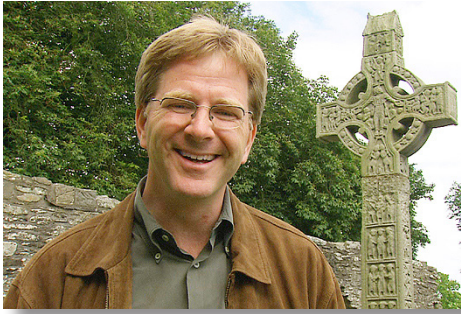




Rick Steves Gets “Spiritual” at our Fundraiser



Connect to God's creation

Travel guru Rick Steves — author of more than 30 guidebooks, host of his popular PBS television series, and radio host -- will be in Evanston, Illinois on Sunday,

December 5, 2010 for a benefit event for Good News Partners. The event, held at Cahn Auditorium at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, will feature an intimate reception with Steves in The Guild Room and a larger lecture event at which Steves will talk about the spiritual nature of travel as well as his actions to help the homeless. All proceeds from the event benefit Good News Partners for the purchase of a new building for affordable housing.

A SHARED VISION

Rick and Good News Partners share a vision — providing homes for the homeless. Rick recalls his early days of travel when his main challenge each day was finding a safe and affordable place to sleep. He also began to learn about how a rich country's (our country) policies can cause landlessness (which means homelessness and hunger) in an underdeveloped country, reminiscent of European feudalism. The realization that structural poverty was an almost invisible but very real by-product of American capitalism, both here and abroad, led Steve to brainstorm ways to house the local homeless in his town.

Rick felt a sense of urgency and he and his wife made a decision to use their retirement money “to buy a ratty duplex” adjacent to his church to house homeless moms and their kids. Eventually, the building developed a mold problem and they had to tear it down. “But to me, this

was actually good mold. God was in that mold.” Rick heard God’s call and developed an inspired community they call “Trinity Way” in Seattle, Washington.

UPCOMING BENEFIT EVENT

Tickets for this event are available at two price levels. Tickets for the reception plus the lecture are \$150 and also include an autographed copy of one of Rick Steves’ books as well as reserved seating at the lecture. The reception will be limited to a small number of people to allow Mr. Steves to mingle with the group and to answer individual questions. Those who just want to attend the lecture can purchase tickets for \$30.

TRAVEL AS A SPIRITUAL ACT

Steves cares deeply about helping those most vulnerable, and he sees travel as a means to connecting with people from around the world in meaningful ways. When asked to comment on the event, Steves said, “As a travel teacher and tour guide, my great challenge and a favorite goal is to inspire people to see how their travels can connect them more vividly with God’s great creation. By traveling thoughtfully, we can understand that, whether we live across the street or across the seas, we are all neighbors and children of the same Father. And, for any person of faith, travel can be a spiritual experience. I’ve found that, for those packing the right attitude, the best souvenir can be an empathy for desperate or struggling people.

In Chicago, Good News Partners provides these same opportunities to travel between our own neighborhoods and those which are new and different, nurturing hope and empathy along the journey. The resulting affordable

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housing initiative shows how that inspiration and empathy can be played out to God's glory."

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2010

- VIP Reception: 2:30 pm in The Guild Room — Tickets \$150.⁰⁰
- Main Event: 4:00 pm at Cahn Auditorium (doors open at 3:30 pm) — Tickets \$30.⁰⁰
- Northwestern University's Cahn Auditorium, 600 Emerson Street, Evanston, Illinois
- Purchase Tickets: www.goodnewspartners or (847) 467-4000



Affordable Housing for Mom's and Kids in Seattle, Washington

Spreading Good News

LETTER FROM RONN FRANTZ, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Partners,

The scriptures have numerous accounts of transition from one leader to another: Moses and Joshua, Elijah and Elisha, David and Solomon. With these leaders, the

younger successor often felt inadequate in carrying on for the leader who came before.

As I have begun my work as Executive Director this past three months, I certainly have been able to identify

with that apprehension of how can I carry on the legacy of faith of Bud Ogle. A number of times during this past month, different persons have introduced me as the "new Bud" or "Bud's replacement." I have been quick to respond that "no one can replace Bud." I am grateful that I will not have to work without Bud Ogle in this community that he has founded. Bud will continue to be present and well engaged in the life of Good News Partners, though in a more time limited way.

As Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure from earth, Jesus said the most startling thing of all: "Greater things you will do than what I have done." That statement continues to leave his disciples wondering just how that could be.

Jesus' words were meant to comfort and encourage his disciples as he knew they would live with much uncertainty about the future once he had ascended to our Father. His promise was that the Spirit of God would continue to guide and empower this community of faith in his absence in new ways that his disciples could not

imagine while Jesus was with them. It is the promise of God's abiding Spirit to continue the good work God has begun among us that gives me the hope and courage

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to pick up the vision which has animated Good News Partners these many years. I rejoice that our staff, board members, and resident partners have also sensed the opportunity for new

and "great" things to come for Good News Partners in the years ahead.

Thank you for your continued partnership in this Good News. Your support is crucial as we seek to receive the great things God is doing. Over five hundred persons each night continue to call Good News Partners' buildings home, including women and children coming off of the streets with no other place to go. Children in Gale school continue to receive individualized tutoring to help them read to learn. Families from the North Suburbs and North of Howard continue to bridge gulfs of hopelessness. These acts of Good News not only continue but are expanding as a dozen congregations lead us towards the acquisition of an additional residential property here in the neighborhood. May God continue to bless our partnership with one another now and in the future.

Shalom,

Ronn Frantz, Executive Director

Collaborative Work to End Homelessness

GNP, through its existing portfolio of residences, has been able to empower many in the North of Howard Community in our goal to end homelessness and hopelessness. However, to fulfill its broader mission, we need to acquire more residential properties that can be converted to affordable housing opportunities.

HOW IT ALL STARTED

Last fall, a group of churches met at The Church of the Holy Comforter in Kenilworth to strategize how to end homelessness. Half a dozen churches spoke to express their call from God, addressing this issue. At the end of the meeting the summary statement was, “If we want to end homelessness we must have more affordable housing” and the decision was made to work, as a Collaborative, using Good News Partners as the vehicle, to purchase a building.

ENDING HOMELESSNESS

GNP thus seeks to establish collaborative partnerships with local area churches, individuals and foundations to pool capital for the expressed purpose of acquiring additional residential properties in the North of Howard community. Three committees within the Collaborative focus on 1) Prayer Partners, the foundation for our orga-

nization, 2) Family Partners – practical support to help people through the continuum of finding housing, and 3) Building Acquisition of more affordable housing.

GNP has identified several properties as a pilot for its Church Collaborative Partnership Program. Acquiring one of these properties will allow GNP to offer anywhere from 4 to 67 additional housing units in the North of Howard Community. These units are all within a few blocks of the Jonquil, ideally positioned for our continuing supportive network and greatly enhancing our continuum of care.

With God’s blessing and will, Good News Partners Church Collaborative Program will mark the beginning of an exciting new chapter of growth and opportunity for affordable housing in the North of Howard Community.

Please contact Bud Ogle, Ronn Frantz or Jan Hubbard with any questions you may have.

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Check our website for more information on the Church Collaborative initiative www.goodnewspartners.org.



Representatives from Collaborative Churches focus on ending homelessness

Angels Send Kids Back to School in Style

Many churches and individuals helped our kids get back to school with all the necessary gear and enthusiasm. GNP received backpacks, school supplies and money for school uniforms from so many wonderful sources:

- Two of the children who accompany their mom to the monthly "Saturday Birthday Party" at The Jonquil donated Target gift cards. This brother and sister decided to help by asking for donation cards in lieu of gifts for their own birthday. \$350 went toward helping kids get ready for school.
- Willow Creek Church North Shore, First Presbyterian Church of Evanston, Second Baptist of Evanston, Evanston Bible Fellowship, and Unitarian Church of Evanston all joined in donating gift cards.
- Trinity United Methodist Church, Winnetka Presbyterian Church, Second Baptist of Evanston, Park Ridge Community Church and Southminster Presbyterian Church donated backpacks and school supplies.

Thanks to all who partner and support this community in such tangible ways!



Parents + Kids + Homework = success!



Kids test scores soar with Reading Coaches



Homework starts after school at The Jonquil



Gift cards for School uniforms appreciated!



Birthday Party Kids share their gifts

Recycling for Good

Thank you all for your great response to our “Blast for Recyclables” e-mail we send out every month. Recently we have received clothing, diapers, a typewriter, school supplies, gift cards, shampoo, furniture, a piano, and appliances! This is what “community” does best! Below are the specific requests we have at this time:

- **Refrigerators**
- **Gas Stoves**
- **Microwave**
- **Power Washer** (GNP Maintenance Crew could really use one!)
- **Lawn Mower** (GNP Maintenance Crew could use one)
- **A Car** (Our Chaplain is in need of a reliable vehicle to transport residents to doctor appointments and other needs in her job)

In addition to recyclables, we also need for jobs – Housekeeping, office work, elder care, carpentry/painting. Please contact Jan@GoodNewsPartners.org or (773)764-4998 if you can help with any of these items

Volunteer with Us — Upcoming Work Crew Days

Workers should wear work clothes, boots and bring work gloves. Any other supplies or equipment you may have for your project that you would like to bring along, please do so (brushes, scrapers, ladders, etc.)

Schedule of the day

- October — Reba Place Church begins after school program every Thursday
- Oct 2nd — Holy Comforter for Saturday Kids Time
- Oct 11th — Trinity United Methodist Church for Monthly Birthday Saturday
- Oct 16th — Arlington Heights Presbyterian Church communicants for work day
- Oct 23rd — Willow Creek Church North Shore for “Just Serve” day
- Oct 31st — Henry Dellva Eagle Scout Project
- Nov 13th — Work Crew Saturday (Sign up now!)
- Dec 11th — Work Crew Saturday (Sign up now!)

Many thanks to the following groups for their hard work and friendship this summer in our volunteer work crews:

- Country Club Christian Church, Indianapolis
- Second Presbyterian Church, Evanston
- Blacksburg Presbyterian Church, Blacksburg, VA (These folks hosted our youth in June and then came here to help us in August for 6 days!)
- Houston Baptist Church

**GOOD NEWS PARTNERS
MISSION STATEMENT:**

**“To end homelessness
and hopelessness with
everyone God brings to us,
to foster justice, and
to build bridges
of reconciliation.”**

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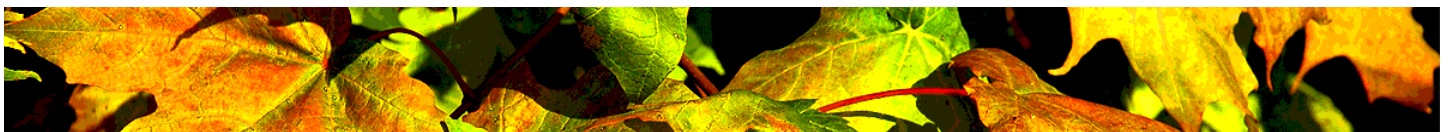
JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER:

- Tutoring
- Youth Activities
- Administrative or tech support
- Coordinate a work crew
- Prayer Network

HELP US FURTHER OUR MISSION:

- Host a small gathering of friends to hear about GNP
- Schedule a site visit at GNP
- Donate on our website:

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