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**AT THE BETTY FINNEY HOUSE/WELLSPRING CORPORATION
DISABLED DOESN'T MEAN UNABLE**

Not many organizations would ask two disabled people to organize their annual fundraising event, but that's exactly what the Betty Finney House did in August.

As plans this year looked like they were going to fall through, the Betty Finney House Board of Directors were saved by two disabled supporters, John Bunteman, Jr. of Lancaster, and Pat Mastandrea of Boiling Springs.

Desperately needing the money their annual event generates, the Board called on their own Board member John Bunteman, Jr. for help. What makes them asking him unique, is that John is legally blind. John then asked Pat Mastandrea for assistance and, she too, is disabled from a head injury she sustained in an accident eleven years ago. The challenge was made even greater because the Airways East was booked for November 11th, so they had three months to put together an event that usually takes 9 to 12 months to plan.

John quickly gathered a loyal and dedicated committee, and Pat got to work in obtaining celebrity items. Everyone involved has given 110% and the results should be an evening of fun and enjoyment for all.

"New York, New York" starts at 6:00 p.m. with a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, and a Silent Auction. A mime and a juggler will entertain guests. Dinner provided by the Susquehanna Valley Chef's Association will begin at 7:00 p.m. with entertainment from Rich Desimone known as "The Chairman of the Board". The Live Auction begins at 8:00 p.m. with 72 unique items such as a bus trip for 49 of your closest friends to go to Midway Slots and Simulcast in DE, a 1998 Red Corvette, 3 shirts worn by Nick Carter, one of the Backstreet Boys, a bowling pin and script signed by the cast of the new hit series "ED", a signed script from the critically acclaimed show, "WEST WING", dinner for 18 at both Stirling Guest House in Reading and Brasenhill in Lebanon, riding lessons, teeth bleaching, and a Barney's purse and flip flops from Bette Midler's personal collection.

The Betty Finney House/Wellspring Corporation is the only housing organization for people living with AIDS in the South Central Pennsylvania area.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$25.00.

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“START SPREADING THE NEWS”

The Betty Finney House/Wellspring Corp. announces its Fall fundraising event. This year's event is a salute to “NEW YORK, NEW YORK”, and will include street performers through out the evening along with the musical stylings of Rich DeSimone with his Frank Sinatra sounds (including “New York, New York” of course).

The event will contain both a live and silent auction show casing celebrity items, furniture, local original art items, and much, much more!, even a 1998 Red Corvette Convertible.

“New York, New York” will be held on Saturday November 11th and begin at 6:00pm. Our very own New York City can only be found in the Airways East, Hanger at the Lancaster Airport.

So take a plane, train or automobile into New York City on November 11th and help support the countless numbers of people living with HIV/AIDS in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties.

The Betty Finney House /Wellspring Corp. specifically provides housing assistance to people living with HIV/AIDS. “Because We Haven't Forgotten...There's No Place Like Home”.

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“I’M LEAVING TODAY”

Actually, I’m not leaving, but you could be. The Betty Finney House is having their 4th annual fundraiser, “New York, New York” on November 11, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the Airways East Hanger at the Lancaster Airport.

Auction items up for bid are a trip to New York City which includes train fare, dinner at Planet Hollywood, VIP tickets to “Live With Regis” and two tickets to the Broadway show “Cabaret”. Also available, separately, are tickets to “Late Show With David Letterman” and “Who Wants To Be A Millionaire”.

If New York is not your style, there is a Key West package which includes a three night stay, transportation, a dinner, trolley tour passes, and snorkeling.

Don’t like Florida? How about a beach house that sleeps twelve for a week in Stone Harbor, New Jersey?

Want to treat some friends? There is a bus trip for forty nine of your closest friends to Midway Slots & Simulcast in Delaware, which also includes a buffet for everyone. There is also another bus trip for fifty people and you can choose to go to New York or Atlantic City.

Don’t want to leave town? - we’re also offering a fifteen minute helicopter ride and dinner for two at the Lancaster Airport!

These and many more items including art, antiques, celebrity autographed pieces, merchant and service donations, and a 1998 red Corvette will be offered in the silent and live auction at “New York, New York”! Tickets are \$25.00.