



*BUILDING HOMES OF LOVE –
SPECIAL HOMES
FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE*

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Fundraising Update

Since our *Building Homes of Love* capital campaign kick-off in May 2009, InDwellings has received a total of \$228,070.08 in gifts and uncollected pledges, including \$56,000 from our Board of Directors.

Our fundraising goal to build our first home, and operate it for the first year, is \$475,000.00. We currently have \$390,019.84 cash on hand. That means when we raise another \$84,980.16, we can begin building the first of those “Homes of Love.”

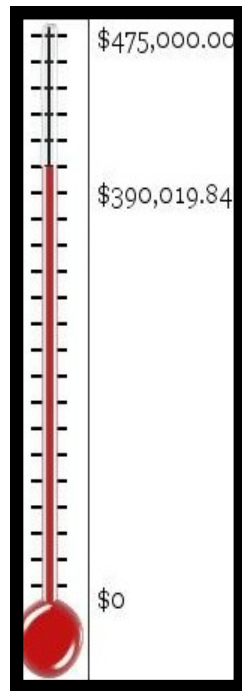
The InDwellings board is continuing to pursue grants from area foundations, as well as donations from generous contributors, in 2012.

Our honorary campaign chairman, Michael Cogdill, WYFF4 news anchor, is committed to speaking on our behalf, as he strongly believes in our mission. This year, he spoke to the Greenville Civitans, and various other non-profit groups, about InDwellings. If your business or group would like to have someone from the InDwellings’ board come and speak, please get in touch with us. Our contact information is on the back page of this newsletter, or you can write us on our website at www.indwellings.org.

As we move forward, we ask that you prayerfully consider joining our team, as we strive to build "Homes of Love" for adults with developmental disabilities. When you think about those to whom you will give gifts this year, will you also please give some thought to those folks you *don't* know who need the gift of your help?

We thank you in advance for your generosity, and wish you all a blessed holiday season.

The InDwellings Board of Directors



Kids Come Through Again To Help InDwellings!

The 2011 Vacation Bible School programs of some Foothills Presbytery churches lovingly raised money toward the InDwellings’ goal of “Building Homes of Love.” Programs varied from “Journey to Bethlehem” to “Main Street Block Party” — each program being as special as the clients InDwellings seeks to serve.

The children attending these programs learned about adults with special needs, the response of loving caretaking, and how their offerings will help with construction of our homes.

Nine churches of the Foothills Presbytery chose InDwellings as their mission emphasis during their VBS sessions.

Their combined efforts totaled **\$4,884.74.**

The Board of Directors extends its deepest appreciation to the VBS leadership — and the children — for their generosity:

Central Presbyterian Anderson, First Presbyterian Anderson, First Presbyterian Greer, First Presbyterian Woodruff, Covenant, Fountain Inn, Midway, Providence, and St. Giles.



A huge **THANK YOU** to Carolina Bronze, who performed a benefit concert for InDwellings in April at First Presbyterian Spartanburg! We had a wonderful turnout, and more than \$2500 was raised to help us reach our fundraising goal.

The InDwellings Board of Directors wishes to thank Carolina Bronze for its very kind donation of time and talent to our worthy mission, and First Presbyterian Spartanburg for the use of Fogartie Hall. We'd also like to thank our concert sponsor, First South Bank, Barry Stanley of Visual Graphics Commercial Printing, and Lance Lee of Upstate Business Services.

Thank you as well to those who attended this wonderful handbell concert and gave so generously!

Caring for the Carolinas Award Given To InDwellings Founders

Every month NewsChannel 7 highlights individuals and organizations who serve the community. The April 2011 recipients of the *Caring for the Carolinas Award* are very special to us. **They are InDwellings founders, The Reverends Nancy and Charles Blakely.** Nancy, as current president, and Charlie, as past president of the InDwellings board of directors, were selected for their tireless dedication to the Foothills Presbytery initiative to build and operate homes for adults with developmental disabilities. The story, which focused on Nancy and Charlie's vision for, and commitment to, the InDwellings ministry, aired on NewsChannel 7 on Tuesday, April 5.



Do you know of a family looking for just the right supervised care home for a loved one with developmental disabilities? If so, please contact InDwellings Board Member, Dr. Curtis Rogers, at crogers@ggc.org to learn about how they can apply to live in one of the InDwellings' homes!

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!

In November of 2012, InDwellings is planning a Foothills Presbytery-wide Craft and Bake Sale! All monies collected will go to InDwellings.

Please stay tuned for where and when, and how you can donate items for sale. All the details will be posted on our website, so please visit www.indwellings.org next year so you won't miss all the fun!



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A PLACE OF DIGNITY, FREEDOM, AND HOPE FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

OUR VALUES

We believe that every person is special, a unique being, created by God as the object of His love.

OUR MISSION

Provide community-based residences for adults with developmental disabilities, where they can strive to achieve their potential while participating in community life.

OUR VISION

Demonstrate God's grace, love, and peace by reaching out to touch the hearts and lives of our residents;

Attend to residents' spiritual, physical, intellectual, and emotional needs;

Promote safe, healthy, productive, and faithful living;

Promote the dignity of our residents;

Promote skill-training opportunities and meaningful work;

Encourage participation by family members in a plan of service that meets the needs of their loved ones;

Provide appropriate training and fair compensation for staff members. Recognize and value the important work they perform;

Serve as advocates within our churches and communities on behalf of those with developmental disabilities.

An Invitation From Our Board President

Over the years, one of my favorite spiritual writers has been Henri Nouwen. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, his work became even more poignant to me when he left teaching at Yale eventually to become a part of L'Arche community in Toronto as an assistant to the members of the community with developmental disabilities.

So, in my role as president of InDwellings with a capital campaign on my mind, I was intrigued by his recently published book, *A Spirituality of Fundraising*. Here, Nouwen addresses our fears about asking for money, and how we look at money. His words are a powerful witness to the truth that fundraising is a form of ministry and can be a deeply spiritual experience for both the donor and the one who asks. Nouwen affirms that in "...fundraising as ministry, we are inviting people into a new way of relating to their resources. By giving people a spiritual vision, we want them to experience that they will in fact benefit by making their resources available to us." (p. 19)

This leads Nouwen to point out that fundraising is a very concrete way to help the Kingdom of God come about. "Even a seemingly small act of generosity can grow into something far beyond what we could ever ask or imagine." (p. 24)

Nouwen's book is a call to conversion in how we think about money and the freedom that results from placing our complete trust in God. It is also an affirmation of our call to ministry. Our InDwellings' vision is to meet a great and heartfelt need by building homes of love for adults with developmental disabilities. We have been blessed by so many on our journey thus far. As we eagerly anticipate breaking ground on our first home, we invite you to invest yourself through the resources God has given you – your energy, your prayers, and your money – in this work to which God has called us.

Blessings,

The Reverend Nancy Blakely





Capital Campaign Pledge Form

InDwellings, Inc.

Consider a gift to InDwellings to honor a loved one or friend this holiday season!

If you return this form by December 17, a greeting will be sent to the honoree.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone (H) _____ (W) _____

Cell _____ E-Mail _____

Total Pledge: \$ _____

Start Date _____

Pledge Payment Method

As Can	_____	Quarterly Payment	_____
Bi-Monthly Payment	_____	Semi-Annual Payment	_____
Monthly Payment	_____	Weekly Payment	_____
One Time Payment	_____	Yearly Payment	_____

Name and address of gift recipient, or personal note to Treasurer regarding pledge:

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to:

InDwellings Capital Campaign
 2242 Woodruff Road
 Simpsonville, SC 29681
 Phone: 864-947-4103 www.indwellings.org



SPOTLIGHT ON: NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Angie Howell is a Greenville native. Her husband, David, is the Youth Director at John Knox Presbyterian. They have a daughter, Katherine, and a son, Will.

A Clemson graduate with a degree in Marketing, Angie works in Greenville as the Branch Manager of SCBT's Broad Street office.

Angie loves to read, knit, watch Clemson basketball, and walk her dogs, Rigby and Riley.

She first became acquainted with InDwellings through her friend and fellow church member, Kemper Kenan, when he showed her the InDwellings video (which can be viewed on our website). She was so impressed with the InDwellings mission that she wanted to be a part of it. Angie also worked with former InDwellings board member Rebecca Huskey on some of the group's banking issues, and told her if we ever needed help on the board, she would love to serve. She feels blessed to be part of such a wonderful ministry.



Kelly Lee lives in Greenville with her husband, Lance, and their two children, Gordy and Brice. She is an active member of First Presbyterian, Greenville, where she teaches a Sunday School class for those with special needs. In 1991, she graduated from Auburn University with a BS degree in Education: Rehabilitation Services. Her first job was working with both adults and children as a Service Coordinator for the Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN). Here Kelly experienced firsthand the long waiting lists for services and housing for those with special needs.

In November 2010, Kelly received an Associate in Applied Science degree with a major in Occupational Therapy Assistant from Greenville Tech. She is currently a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant at Greenville Memorial Hospital.

Kelly enjoys serving on the board, and being part of this exciting time as InDwellings raises money to "Build Homes of Love."



Becky Loe is a 3rd generation Greenvillian. She and her husband of 45 years, Bill, have lived in Simpsonville for the past 35 years, and are the proud parents of a daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Mike Masters, and new grandson, Brandon.

In 1970, the Loe's eldest daughter was born with mental and physical disabilities, as well as a terminal kidney disease that ultimately took her life when she was 6 years old. This was a life-changing experience -- Becky and Bill's heartstrings would be forever pulled toward those in our communities who have special needs.

After a 25 year career, Becky retired from teaching 4-year-old kindergarten at First Presbyterian, Greenville.

Becky and Bill have been actively involved in the life of Fountain Inn Presbyterian for 30 years. Becky has served as an Elder, Presbyterian Women's officer, and on the Building and various other committees. She also volunteers with the Good News Club at Rudolph Gordon Elementary School.

Through her involvement with InDwellings, Becky is looking forward to being a voice of advocacy and education for the specialized needs of the disabled. *"When we all participate in an infant baptism, we take a vow to nurture and care for the children of God. That vow includes those adults who will have child-like needs their entire lives."*

We are on the web!

www.indwellings.org

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View of Home



Proposed Exterior and Floorplan