

The Oakleaf



Three Oaks Center

Message from our board president by Ellyn G. Capper

Upcoming Events

- September 29, 2007 — “Capitol Steps” Performance at Great Mills High School, 7:30 p.m.
- October 20, 2007 — Three Oaks Center/Cole Travel Run/Walk, 9:00 a.m.
- November 24, 2007 — Second Annual Day of W.A.R.M.T.H. (Working Artists Raising Money for the Homeless) — at Camalier House, Leonardtown

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Dear Friends and Neighbors,
 The long, hot summer is over all too quickly. Boy, was it a hot and dry one! But we were blessed. July 19 dawned bright and clear. Our golf tournament went off without a hitch. It was nice and warm but not unbearably hot that day. It was probably our best tournament yet and our net income was gratifying. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and special thanks to chairman Mike Guy.

Speaking of fund raising, we have to keep in mind how important this is to us. Not only do we use the funds to cover needed extras that grants do not cover, but fundraising actually helps us get grants. Almost every grant application requires us to show that we are trying to help ourselves and are “actively” committed to our mission. This requirement

leads perfectly for us as we are also trying to help others help themselves.

Two more fundraisers are coming right up. The Capitol Steps will be here on September 29 at Great Mills High School. Tickets are available, so plan to take all your friends and neighbors to a night of side splitting laughter. Call Three Oaks for your tickets at 301-863-9535, extension 104. Remember that you save money by purchasing your tickets in advance.

On October 20 we will hold our annual Cole Travel 5K Run/Walk at Greenwell Park. Again, bring your friends, bring your neighbors, bring your children, bring your dogs, bring everybody and come out for a lovely fast or slow foot tour around this beautiful park. I’m planning for it to be a clear, crisp fall morning. See you there.

One last thing ... in spite of what you have seen in the local papers or heard around town about the Three Oaks relocation, we don’t know anything. As stated in a recent County Commissioners’ meeting, we don’t know if we will be moving, we don’t know when we might be moving, and we don’t know when we might know something. So, just tell those rumor-mongers that they have to wait with the rest of us to find out what is going to happen in the future. Patience is the name of this game.

See you at
the Capitol Steps,

Ellyn



Women’s Crisis Shelter by Lanny Lancaster

It has been nearly three months now since we opened the doors to our newest effort to provide emergency supportive services to the homeless in our county. The Women’s Shelter is a service that completes a continuum concerning a range of residential supportive programs offered by the Center. For many years now we have offered supportive residential placements to women with children in our transitional housing and permanent housing for persons with disabilities programs. These two services currently provide housing for approximately 35 women and 60 children. Our

new emergency shelter program for women enables us to provide 20 additional beds for women and children who are homeless or victims of domestic violence and experiencing immediate crisis and instability. Since opening this new program those 20 beds have generally been full. This is sad to report but we are excited and happy to be able to help fill a little of what has been a serious void in homeless services. We want to acknowledge our gratitude to the St. Mary’s County Department of Social Services, Walden, Southern Maryland Center for Family Advocacy, St. Mary’s

County Department of Health, Mental Health Authority of St. Mary’s, Inc., and the Housing Authority of St. Mary’s County for all they did to bring this program into fruition. It is also important for me to thank so many churches, businesses, and individuals whose generosity made it possible for us to obtain furniture, appliances, linens, and kitchen and dining items for the shelter. All of this was critically necessary in order for us to achieve this goal. This response was overwhelming. Our personal thanks go out to all of you.

Three Oaks Open by Carol Mathias. Tee Sponsors, Friends, and Prize Donors

The day started early for me, 6:30 am. I arrived at Breton Bay Golf and Country Club, which was new territory for the non-golfing enthusiast. I was met in the parking lot by two club workers and a friendly but somewhat curious skunk. Not exactly what I was expecting. I knew the players would start arriving in a little over an hour. I quickly got the lay of the land and started setting up for the tournament. As more and more helpers arrived, the setup became easier. By the time the players arrived, we were ready for business and in the short hour between 8 and 9 am, everyone was registered and had their carts, clubs, prizes, and water bottles to beat the heat.

Several hours later, the golfers were ready for lunch ... in air conditioned comfort. Following lunch came the awards ceremony.

**congratulations to
our 1st place team
from St. George's
Episcopal Church.**

Like all the Three Oaks fundraisers, the golf tournament would not be possible without the efforts of our board and financial supporters. Mercantile Bank and Booz Allen Hamilton helped up feed our golfers without dipping into the proceeds of the event. Breton Bay was extremely helpful in scoring the tournament. And a special thank you to the 50 tee sponsors who helped us to net over \$10,000 for the event.

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Fundraising requires both optimism and realism. Without the first, few if any gift solicitation efforts would be made. Without the second, few if any would succeed.

Howard Jones

DO YOU KNOW?

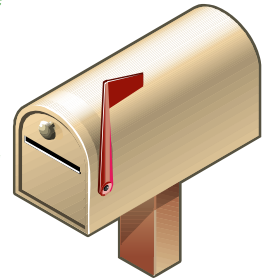
- The typical homeless family is headed by a single mother, usually in her late twenties. She has with her two or three young children, usually preschoolers.
- Homelessness affects people of all geographic areas, ages, occupations, and ethnicities but occurs disproportionately among people of color.
- More than 90% of sheltered and low-income mothers have experienced physical and sexual assault over their lifespan.



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From Our Mailbox:

When I lost my direction, you were there. Words cannot express what you and Three Oaks have done for me throughout my trials and tribulations. You were tough on me, but that's what I needed ... a swift kick. You've given me and my family hope for a better future. Your entire staff are nothing short of miracle workers. You have made what I thought impossible a reality. I know I am to take some credit, but the majority goes to you and the staff of Three Oaks. Thank you for all you have done.



*Sincerely,
One who was lost with no direction*

Be sure to mark your calendars:

**Capitol Steps - 7:30 pm
Sat., September 29,
Great Mills High School**

**Run/Walk—9:00 am
Sat., October 20,
Greenwell State Park**



COME WALK (OR RUN) WITH US!

**COLE TRAVEL/THREE OAKS
CENTER WALK/RUN**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007
9:00 AM**



GREENWELL STATE PARK

HELP US COMBAT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HOMELESSNESS!!

Come on out and walk or run in our annual 2 mile walk and 5K run within the beautiful trails at Greenwell State Park. Bring your kids ... and DOG, too!

Make it a family affair. Ask about family rates! Prizes awarded to different age groups!

FOOD, FUN AND EXERCISE ! WHAT MORE COULD YOU WANT?

Entry fee is \$30.00 through October 10; \$35 after October 10

IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO!

United Way Kickoff Breakfast Recognizes Lights of St. Mary's

If there are two things that every nonprofit organization needs, it is volunteers and a working computer system. Three Oaks is fortunate to have both as Thurman Harmon volunteers his time and expertise in keeping our computers up and running. Thank you, T.

Thirty-nine United Way member agencies joined to thank their volunteers at the United Way Campaign Kickoff Breakfast on Friday, September 7. These volunteers were recognized as the "Lights of St. Mary's."

United Way is gearing up for their tenth annual Day of Caring, when businesses and volunteers work side by side with local United Way agencies on agency projects to benefit our community. For more information or to volunteer, please contact the United Way of St. Mary's County.

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Saturday, September 29, 2007 ♦ 7:30 p.m.

Great Mills High School



\$30.00 Advance Sale Tickets ♦ \$35.00 at the door

Group rates for 25 or more



For tickets or information, call Three Oaks Center

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