. It hit an ultimate high! The walk started at Duke Chapel and lasted through Duke's campus and ran down through the neighborhood and back. It was a lot of fun! It makes you feel really good about yourself after you have accomplished something really hard. Anyway, now that it is over with I am extremely sore. But I am also looking forward to my next walk. That one is for non-profit organizations. Hopefully I will not be too sore when it is all over with, but I will always enjoy giving to the less fortunate. Hope to see you there at the Great Human Race.

**By Annie Knapp**

Threshold staff mingled with CROP walkers at the annual walk on Sunday, March 16 to help walkers understand how some of the local CROP dollars are spent. CROP monies help Threshold keep our noon meals at \$1.00 so all our members can afford to eat lunch at Threshold. To add your support to our Meals Access program, contact Marya at [m.mcneish@thresholdclubhouse.org](mailto:m.mcneish@thresholdclubhouse.org). Thanks!

## St. Patrick's Day at Threshold

St. Patrick's Day at Threshold was very good. We had a group of people from a church come over and play some Irish music. Some people wore green colors. They played about 10 songs, one person had a guitar and the other had a banjo. We had an Irish meal for dinner. We had shephard's pie and brownies for dessert. Some people danced to the music. We stayed until about 7:00 p.m. then Alan came and took everybody home.

**Reported by Juan Holmes**

**MUSIC...BECAUSE WE CARE**, the house concert series sponsored by Paul Fackler and Marilyn Hartman, will host a piano recital to benefit Threshold. **Sunday April 20, 4:30, Duke Professor RANDALL LOVE** will perform works by Debussy, Schubert, Brahms, and Paul Whetstone. Suggested donation: \$15.00. Don't wait to get your tickets; these concerts usually sell out. Contact Fackler at [paul\\_fackler@ncsu.edu](mailto:paul_fackler@ncsu.edu), or 403-0627.

## North Carolina Clubhouse Coalition Trip

Over the last three days, I spent my time in Shelby, North Carolina to go to a conference with all the clubhouses in the state to talk about clubhouse issues. We talked about getting the government involved with fixing this problem with the Mental Health Reform. In which will be a big project, because the government is the cause of the Mental Health Reform. It is a hard task to get the state senators to change their minds. Unfortunately, it is our job to step up and take charge. But we are still here and we are still fighting it. The best thing people can do is to advocate and stand still on this case. I am willing to advocate, and I hope I can motivate others to stand up with me and fight this reform.

By Annie Knapp

### **My Mom Loves Me Dearly at Easter**

My mom is a very special lady. She's 76 and will turn 77 on January 7<sup>th</sup>. She's very loving and kind. My mother helped me to sign up for my Visa card to get clothes and shoes. I like feeding and clothing myself when I go out in public. I like to be around people my age and older and younger people too. My mother cooks very good food. Sometime's the seasoning sends my pressure up. Easter is a fun and lovable time with my mom. She used to boil Easter eggs for us children to find and eat. That's what makes me love her so much. Momma loves me and I love her very dearly. She reminds me so much of her mom, my Grandma named Big Mom who raised me.

By Dirk Gunn

### **Work at Arts and Crafts**

We have Arts and Crafts every Sunday. Different things are made, I chose a little tweet tweet bird to make. So much work went into a little blue bird. I thought one time I would never get finished making the bird. I wasn't too worried about how it would turn out, because we have a really smart arts and crafts teacher who would always help if I needed help. With her talent and gift, she can make anything. Work went along slow but I finally finished. I was pleased with my work.

By Vivian Perry

### **Threshold Strategies**

Laura here, Hi! I've just been a part of Threshold's Strategic Planning Committee where we fleshed out our goals. We broke into small groups where we defined our goals. Then we made a timeline of when we wanted to achieve our goals. It was a very creative and thorough process. We learned about each other as well as our plans for Threshold.

By Laura Eldridge

Annie Knapp is the Best!  
We want to thank Annie for raising  
close to \$100 for Threshold to  
participate in the Great Human  
Race.

Thanks Annie!  
More on the Great Human Race in  
the next newsletter!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> Happy B'Day Edith A.! <b>Computer Class 2:00</b>	<i>2</i> Happy B'Day Erica H.! <b>Math/ Reading Class 1:00</b>	<i>3</i> <b>Clubhouse Culture 1:30</b>  CiCi's Pizza	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>  <b>Movies at Blue Ridge Hours 11:30-4:30</b>
<i>6</i> Happy B'Day Juan H. & Felicia W.! <b>Arts and Crafts Hours 10-3</b>	<i>7</i> Happy B'Day Betty K. & Laurel T.!  <b>Employment Dinner</b>	<i>8</i>  <b>Computer Class 2:00</b>	<i>9</i>  <b>Math/ Reading Class 1:00</b>	<i>10</i> <b>Clubhouse Culture 1:30</b> Happy B'Day Janika B. & Erica W.! <b>Durham Carnival</b>	<i>11</i>  Happy B'Day Wendy B.!	<i>12</i> Happy B'Day Elson A.!  <b>Flea Market Hours 10-3</b>
<i>13</i>  <b>Arts and Crafts Hours 10-3</b>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>  <b>Computer Class 2:00</b>	<i>16</i>  <b>Math/ Reading Class 1:00</b>	<i>17</i> <b>Clubhouse Culture 1:30</b>  <b>Duke Gardens</b>	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i>  <b>Durham Earth Day Hours 10-3</b>
<i>20</i> Happy B'Day Patty W. & Mozelle T.! <b>Arts and Crafts Hours 10-3</b>	<i>21</i>  <b>Employment Dinner</b>	<i>22</i>  <b>Computer Class 2:00</b>	<i>23</i> Happy B'Day Kenyatta C.!  <b>Math/ Reading Class 1:00</b>	<i>24</i> <b>Clubhouse Culture 1:30</b> Happy B'Day Anthony F.!  <b>Bowling</b>	<i>25</i> Happy B'Day Richard M. & Roosevelt S.!	<i>26</i>  <b>Museum of Art Hours 10-3</b>
<i>27</i>  <b>Arts and Crafts Hours 10-3</b>	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i>  <b>Computer Class 2:00</b>	<i>30</i> Happy B'Day Larry D.!  <b>Math/ Reading Class 1:00</b>			

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