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Winter 2018

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Update!
April 15

Just a reminder that our GALA is being planned for April 15. This will be the 25th Anniversary of Stephen's Place. Msgr. Sacks, pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, has agreed to have us hold the event in Marian Inn. More information will follow.

If you wish to donate to Stephen's Place go to our web-site:

www.stephens-place.org
to make your donation online or mail it to 729 Ridge St. Bethlehem, PA 18015.

All donations are tax deductible.

A Special Guest



Sunday evening, December 10, Stephen's Place was graced with the presence of Bishop Alfred Schlert of the Allentown Diocese. Our resident and Chef, Zach A., prepared everyone a delicious meal followed by a home made cheesecake with mixed berry compote on top. After the meal Sister Virginia, along with the Bishop and all the residents at Stephen's Place,

sat together in the living room and talked about how living at the house has impacted their lives and their recovery from drugs and alcohol. When Bishop Schlert asked the men what their first 24 hours at Stephen's Place was like the men shared how they felt comfortable and welcomed in a family atmosphere. We want to express our gratitude to the Allentown Diocese and to Bishop Schlert for coming to visit everyone here at Stephen's Place.

Our Remodel!

We are excited to be remodeling our weight room! One of our new residents was kind enough to offer his skills and expertise in painting in order to facilitate this project. Part of the intention behind this remodel is to coincide with a new program we are working on that is going to be centered around an introduction to healthy living.



Congratulations Christopher!

Stephen's Place and Sister Virginia Longcope would like to congratulate Christopher R. on his recent graduation from the first phase program! Chris has completed another step in his journey of recovery. Here at Stephen's Place it is our hope that he carries with him the tools and values he learned while at the house. We want to not only congratulate Chris but wish him well on the rest of his journey to becoming the person God called him to be. Congratulations Chris!



Our Bingo Update



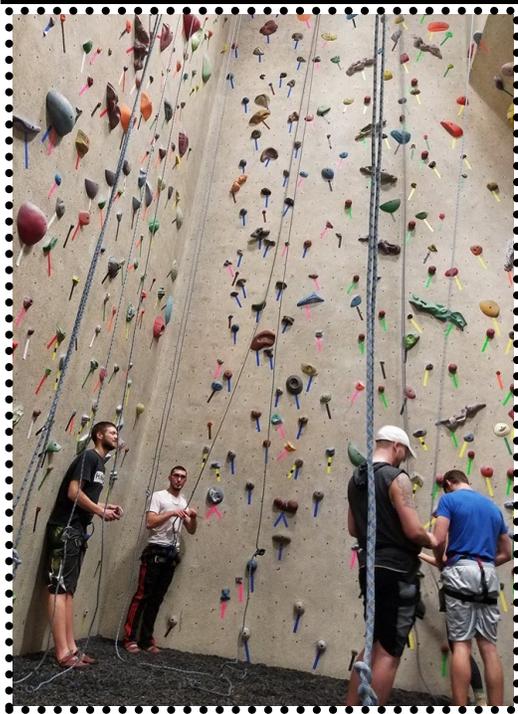
On October 22, Stephen's Place held its annual BINGO.

This was the biggest BINGO since we started this fundraiser. This year we had 173 people in attendance. There were some new food items that were a big hit such as walking tacos.

Since there were 70 baskets for the basket raffle plus some other items such as a T.V. almost half the attendees went home with a prize! All those in attendance seemed to have a great time. We are happy to report that Stephen's Place made a profit of almost \$7,000.00. We are very grateful for everyone that came and also those who donated baskets, food and prizes for this event. We also want to thank all our volunteers.

I think it is also fitting to give special recognition to our "BINGO Queen", Rita Kapun who suddenly passed away shortly after Christmas. I call her the "BINGO Queen" because she made it her mission to support Stephen's Place by selling a lot of BINGO tickets. I believe everyone at Incarnation Church knows about our BINGO! Her sister told me that she would graciously continue Rita's mission of selling BINGO tickets for Stephen's Place.

Thank you Rita! We will miss you †



Having fun

Part of being a resident at Stephen's Place means learning how to live a life free of addiction to drugs and alcohol. Sister Virginia Longcope helps the men who come through the doors of Stephen's Place experience how healthy and truly fulfilling life can be without the issues that come with substance abuse. For this reason we take the guys at the house on monthly recreational activities where the men can see what it feels like to bond and laugh without being drunk or high. This month Stephen's Place went indoor rock climbing! One of our residents took a picture looking down at everyone after climbing to the top of the wall, a great photo. After an enjoyable Friday evening rock climbing experience everyone shared a dinner together across the street at a nearby restaurant.

Christmas 2017

Stephen's place held its annual Christmas party for current residents, graduates and their families on Dec.21,2017. We had about 30 people here to celebrate the joys and blessings of Christmas. The residents and graduates enjoyed the opportunity for a time of fellowship with each other. Everyone enjoyed a variety of sandwiches, which were partially funded through a gift card from Wegmans, donated cookies and fruit.



The beautiful fruit bowl to the left was carved by the resident above holding his little boy. Of course no Christmas party with children is complete without a visit with Santa.





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Stephen's Place Mission Statement

Stephen's Place believes that men coming out of prison should have a safe, spiritual environment in order to address early recovery issues from substance abuse as well as develop personal life skills. Therefore, Stephen's Place provides a Half-Way House to help these men transition back into the community as productive citizens.



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The official registration and financial information of Stephen's Place may be obtained from the PA Department of State by calling 1(800)732-0999.

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I would like to pay a special tribute to our Board of Directors. Their support and input, empowers Stephen's Place to grow and develop.