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A Message from the President

As we head into the fall, there is certainly a shift in the air as we change seasons. This year in particular, we are all happy that we have not yet changed entirely from baseball season to football and are all enjoying the Phillies success and expect the same from the Eagles.

On the topic of change, there have been a number of exciting changes to HTN leadership that have occurred over the past few months and we expect great things from those who have agreed to step up and help lead HTN in the years ahead. This newsletter will introduce you to both Joe Brady, our new head of furniture operations, and Paul Kirsch, our new board member. Both Joe and Paul will be replacing Jerry Dugan, who both served on the board and was the leader of Furniture Operations. A special thanks to Jerry for his great work over the last three years and we are thrilled to have him remain a part of the HTN team.

As we approach the Christmas season, I also want to let everyone know that Chuck and Anna Marie Croney will be taking the logistical lead for this year's Project Santa. Chuck and Anna Marie worked very closely with Tom Moore last year and we have great confidence in their ability to take on this most important project. You will be hearing more from them in the next few weeks and we look forward to the full support of all HTN members for this annual program that is both fundamental and rewarding.

Last but not least, HTN Weekend at St. Alphonsus will be the weekend of November 5 and 6. We will have speakers at each mass and there will be refreshments in the Narthex following the mass, thanks to the St. Alphonsus Social Committee. I hope

Go Phils!

Steve Finley

Meet Our New Board Member

We are pleased to welcome Paul Kirsch as HTN's newest board member! Paul and his wife Kathy have been St. Alphonsus parishioners for 40 years. The two have been married for 45 years and have two daughters that attended St. Alphonsus School, now Our Lady of Mercy.

Paul comes with several decades of engineering experience, working in manufacturing, design, analysis, and more. Upon retiring, he was looking for opportunities to volunteer and give back to the community.



After hearing of HTN's good works, Paul introduced himself to Tom Moore after a Sunday Mass in September 2017 asking how he could help. Unsurprisingly, Tom had an idea ... or two or three.

In addition to becoming a mover, Paul — under Tom's guidance — helped with what he refers to as “back- room” tasks, such as improved inventory management, new procedures and process flows, improved scheduling for movers, updated organization charts, and maintaining the HTN member list.

Paul says his goal as a new member of the board is to continue enhancing HTN Ministry's charter of helping to improve the living conditions of the neediest in our communities by providing beds to sleep on, tables and chairs for families to share meals and other furniture where families can gather and live in a self-sufficient home.

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Welcome Our New Director of Furniture Operations

We are also excited to welcome our new Director of Furniture Operations, Joe Brady. Joe replaces Jerry Dugan who served this role faithfully for many years. Joe graduated from Bishop McDevitt in 1969 in the same class as Steve Finley and Jim Anderson who volunteered on our HTN's moving team. He went on to attend St. Joseph's University and graduated in 1973. Jim and his wife Vickie of 48 years have three sons and five grandchildren together. The two have lived in the Upper Bucks area since 1976 and are members of Our Lady of Sacred Heart in Hilltown.

Four years ago, after serving a long career as an electrical engineer, Joe retired and joined HTN in September 2018 through the encouragement of Tom Moore, who is Joe's first cousin. Joe has already stepped right in and started to observe the interactions of the Furniture team with donors, ministries, and families within HTN.

"I'm really impressed with the Furniture team's skill, professionalism and dedication to HTN and the people we serve. The HTN team does great work together as a team serving others, and so I'm thrilled to play an active part in it."

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HTN Fundraising Campaign has already reached its financial goal for the year, with 104 donors collectively contributing \$44,410.

As HTN Fundraising Director, I want to express to our donors the appreciation and gratitude of all HTN members and friends — and most especially the charitable organizations and schools we support — for their generous contributions. HTN is a team of 100% self-managed volunteers and so we rely on the financial contributions provided by our most dedicated patrons to keep our operations running month over month and year over year.

Since 2015, HTN's Furniture teams have handled 588 furniture donations and made deliveries of furniture or beds to 479 needy families. Our partner ministries in Kensington provide HTN with lists of children that need a bed as purchasing beds for needy children is a special part of HTN's mission. In recent years, HTN has partnered with OHAAT (One House At A Time) to deliver the beds. Through October of this year, 36 HTN donors have paid \$200 to buy a bed for a needy child. HTN currently has a list of 30 more children in need of a bed and we are working with OHAAT to guarantee that the children get a bed before the winter sets in.

Again, on behalf of all of us at HTN, we thank our donors and members for their outstanding continued support and generosity, especially these days when times are tough for families in Kensington.

Dave White

HTN Annual Social

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual HTN Social on September 21st! Special thanks to Tom and Nancy Moore for organizing a wonderful evening.

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