

Heartbeat Lifesharing Newsletter

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Dear Friends of Heartbeat,

I am sure you are all wondering what has come of Heartbeat's efforts to build a new house. Well, thanks to you all I can say: Yippee! Heartbeat has reached its initial goal and the construction of the new house is underway. The buzz of the excavator has been like a song for those of us who have been dreaming of this new house for the last three years.

Foundation walls are up and Huntington has begun building the house at its site and will be delivering it on July 11. Many friends as well as an amazing crew will be helping at Heartbeat throughout July and August, enclosing and finishing the building. We are all looking forward to being able to move in some time in late September.

Mac and Ellen Mead, our new family, have arrived and are learning about Heartbeat's rhythms and bringing gifts of their many years of community experience to us during this period of transition. Our three new residents, Parker Brigham, Conner Henesy, and Sean Barnum are looking forward to joining Heartbeat full time in late September when the construction is complete. We are excited to see Connor, Parker and Sean throughout the summer as they will all be visiting at different times.



This campaign for the new house has been and continues to be an amazing process, bringing light and love to all of us at Heartbeat; generosity streams towards us from so many heartfelt friends, families and the unexpected. After a visit from an eleventh grade class, a young woman went home and asked her parents to give Heartbeat the money they would have otherwise spent on her holiday gifts; truly amazing! There are many examples like this throughout the campaign that have offered us encouragement and inspiration; it has been a lot of work but also a tremendous honor to be a part of bringing this house to reality.

After a difficult and tedious process with the Home and Industry Department of Vermont it became clear that Heartbeat's new house falls into the category of public buildings which in our original meetings a year and half ago was not what we were told. Under this criterion, Heartbeat is required to install both a sprinkler system and a hard wired smoke detection system. Together the cost equals an additional \$28,000 to our original fundraising goal. I am reaching out to ask for support with this last step in confirming the new house. I am turning to all the friends and supporters of Heartbeat for financial support as we stand on the brink of success. Help us make this building safe and successful!

With tremendous gratitude for all that everyone has already done,

Hannah Schwartz
Executive Director



The Stone Path

July 12, 2005

Dear Friends of Heartbeet,

Join us in paving the way to the new house at Heartbeet, to provide a warm therapeutic home for four more residents with special needs.

Just at this crucial moment in our capital campaign, two business have offered to help. They are donating the stone and the skilled labor to lay out and landscape a locally harvested granite and fieldstone path from the driveway to the new house.

With each donation of \$150.00 a step of the way can be engraved with a name, as we walk towards the goal of a second lifeshearing household. This is a wonderful way for all to see that an endeavor like Heartbeet can only make its way in the world through the generosity of an extended community of friends and supporters. It can also be a way of connecting the names of loved ones who have died with a healing impulse for the future.

The foundation is in and the house is finished and on its way. All we need is support with the sprinkler and smoke detector systems so that we can celebrate our opening in September. Please fill out the form below and mail it with a check to Heartbeet Lifesharing, 218 Town Farm Rd, Hardwick, VT 05843.



With thanks for your help in giving this project firm foot-

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Hannah Schwartz
Executive Director



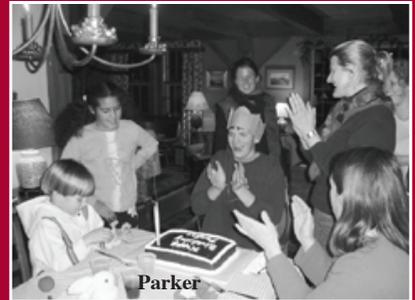
YES! I would like to support Heartbeet and put a name on the path. Please find enclosed \$ _____ (\$150.00 per individual, couple or business.)

Please write clearly in CAPITAL LETTERS the name(s) you would like engraved. (No more than 18 letters)

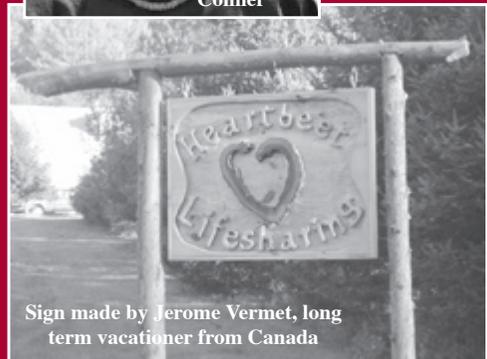
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The Heart of Heartbeet..



Looking forward to having Sean, Parker and Conner in the new house!



Sign made by Jerome Vermet, long term vacationer from Canada

My First Job

by Ann Blanchard

I got my first job working for the Buffalo Mountain Co-op in town. I get up and get ready for my job in the morning. I get 5 dozen eggs ready to take with me. I work at the new café above the co-op with Kate on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and then I walk all by myself to the GRACE program for art class. I do make mistakes, but Kate is there to help me. I can't believe that I can walk in town and have a job all by myself. It is a big step to get a pay-check and work doing food preparation and dishes. I am very proud of myself for coming a long way!



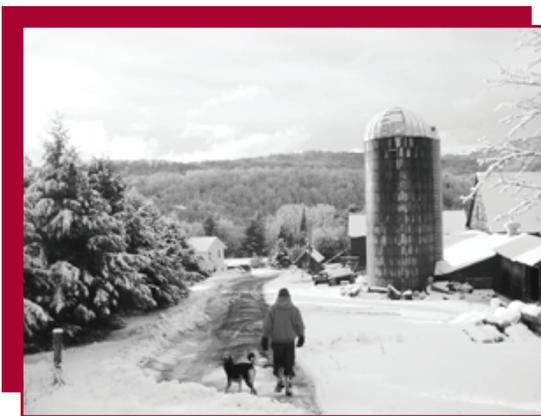
Ann (far right) and friends

Special Olympics 2005



Looking Forward ~

Closing Notes from the Director...



I want to thank all of you that have helped Heartbeat make this step into the future with confidence; THANK YOU!!! This new house would not be happening without the help of each person that offered both financial, in-kind and hands on help. The new house is up and being worked on with a move-in date in late September.

The next newsletter will be out in late September, welcoming everyone to our new house opening celebration. You can look forward to reading about Summer Camp, co-worker annual experiences, summertime fun and THE NEW HOUSE!! There will also be a full section recognizing the donors that made this new house happen.

With Heartbeat doubling in size there is lots to share.

Heartbeat is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and its primary purpose is serving individuals with developmental disabilities. We are a youthful organization with significant capital expenses, so your support is greatly appreciated and can be directed towards the following areas of need; General Operations, Building Improvements, Equipment Fund, or the Campaign for the Second House (which is now in full swing). EIN#