



REACHING OUT

To Serve, Empower & Transform

A NEWSLETTER OF S.E.T. MINISTRY, INC.

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Making Christmas Possible

As we make our final preparations for Thanksgiving dinner many local children have already started to begin thinking of snow days, ice skating and holiday vacation. For many of S.E.T.'s families the holidays bring a time of happiness, but also a fear of not meeting basic necessities and monthly bills.

Through the years, S.E.T.'s Christmas Fund has helped to meet each family's needs. We have found that "Christmas" can come many times throughout the year. S.E.T. works hard to make sure each participant in our program is able to set and work towards their individualized goals. With a little support and a lot of love, our participants are reaching their goals. Our acronym says it all when it comes to how our case managers work with our families; we are here to Serve, Empower and help Transform the lives of each participant.

Although a monetary donation such as gift card or bus pass seems like a small donation, this may be the missing stepping stone to a brighter future. Here are a few examples of how the Christmas Fund donations were used last year:

- A woman used bus tickets to get to a job interview
- Families were able to attend various children's events in Milwaukee such as Betty Brinn Children's Museum, Brewers Baseball Games, Milwaukee Zoo, etc.
- A young mother was able to receive a gift card for groceries when her food stamps ran out

S.E.T. Case Managers enjoy putting to practice what is taught during one-on-one meetings with each participating family...spending quality family time together.



Once again, a family picnic was organized and over ten families participated (including 23 children!!) All children who participated received a new backpack for school that was filled with necessary school supplies. Thanks to the generous donors to the Christmas Fund and Wal-Mart, this was made possible. S.E.T.'s Christmas Fund was also able to provide other enriching activities such as women's day retreat, Brewers Baseball Game Outing, and annual Christmas/Holiday gathering.

S.E.T. is pleased to announce that this year the fund will be accepting credit card donations. To donate either a cash or a tangible gift (such as bus tickets, gift certificates to food stores, department stores, etc) please enclose in the included envelope or call S.E.T. Ministry and ask for Katie at (414) 831-1821. All Checks should be made payable to S.E.T. Ministry.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to bring joy and happiness to a family in need this holiday season. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

President's Column:

THANK YOU TO ALL



Lucina Halbur, CSA
President and Chief
Executive Officer

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the many persons who support S.E.T. in whatever ways they are able. Without your support, S.E.T. would be unable to serve over 4700 individuals each year!

At this time, I want to express special appreciation to three persons who have helped to guide and support S.E.T. for the past six years through service on our Board of Directors. These

volunteers gave countless hours preparing for and participating in Board and Committee meetings. They

assisted us in assuring we were faithful to our mission in this community and that we were accountable in all our activities.

They also helped us garner the financial support we needed. These special people are Corrine Dais, SSSF, Catherine Feierstein and Jacquelyn Rice. We thank them wholeheartedly.

While we hold them in gratitude, we welcome our newly elected members. May they find their service with S.E.T. meaningful and enjoyable. I encourage you to read more about our new members throughout this newsletter.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas Season!

Site Based Case Management in Public Housing

S.E.T. Ministry social workers and nurses have served on-site in public housing since 1993. Each site is home to elderly and young persons with disabilities who all are considered to be low income. The overall program goal is for S.E.T. staff to assist residents to obtain services they need to maintain stability in their housing and improve their quality of life.

You may ask yourself...What a day at work is like for these staff members?

Arriving at their office in the morning, S.E.T.'s Nurse Case Manager and Social Work Case Manager often find residents already waiting at their door. One may have run out of medication and wants help getting a prescription renewed; another may be confused about a statement from Medicare; another may have had a difficult night because of anxious and depressed feelings. Each resident comes with an "urgent" case for the case managers to address.

Others are there waiting each morning to offer a simple hello to their friendly case manager.

While attending to these residents, the staff are conscious of the appointments they have already arranged for today. The Social Worker may have scheduled apartment visits with

elderly residents to review and update service plans. The Nurse may have arranged to meet a resident to complete a health assessment which is the basis for possible recommendations for services. Most likely, she/he will have also scheduled a group health education session which she/he will facilitate today. Later there is a meeting planned with the housing manager and S.E.T. staff to discern possible ways to help a resident who has a drinking problem. Helping him is critical to stability in housing.

As you can see, our case managers are kept quite busy! Their day continues with a variety of unplanned contacts with residents, meetings with providers of service, and planned activities throughout each case manager's buildings.

"It is so important to build positive relationships with the residents. This creates trust among us and the residents know we care and that this is not just a job," asserts Nancy House, S.E.T. Case Manager.

This program is possible through the support of the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee, the Milwaukee County Department on Aging and the assistance of multiple foundations and donors. Please consider a donation today!

Welcome! New Members to Board of Directors

S.E.T. Ministry is proud to welcome new members to our Board of Directors! We invite you to learn a little more about each member.

CONNIE BACH. Ms. Bach has extensive experience as an administrator and trained volunteer in the nonprofit sector. She is a graduate from the Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies program at Saint Francis Seminary. Among Bach's former community service board affiliations are: Clarke College; Mount Mary College; United Performing Arts Fund; Milwaukee Repertory Theater; Curative Rehabilitation Center and the Junior League. Currently, Bach serves on the Archdiocesan Resource Development Council, the Saint Francis Seminary Alumni Board and on the Board of Directors of S.E.T. Ministry. As a member of the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, she serves as a Eucharistic Minister and chairs the parishes Concierge Ministry. She served as the Executive Director of the Donors Forum of Wisconsin from 1987-1999. Bach is a graduate of Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa.

ANITA R. CRUISE. Attorney Cruise is employed by Kids Matter Inc. where she serves as legal director for a multidisciplinary team that provides services for families who are caring for children that have been the victims of abuse, neglect or some other crime. Cruise recruits and trains volunteer attorneys to provide representation to these families. Cruise has served a number of committees with Mary Thomas, of S.E.T.'s Board, addressing child welfare issues and the needs of the poor. She was honored and excited to be invited to serve on the S.E.T. board because of her experience with Mary and the variety of programs the organization offers.

Cruise received her B.S. from Northwestern University and J.D. from Marquette University. She is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin Children & the Law and Family Law Sections, the American Bar Association and the National Association of Counsel for Children. She is treasurer and past president of Julian Thomas Elementary School PTA and a board member of Girl Scouts of Racine County. Her husband of 22 years, Keith, is an employee of M&I Bank and they have three children, Lafayette, Toussaint and Camille.

KATHLEEN HOERSTEN QUIRK. Kathleen Hoersten Quirk is a writer, editor and businesswoman. Currently, she is a staff writer for the Communications and Media Relations Department at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She also operates a freelance writing business, Quirk Ink, and is co-owner with her husband of Dinner by Design-Glendale, a meal preparation business.



*From L to R:
Tom Massopust,
Kathy Quirk,
and Anita Cruise.
Not pictured,
Connie Bach.*

Quirk has more than 30 years experience in communications and journalism. She and her husband Brian have raised four children and are grandparents of two. Quirk is a volunteer communications chair for St. Monica Parish and teaches Sunday School. She volunteered to join the S.E.T. Board at the suggestion of her good friend and former S.E.T. board member, Cathy Feierstein. "I was impressed by S.E.T.'s approach to helping people discover their own power.

This year, I decided I wanted to support the efforts of those who are working so hard to improve people's lives in the broader community beyond my school and parish. I've been incredibly impressed by the community change leaders I've already met through S.E.T."

TOM MASSOPUST. Mr. Massopust is employed by Assurant Health where he is a Director of Information Technology. Massopust has over twenty years of Information Technology and management experience. When introduced to SET, he felt an immediate connection with the mission to improve the lives of others less fortunate. He serves as a mentor in the Central YMCA 'One on One' program and is the Financial Secretary and member of the Executive Committee of St. Lukes ELCA. He is a past board member of e-Innovate.

Massopust is a native of the Milwaukee area and a graduate of UW-Milwaukee. He is married to Jayne and has a daughter Sarah and son Ryan.

Pick'n Save

S.E.T. receives 1% of your total purchases at any Pick'n Save store if you have designated S.E.T. #690400 as your preferred nonprofit when you registered for your Advantage Card. If you haven't designated S.E.T. as your charity of choice, please sign up at a Pick'n Save service desk. You can choose more than one charity if you wish!

S.E.T. Ministry Mission Statement

S.E.T. Ministry is a Milwaukee community-based health and human services agency.

We help socially and economically disadvantaged people set and achieve goals that promote self-sufficiency and improve their lives. We do this by directly providing services and using a collaborative approach to link people with needed resources. Because we respect the dignity of each human life, our approach integrates the physical, psychological, social and spiritual aspects of each individual.



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We wish to thank all donors who remembered their friends and relatives through gifts to S.E.T. Ministry between May 1, 2007 and August 31, 2007. We apologize for any names that we may have missed.

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