

The SIGNS are all
around us.



But will we open our
eyes to see them?

Homelessness is a very *Real Problem.*

Not just in New York or San Francisco.

But right here. In Indiana County.

In *your* backyard.

You can help.

On **Sunday, Sept. 26 at 10:30 AM,**

make plans to attend a community wide worship service and picnic at the Indiana County YMCA. Or plan to make a donation to helping the homeless.

100% of proceeds collected will benefit the Pathway Homeless Shelter of Blacklick.

Organized by Grace United Methodist Church.
Call 724-463-8535 to find out how you can get involved or make a donation.

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Dear Community Members and Area Businesses:

Did you know:

- The average homeless person in the United States is 9 years old!
- 25% of the country's homeless population is under the age of 6!
- Since the creation of the *Pathway Homeless Shelter*, Indiana County's only shelter able to provide shelter to two-parent families with children while keeping the family intact, *Pathway* has provided more than 57,000 nights of emergency housing!
- For the 12 month period starting July 1, 2009 *Pathway* provided housing to 47 children and 97 adults and is on pace to exceed those numbers during the present 12 month period by almost 20%!
- On August 17, 2010 six families were on the shelter's waiting list. Last year 62 families had to look for shelter elsewhere!
- Previously relied upon federal, state and county funding sources are diminishing and threaten *Pathway's* ability to provide much needed services to people in the future!

Pathway needs our help! When we help, we speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. At the same time, we imitate God by living a life of love while demonstrating to others how much we care. It's why our Church Council voted unanimously to give the entire offering we receive Sunday, September 26, 2010 at a specially scheduled worship service at the YMCA to the *Pathway* shelter. Combined with the proceeds from the *Run for Shelter* on the previous day, and the generous giving of area churches and other groups in the community who we are also inviting to make a financial gift, "together" we hope to raise \$100,000 for *Pathway* over the two-day period!

At the time of this writing, nearly 30 area businesses have made cash gifts, donated goods or services for the *Run*. If you are one of them, please accept our heartfelt "thanks!" If you are not, here's how you can help:

- As a business, make a tax-deductible donation to benefit the *Pathway* shelter.
- Encourage your employees to make a donation to *Pathway* and promise to match it!
- Designate a part of a day's proceeds, sales, or receipts to the *Shelter*.
- Make checks payable to *Grace United Methodist Church* or directly to *ICCAP*.
- Write *Pathway Homeless Shelter* in the memo.
- Mail checks to Diana Davis, *Grace United Methodist Church* at 712 Church Street, Indiana, PA 15701 or bring your check or offering to the service at the Y and place it in one of the several offering buckets we believe God is going to fill.
- Checks received in the church office will be included in the morning offering at the Y. All monies received will be accounted for and given directly to *ICCAP*. A report of monies received and the names of businesses that contribute will appear in a future edition of the *Indiana Gazette*. Donors who make gifts payable to *Grace United Methodist Church* will also receive a financial statement of giving.

The service starts at 10:30 AM. Plans at the YMCA also include a picnic under the pavilion at noon and activities for children and families. Watch the *Gazette* for more information about the service and the difference we can make!

With thanksgiving to God,

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(Jesus said) "I was homeless and you gave me a room... Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me" – Matthew 25:35, 45