

**Celebrating 40
Years in the
Phillips
Community!**

Waite House Bulletin

FALL, 2009

DID YOU KNOW?

- ⇒ As of October, 2009 Waite House volunteers have logged nearly 800 hours of service to support Waite House programming and activities.
- ⇒ Waite House FANS is proud to announce that 6 out of 8 of their 2009 HS Seniors started college this year, and the other 2 will be starting college in January, 2010! Congrats!
- ⇒ As of October 1st, our food shelf has distributed 82,192 pounds of food to the community this year.

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A Community Response to the Economic Crisis

By Alicia Ranney

The economic crisis that has swept over the country over the last 2 years has had devastating impacts on individuals, families and communities, the extent of which we haven't seen since the Great Depression. Here in Phillips, we see the structures left behind by the crisis, the vacant and foreclosed homes. We find the faces of a community struggling to keep afloat, in long lines at community food shelves, at community health clinics and at the unemployment office. Despite the difficult economy, Waite House continues to work closely with our diverse community, individuals and families who are most im-

pacted by the crisis. Our Center strives to support our neighbors and Phillips residents in maintaining dignity and self-worth while connecting them to various supportive programs, resources and services offered at Waite House and across Minneapolis.



Participants in Waite House programming reflect the diversity of the neighborhood in Phillips – serving a diverse array of

families, youth and adults of various racial and ethnic backgrounds including African American, American Indian, Latino, African, Caucasian and Asian. In the past year and a half, Waite House has seen a sizable increase in applicants across the board seeking various essential services. This year from January – September, the food shelf served 2,644 unduplicated participants, a 13% increase from 2007. The community café has served 5,472 hot lunches in the same period this year, a 20% increase from 2007. Curt Johnson who coordinates the community café notes that in addition to an increase in participants, there have been many more fami-

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Youth Unite Communities Through Art

By Julie Graves
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The Phillips/Cedar-Riverside Mural Initiative was a partnership between Hope Community, Waite House Community Center and Brian Coyle Community Center. The

concept was to unite the two youth programs of WH and BC and use aerosol art and murling as a vehicle to dissect and challenge social issues that face both communities, facilitated by several local Artists from Hope Community. Although the communities of Cedar-Riverside and Phillips are

(basically) just a skip across Franklin Ave. from one another, youth from those respective neighborhoods rarely engage with one another, far less organize with one another. The Mural Project united these two youth communities to examine the struggles they face in their communities,

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lies and working adults using Waite House food programs than in past.

While the availability of jobs has been difficult for everyone, our Adult Employment program was able to help place 19 individuals in jobs during the first 6 months of the year, compared to 20 placements in the same period in 2008. John Richard, Coordinator of the Adult Employment program notes that while the jobs

in 2009 have been able to keep pace with placements from 2008, participants are spending longer periods of time in the job seeking process and are being placed more often in lower-paying jobs.

The Waite House is proud to be a resource for the community during this difficult period. But the reach of our programs and services would not be possible without the support of our community.

Individuals, organizations, schools, businesses and faith groups can help support Waite House by volunteering, contributing financially to the center, by making in-kind donations to the food shelf or by becoming a sponsor of one of our food programs. To learn more about how to support Waite House and our programs, contact Alicia Ranney, ranneya@puc-mn.org or call (612) 721-1682.

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and how to use muralling as a vehicle for social change. To have a genuine connection to both neighborhoods, one mural was painted in each community. The first mural was completed in July at Fabulous Catering on 13th Ave. and 29th St in Phillips. The mural examined issues of power, food sustainability, community

building and violence, and visually demonstrated the process of a community combating issues of social injustice, and building an ideal community. The second mural was painted off of Cedar Ave and 6th St. on Otanga grocery store in Cedar-Riverside. This mural highlighted the social fabric of Minneapolis, and acknowledged local community members as pillars of the neighborhood with

life-size portraits. The mural consists of large, two-story letters, that spell out "Minneapolis", mostly fashioned as multi-unit highrising, honoring the iconic Riverside Plaza, home to over 1300 people in the neighborhood. Over 30 youth participated under the artistic leadership of seven artists from Hope Community. This project was partially funded by a City of Minneapolis grant.



Abbot Northwestern Top Donor For March Food Drive

In July, the Pillsbury United Communities' Waite House Community Center recognized Abbott Northwestern Hospital for being the largest single contributor of food and financial donations during their annual March Food Drive. Waite House presented Abbot representative, Richard Sellers and representatives from the Lab and Nursing department, the hospital's largest contributing departments with a certificate in recognition for their contribution of 1,308 pounds of food and \$2,395 to Waite House.

The hospital first became involved in supporting Waite House through the work of a past employee, Joyce Crook who had been connected to the Waite House March food drive for many years. A few years

ago, Sellers also visited Waite House to learn more about the programs. He commented, "That experience really motivated me to continue to support the food drive and the work that Waite House does in the community."

The Lab department, which was one of the largest financial contributors to the overall donation from Abbott Hospital, does their own fundraising during "Lab Week" each year and picks a local organization or cause to give their donations. In past years contributions went to a local charity, the family of a coworker who had passed away, and a local elementary school. This year the Lab decided to combine their efforts with the Hospital's to support the Waite House in their Minnesota March Food Drive. The Lab Department raised funds through a silent auction among employees,

which they said has been one of their more successful fundraisers

Waite House participates in the Minnesota March food drive each year receiving contributions to support the Waite House Food Shelf. Many organizations, schools and individuals contributed a significant amount of food and money to support this year's food drive which totaled 27,246 pounds and \$9,408.34.

Kay Cunningham Coordinator of the Basic Needs program said, "It is really wonderful to know Abbot Northwestern Hospital recognizes and supports the residents of Phillips."

Waite House Director, Francisco Segovia added, "The support and contributions from organizations like Abbot Northwestern Hospital really go a long way to making the Phillips community a better place."



Representatives of Abbott Northwestern Hospital accept the Waite House certificate of appreciation, from the left: Richard Sellers (Metro Director of Spiritual Care), Melissa Becker (Lab Employee), Tracy Edel (Nurse), Daryl Schroeder (VP of Operations of Abbott Northwestern), Kay Cunningham (Waite House), Stephanie Joyce (Lab Employee), Kara Dragich (Lab Employee)

Kid's Zone: It's Autumn!



Boggle's World

Autumn Words

M	A	P	L	E	T	R	E	E	Z	B	J
L	W	G	P	A	V	Y	E	L	L	O	W
O	B	J	U	P	E	Y	F	H	G	S	Z
R	X	K	M	P	G	O	D	A	E	J	P
A	E	C	P	L	E	C	L	R	E	B	E
N	C	H	K	E	T	T	E	V	S	R	A
G	O	I	I	S	A	O	A	E	E	O	R
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K	O	L	H	R	L	E	E	T	N	N	M
V	R	Y	A	E	E	R	S	R	I	C	E
X	S	X	Y	D	S	S	C	H	O	O	L
C	S	W	E	A	T	E	R	F	A	L	L



- apple
- geese
- October
- rice
- brown
- harvest
- orange
- school
- chilly
- hay
- pear
- sweater
- colors
- leaves
- pumpkin
- vegetables
- fall
- maple tree
- red
- yellow

What animal migrates in fall?

How is the weather in fall?



The Joke Box

Q: Why is the longest human nose on record only 11 inches long?

A: If it were any longer, it would be a foot.

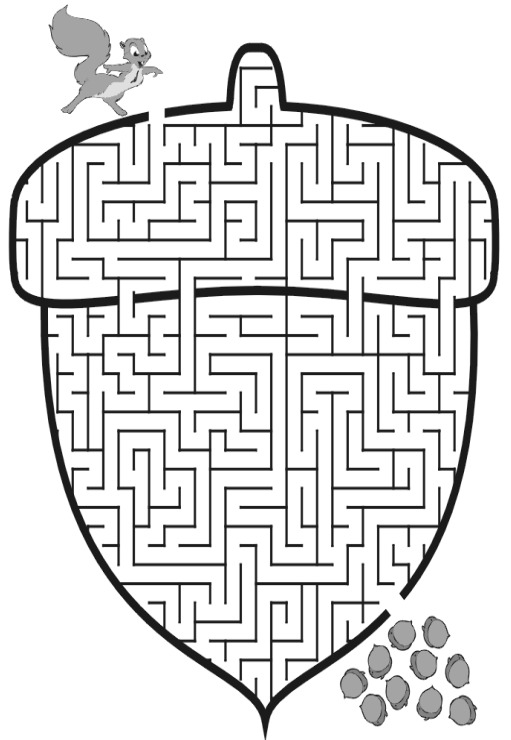
Q: What is a ghost's favorite position in soccer?

A: Ghoul keeper.

Q: What is harder to catch the faster you run?

A: Your breath!

Help the squirrel through the maze to find its acorns



¿SABIA USTED QUE?

- ⇒ Por el mes de Octubre de 2009 los voluntarios de Waite House han hecho 800 horas de voluntariado para apoyar los programas y las actividades de Waite House.
- ⇒ El program FANS de Waite House esta orgulloso para anunciar que 6 de 8 de los estudiantes graduados de la escuela secundaria empezaron en la Universidad este año, y los otros van a empezar en enero de 2010! ¡Felicidades!
- ⇒ Por el mes de Octubre. El almacen de comida ha distribuido 82,192 libras de comida a la comunidad.

Una Respuesta Comunitaria a la Crisis Económica

Escrito por Alicia Ranney,
Traducido por Israel Pinner

La crisis económica que se ha extendido sobre el país y mundo durante los últimos 2 años ha asolado a individuos, familias y comunidades al extenso que no hemos visto desde la Crisis Económica Mundial que paso en los años 1930s. Aquí en el barrio Phillips, vemos los negocios dejados atrás por la crisis, las casas y edificios vacíos y embarcados. Podemos darnos cuenta de las caras de la comunidad luchando para mantenerse a flote en las

filas largas para los bancos de alimentos, a las clínicas de salud, y en las oficinas de desempleo en la comunidad. A pesar de la economía mala, Waite House sigue trabajando dentro de nuestro comunidad, con los diversos



individuos y familias quien han sido los más impactados por la crisis. Nuestro Centro se ha forzado para apoyar y

mantener la dignidad y autoestima de nuestros vecinos y los residentes de Phillips mientras proveyendo una conexión a los programas, recursos y servicios ofrecidos en Waite House y a través de Minneapolis.

Las participantes en las programas de Waite House representan la diversidad del vecindario de Phillips incluyendo unos varios participantes – familias, jóvenes y adultos de diferentes orígenes incluyendo Afro-Americanos, Nativos Americanos, Latinos, Africanos, Euro-Americanos y Asiáticos. En el año y medio previo,

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Jóvenes Uniendo Comunidades A Través del Arte

Escrito por Julie Graves,
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El movimiento de pintar murales en los vecindarios Phillips/ Cedar-Riverside fue producido por el trabajo de equipo entre Hope Community, Waite House Centro Comunitario, y Bryan Coyle. La idea del proyecto era unir a los jóvenes de Waite House y Bryan Coyle y usar la arte aerosol y de murales para averiguar y desafiar a los problemas sociales que estas dos comunidades mantenido que enfrentar. Varios artistas locales dieron de su tiempo y ayuda al facilitar este proyecto. Aunque las comunidades de



Cedar-Riverside y Philips solo son separadas por la calle Franklin, los jóvenes de dichos rumbos raramente interactúan con el otro, mucho menos se juntan para organizarse. El proyecto de los murales unió a jóvenes de estos des vecindarios para examinar las luchas que ellos tienen que enfrentar en sus barrios, y encontraron formas en las que ellos pueden usar la arte para realizar cambio social. Un mural fue pintado en cada comunidad. El primer mural fue completado en Julio en "Fabulous Catering" que queda entre las calles 13th ave y 29 ST.. El tema de esta pintura era el poder de la comida, la construcción de la comunidad, los problemas de la violencia, y demostraba maneras el proceso de combatir la violencia y poder construir una mejor comunidad. Ese mural examina los asuntos de poder y

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Waite House ha visto un gran aumentación en apacantes para varios servicios esenciales. De enero a Septiembre de 2009, el banco de alimentos ha proveído comida para 2,644 participantes no duplicados, un aumentación de 13% de 2007. La Caf  Comunitaria ha proveído un almuerzo caliente a 5,472 durante el mismo  poca este a o. Curt Johnson quien es el coordinador del Caf  Comunitario nota que en adici n al aumentaci n de los n meros, ha empezado ver tambi n las familias y adul-

tos que trabajan usar los programas de alimentaci n m s que en el pasado. Aunque el peque o numero de trabajos ha sido dif cil para todo el mundo, nuestro programa de Empleo para Adultos pudo ayudar poner 19 individuos en trabajos en los primeros 6 meses del a o, en comparaci n a los 20 colocaciones en el mismo  poca de 2008. John Richard, el Coordinador del Programa de Empleo para Adultos nota que mientras los colocaciones de trabajos de 2009 ha podido seguirle el ritmo de 2008, los participantes son tomando mas tiempo en el proceso para buscar trabajos y son colocado con mas frecuencia en trabajos que pagan menos.

Waite House esta orgulloso a

ser un recurso para la comunidad durante esta dif cil  poca pero la profundidad de nuestros programas no seria posible sin el apoyo de nuestra comunidad, voluntarios, y fondos de

fundaciones locales y individuos. Las personas, organizaciones, escuelas, negocios y grupos de fe, pueden apoyar Waite House por ser voluntario, hacer contribuciones fi-

nancieros, por hacer donaciones en especie al banco de alimentos o ser un patrocinador de uno de nuestros programas de alimentaci n. Para aprender mas de c mo apoyar Waite House y sus programas llamar Alicia Ranney (612-455-0371).

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la sustentaci n de alimentos, mejorando la comunidad y disminuyendo la violencia – demostr  visualmente el proceso de una comunidad combatiendo problemas de injusticia y creando una comunidad ideal. El segundo mural fue pintado en la Avenida de Cedar y la Calle 6 en el Mercado Otanga en el vecindario de Cedar Riverside. Este mural llam  la atenci n de la tela social de Minneapolis, y da reconocimiento a algunos miembros de la comunidad local como pilares

del vecindario con sus retratos. El mural consiste de grandes letras del tama o de un edificio de dos pisos que dice “Minneapolis,” pintado como los torres de Riverside Plaza, el hogar de m s que 1300 personas en el barrio. Mas que 30 j venes participaron con 7 artistas de Hope Community. El proyecto era fundado parcialmente por una beca de la Ciudad de Minneapolis.



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Abbot Hospital, El Mejor Donador Para la Colecta de Comida

En la foto a la derecha, de la izquierda a la derecha: Richard Sellers (Metro Director of Spiritual Care), Melissa Becker (Lab Employee), Tracy Edel (Nurse), Daryl Schroeder (VP of Operations of Abbott Northwestern), Kay Cunningham (Waite House), Stephanie Joyce (Lab Employee), Kara Dragich (Lab Employee)



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Este Julio pasado, el centro comunitario Waite House, parte de Pillsbury United Communities, le agradeció a Hospital Abbott Northwestern por su gran donación de comida para la Campaña de Coleccionar Comida en Marzo. Waite House le presentó a Abbott Sr. Richard Sellars y a otros representantes de los departamentos de Laboratorio y Enfermería. Ellos fueron los contribuidores más grandes del hospital y fueron presentados con un certificado de reconocimiento por sus contribuciones de 1,308 libras de comida y \$2,395 para Waite House.

El Hospital Abbott empezó a involucrarse para apoyar a Waite House con el trabajo de otra empleada, Joyce Crook, quien ha contribuido a la campaña de colección de alimentos en Marzo por varios años. Algunos años atrás, el Sr. Sellars visitó a Waite House para aprender sobre los programas que ofrecíamos. El comentó, “Esta experiencia me ha motivado a seguir apoyando la campaña de alimentos cada Marzo para apoyar el trabajo que hace Waite House para la comunidad”.

El departamento de Laboratorio, cual hizo una de los más grandes donaciones de todo Abbott Hospital, hizo su propio recaudación de fondos durante

su “Lab Week” cada año y selecciona una organización o causa local para darle sus donaciones. En los otros años, han dado fondos a beneficio locales, a la familia de un compañero de trabajo que murió, y a una escuela primaria. Este año el Laboratorio decidió a combinar sus esfuerzos con la del hospital para apoyar al Waite House. El departamento consiguió fondos a través de una subasta en silencio, cual fue algunos de los métodos más exitosos para recaudar fondos.

Waite House participa en una campaña para coleccionar alimentos en Marzo cada año para apoyar el Almacén de Waite House. Muchas organizaciones, escuelas e individuales contribuyeron una gran cantidad de comida y dinero para apoyar a la campaña de 2009 que ha conseguido un total de 27,246 libras de comida y \$9,408.34.

Kay Cunningham la Coordinadora del programa “Basic Needs” dijo, “es maravillosa saber que Abbott Northwestern Hospital reconoce y apoya a los residentes del Phillips.”

El Director de Waite House, Francisco Segovia, añadió, “El apoyo y las contribuciones de las organizaciones como Abbot Northwestern Hospital se han esforzado para mejorar la comunidad de Phillips.”



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Waite House Neighborhood Center has provided community building activities, youth and service programs to the ever-changing Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis since 1969.

Our holistic approach acknowledges the diversity of our participants' cultural backgrounds, languages spoken and/or life circumstances.

We value building strong relationships and offering programs that empower and encourage active participation to create positive changes within the community.

Support Waite House by:

- Sending a financial contribution of \$20 - \$500;
- Volunteering your time with one of our unique programs;
- Becoming an in-kind sponsor of one of our food programs.

To learn more about how to support Waite House contact, Alicia Ranney at ranneya@puc-mn.org or call (612) 721 -1682

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