
Hestia's Voice

A Semi-Annual Newsletter For Friends Of Hestia's Children, Inc.

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A Garden Of Hope

Our last newsletter mentioned we were planting a garden at Hestia's House. It is early November at this writing and I wanted to give you an update. Tomatoes and cucumbers were plentiful but it was the pumpkins that were the "star" of our gardening project. We watched with delight as pumpkin vines began to blanket the edge of the property. Ashley watched the pumpkins grow as patiently as a six-year-old is able.

"Is it time to pick them yet?" This she was asking at the beginning of August. Her Mom and I assured her it would be a while.

I am happy to report that the front step of Hestia's house sported three good-sized jack-o-lanterns. Two were scary and one glowed with "A-S-H-L-E-Y" on Halloween night. By the way, Ashley, disguised as a black cat complete with tail and whiskers, left Hestia's House for a night of trick-or-treating with two little friends. One was a small but awesome lion and the other a busy buzzy bumblebee! You will probably be meeting them in the next issue.

Meanwhile, I must ask something I've really never asked of you before. Between making the house safer and more useable, helping Moms take classes, providing opportunities for the children, and meeting unforeseen emergencies, Hestia's Children is dangerously low on funds. We have agreed to hold in reserve a minimum of six months of rent for ACCAP. In the past fiscal year, we have spent about \$10,000. Using more now will cut into the money that we promised to keep in reserve.

Perhaps you could remember us in your Holiday gift giving by sending us a check to help out.

Our immediate project is to get a small (space consideration) freezer for the house. It is so much easier for our mom's to save money on food if they can buy in bulk or take advantage of sales. At present, the freezer above the refrigerator is a true limiting factor in both saving money and cooking ahead to save precious time and still provide nutritious food. So, if you are able, please consider supporting our project during this season of giving.

We also send out our heart-felt thanks to the men's group of Unity North Church for helping to make Hestia's House safer, more useable, attractive and energy efficient!

Thank you.

Carol



United Way

Many public and private employers are conducting United Way drives this month. Hestia's Children, Inc. is not a United Way agency. However, there is a space on the form to designate all, or part of, your United Way contribution to a non-agency organization. Hestia's Children meets the requirements for this designation. Simply enter "Hestia's Children, Inc., 242 Northdale Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN 55448" in the space provided. United Way will take care of forwarding your contribution to us.

Double Your Contribution?

Many employers match employee charitable contributions. Contact your Human Resource area for the availability of this benefit. Be sure to include any paperwork with your contribution.

Does your employer have a charitable foundation? If so, please forward a grant application and name of the contact person to any Board member.



As with many charities, contributions to Hestia's Children are drastically down, primarily due to the economy and September 11th. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

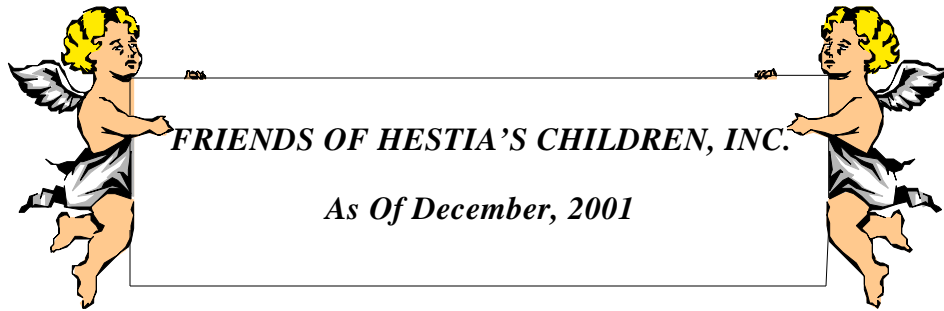
Welcome Julie!

We welcome Julie Hollingsworth to the Board of Hestia's Children. Julie brings a strong commitment, organizational skills, and a fresh perspective.

We bless and welcome all your skills! Please consider talking with a Board member about the role you can have in fulfilling the mission of Hestia's Children.



*"There are no great things, only small things with great love. Happy are those."
-Mother Theresa*



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Mission Statement

Hestia's Children will provide a strong mentoring program combined with clean, safe, affordable housing without duplicating existing community resources.

Count me in! I'm contributing:

\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$ Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (_____) _____

_____ Please add me to your mailing list.

_____ I would like to volunteer. Please contact me.



Double your contribution? Check with your employer for the availability of matching donations.

Make check payable to: Hestia's Children, Inc. Your contribution is tax deductible.

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