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*Because we haven't
forgotten . . .*



*. . . There's no place
like home!*

“Open the Door to Caring” October 5, 1996

On October the 5th the Iris Club will host what promises to be one of the most extravagant fundraising events in Lancaster's history. Michelle Shaeffer, chairperson and event organizer has created a village for the evenings "housing" theme, including street lamps and a pathway lined with picket fences and live shrubs which will act as a runway to introduce the live auction items including a \$5,000.00 original painting by local artist Lynn Yancha, a David Yurman bracelet (worth 1,200.00) and a bottle of wine, Chateau Mouton Rothschild, with a label designed by the famous artist Marc Chagall (priceless).

The benefit has already raised close to \$30,000.00 in advanced ticket sales and raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are still available at a cost of \$25.00, the raffle item is a playhouse/garden shed (in keeping with the housing theme). This fabulous prize is worth over \$5,500.00.

Proceeds will benefit the Betty Finney House Corp. which provides housing assistance to those living with HIV/AIDS, and is the only housing assistance agency of its kind in our fourteen county South Central PA area.

Due to the sell out crowd, and space limitations, if you are planning on covering the event contact Mick Kauffman at 396-8689. Press check-in will be at the front reception desk.



“Open the Door to Caring”
“Miracles do Happen”

The Betty Finney House Corporation has found itself in some financial difficulties due to the recent allocations of State and Federal dollars by the South Central Pennsylvania AIDS Planning Coalition. However, we are committed to keeping our doors open and serving our clients!

In a time of trouble, a volunteer has selflessly given of herself to sponsor an event to benefit our cause- Assisting people living with HIV/AIDS with housing, by “Restoring Dignity with Care”. Miracles do happen!

On October 5, 1996 beginning at 6:30 pm there will be a charity event titled: “Open the Doors to Caring”. It will be comprised of a silent and live auction, music provided by the Flaming Caucasians” (get ready to dance!) as well as fine dining and an open bar. A playhouse/garden shed will also be raffled off during the evenings festivities.

**THE
FLAMIN'
CAUCASIANS**

If you are interested in attending, or gaining more information about the event, contact Michelle Schaeffer at 291-1486.



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**Miracles Still Happen
"Open the Door to Caring"**

Recently, due to cut backs in AIDS funding, the Betty Finney House Corp. found itself brainstorming in order to find ways to keep our doors open. At the same time as this dark cloud loomed above our Agency, someone stepped forward-Michelle Schaeffer.

Michelle was a non-traditional student at Millersville University studying psychology. One of her professors, Dr. Betty Finney touched her heart so much that when she graduated, instead of throwing herself a graduation party, she chose to help the Betty Finney House Corp. and the countless numbers of countians living with HIV/AIDS. Her timing could not have been better - at a time when funds were most crucial, our prayers were answered. She has turned her graduation party into the biggest fund-raiser in our Agency's history, **"OPEN THE DOORS TO CARING"**.

The event will occur on Saturday, October 5th, at the Iris Club and promises to be an evening of entertainment for everyone! Beginning with a Silent Auction and Open Bar, your tastebuds will be teased with hors d'oeuvres by Kathy Pianka. Food will then be served out of miniature houses in a village with actual street lamps. Culinary delights, for every taste, will be prepared by some of the areas fines chefs and restaurants including: Dan Silverthorn, Tim Carr, Gallo Rosso, The Carriage House, Carlos and Charlie's Bar and Restaurant, The Log Cabin, and College Coffee Roasters. The Flamin' Caucasians will provide music for dancing in our village. The Live Auction begins with a "BANG" with an amazing performance by Illusion Artist, Jay Stoltzfus. Our honorary guest, Dr. Betty Finney, will draw the winning raffle ticket for a playhouse/shed, and then more dancing in the streets to the Flamin' Caucasians.

Auction items include: Exquisite Jewelry and Gifts, Fine Art with originals by Lynn Yancha, and Celebrated Photographers William Wegman and Carolyn Jones, Fabulous Furs, Antiques and Collectibles. Pat Mastandrea has joined our cause and has obtained over 150 autographed celebrity items including: Bette Midler (high heeled boots), Jane Seymour (Italian jacket), LIVE (framed cymbal), Rosje O'Donnell (jacket from her new show), Michael Bolton, The Eagles, Paul Newman, Ann Rice, Cal Ripken, John Travolta, Chris O'Donnell, Arnold Palmer, Stephen King and Ms.Elizabeth Taylor. Broadway Items include: Julie Andrews' "Victor Victoria", Television Items; Tim Allen, "Ellen", M*A*S*H, and Cheers, plus jackets, posters, scripts, CD's, T-shirts, Photos, and a basketball autographed by the 1995-1996 NBA Champion Chicago Bulls, and much, much more!!!

For more information contact Michelle Schaeffer at 291-1486, or Mick Kauffman at the Betty Finney House Corporation at 396-8689.