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The Great Give

The Great Give, held on May 6-7th, 2014, was a campaign sponsored by The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven to bring awareness to local nonprofit organizations and give donors an easy, convenient way to make donations. Donors generously supported The Beth-El Center with over \$1800 in contributions which included a \$250 Happy Hour Golden Ticket prize from the Foundation. Thanks to all who supported us!



In Memoriam

We are deeply saddened by the loss of one our long-time soup kitchen volunteers, **Richard Dlugos**.

Richard, the beloved husband of

A Letter from Toni Dolan, Executive Director

Hazy, Hot and Humid . . . these are words that describe the recent weather we have been experiencing.

At Beth-El, **HHH** stands for **housing, housing, housing!** As the federal and state goal to end homelessness continues to be the focus of our work, housing is still the biggest challenge our case managers have when trying to place our clients back into the community. The lack of safe and affordable housing impacts the ability of those who have worked so hard to improve their lives to find a place to live and become contributing members of our community.



As we all enjoy this summer weather, let us keep in mind those who struggle to re-build their lives and who are searching for a place to call home.



Milford Sisters Retire After 33 Years of Volunteering

Two local sisters retired from their long term Beth-El soup kitchen volunteering duties at the end of May. Angie West, age 92, began her volunteer work in the soup kitchen in 1997 and her sister, Ann Blazek, 93, started a year later in

Lucille Dubois Dlugos for 60 years, died on Friday, May 30. Richard was born in Milford, CT on July 3, 1933 to the late John and Katherine Voitko Dlugos. He served our country honorably in the US Navy during the Korean War. Richard was a Milford resident all his life and worked as a Purchasing Manager for Connecticut Driveshaft. He was a lifetime parishioner and choir member at St Ann Church and volunteered at the Beth-El Center for over 10 years.

Save the Date



The 3rd Annual Trick or Trot Run/Walk to benefit the Beth-El Center will take place on **Saturday, October 25th, 2014** beginning at Lisman's Landing. More details to follow soon.



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1998. Together they've volunteered at Beth-El for over 33 years!

According to Beth-El's Executive Director, Toni Dolan, "It is the commitment and dedication of people like Ann and Angie that make the soup kitchen a special place. We simply could not have produced the thousands of meals that have been served to those in need in our community without volunteers like them. We wish them both good health and good luck in their next careers."

In photo above, Soup Kitchen Manager, Mike Blatchely, thanks Angie and Ann for their service.

'Light Up the Harbor' Spring Gala Raises Fund to Support Beth-El Center

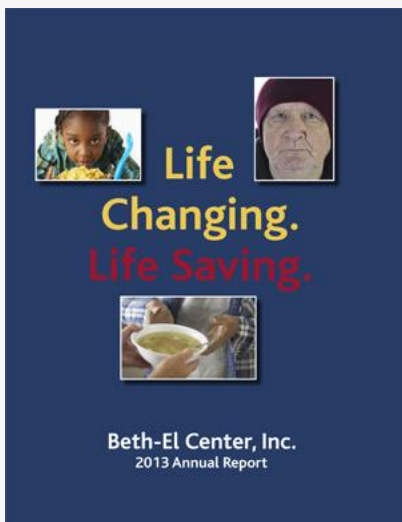
The Beth-El Center held its annual Spring Gala fundraiser at the Milford Yacht Club on Saturday, June 7th with over 150 people in attendance. All of the net proceeds will be used to support Beth-El's programs and facility.



"I am so gratified by the continued support of the community to help Beth-El in its mission to provide shelter services to help the homeless," says Toni Dolan, Executive Director. "The Spring Gala is our biggest fundraiser and it provides the Center with added financial support that is so greatly needed."



The event, hosted by FOX CT anchor Tim Lammers, featured a live auction conducted by Ed Davies. Auction highlights included Tommy John pitching lessons, New York



Beth-El recently published its 2013 Annual Report. Get a copy of this comprehensive summary of our last year's activities by calling 203.876.0747.

Thanks to Devon Rotary Club

The Devon Rotary Club kindly paid for a professional cleaning service to do a thorough cleaning of Beth-El's kitchen and dining rooms including stripping and waxing of the floors.

"We are most appreciative of this donation and the ongoing and continued support of our local service clubs. Devon Rotary has been most generous in their support," says Toni Dolan, Beth-El's Executive Director.



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Giants tickets, cooking lessons by chef Larry Landsberg, a FOX CT newsroom tour and breakfast with the anchors and a Long Island Sound sunset sailboat ride.



The Gala was sponsored by: Meisenheimer Foundation, Milford Bank, Michael and Suzanne Lyngaas, Humanitects, Baybrook Remodelers, The Community Foundation for Greater New Haven, Marilyn Cormack, Ed and Candace Davies, Harlow, Adams & Friedman PC, Susan Lapine, Don Mroz, Milford Rotary Club, John and Barbara Streicker and Webster Bank.

St. Gabe's Students Raise Funds for Beth-El

The 7th grade class at St. Gabriel School sponsored a "Sleep Out" to raise funds and awareness for Beth-El's shelter program. The group slept in cardboard boxes as a way of learning about the plight of the homeless. The students' efforts raised close to \$2000 for Beth-El, and, more importantly, raised awareness of the plight of the hungry and homeless in our community.

