

SALEM H.O.P.E.

Human Organization Partnership Effort

Networking Breakfast Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 2012

9:00 A.M. Sharp

Hosted by:

**Salem Council on Aging
5 Broad Street, Street, Salem, MA**

All social service agency representatives serving Salem residents are welcome.

PLEASE RSVP ATTENDANCE TO 978-744-0924 X 14 OR AT sfelton@salem.com

AGENDA

- 9:00 I. Welcome & Group Introductions
- 9:05 II. Agency Welcome – Sharon Felton, Social Service Coordinator
- 9:20 III. Information Exchange - All attendees present - 1 minute per agency please
Bring any new brochures!
- 9:55 V. 71st Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter (to be issued in August)
*E-mail your announcements, job postings, event notices, articles etc.
for August, September, October and November to jguy@salem.com
– Deadline 8/2/12*
- VI. Next meeting dates (tentative):
*Thursday, September 13, 2012 – Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries
Thursday, December 13, 2012 – Seeking host agency
Thursday, March 14, 2013 – Seeking host agency
Please email jguy@salem.com if you are interested in hosting an upcoming meeting!*

Networking & Refreshments

*If you no longer wish to receive emails for Salem HOPE,
please send an email to jguy@salem.com asking to be removed from this distribution list.*

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March Meeting Hosted By Lifebridge

The March, 2012 Salem HOPE meeting was hosted by the [Lifebridge](#). Representing the agency was Executive Director Mark Cote. Present were Jane Guy of the City of Salem DPCD, Sonya Snow-Parish of North Shore Community College, Lisa Rose of the Independent Living Center, Anne Marie D'Angelo Florent of MassHealth, Joy Winkler and Kristin Anderson of the North Shore CDC, Charlene Snow of North Shore Career Center, Julie Toll of the North Shore Infant & Toddler Program, Cara Freedman of Anchor to Windward, Joanne Scott of the Boys & Girls Club, Captain Scott McNeil of the Salvation Army, Mari Matt of the Salem YMCA, Gail Divico of the Training Resource of America, Rosario Ubiera-Minaya of the Salem Education Foundation and Julia Westley of the Children's Law Center.

Mr. Cote welcomed the group and stated that Lifebridge provides housing and supportive services to adults 18+ (no families or children). He stated that Lifebridge recently sold the St. Mary's Church and that he was excited that it was purchased by another church – the Gateway of Peace. He noted that the thrift store that was in St. Mary's Church will move to where the Gateway of Peace was on Canal Street. Lifebridge now owns three buildings. They built 22 units of permanent housing in the two anchor buildings, which is currently formerly homeless adults. They must be sober and must pay 30% of the income toward rent. The mission center is a 34 bed dorm, which includes 10 women's beds. It has a nursing clinic and a meals program. It is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If an individual is sober, 18+, appropriate and if there is room, they will be taken in. He noted that 10% of the population monthly are veterans. He stated that Lifebridge serves 7,000-8,000 meals per month, free to the community, 3 meals a day. Mr. Cote stated that Lifebridge has street outreach workers who work with chronic homeless individuals. He stated that they have transitioned an average of one person per week from homeless to permanent housing (45 last year). Programs and activities include knitting circle, anger management, women's support group, men's support group, art therapy, job search and AA meetings. They have a collaboration with Salem State University whose students helped rebrand the agency from the Salem Mission to Lifebridge. They also collaborate on nutrition and have implemented a free 13 week English comp 101 class for college credit, which meets twice per week for 90 minutes. Eight Lifebridge clients are taking the class, including 2 from the housing units and 6 from the dormitory. He stated that he is hoping to work with North Shore Community College to have a GED class.

Captain Scott McNeil stated that Linda Dossett is retiring from the Salvation Army and that he is looking for her replacement.

Mari Matt stated that the Salem YMCA is beginning construction on its new creative arts center for theatre and fine arts. They will offer summer camp at Camp Naumkeag.

Charlene Snow stated that they have various job fairs coming up and have room for employers.

Kristen Anderson stated that the North Shore CDC is finishing up on its 100% affordable housing development in Beverly. It is 95% leased. Applications are accepted through the Beverly YMCA. They are starting on another 29 units this April in Beverly and will be renovating their Salem units for energy efficiency.

Rosario Ubiera-Minaya stated that the Salem Education Foundation is working hard toward changes in the schools. They are involving more community agencies, especially those provided ESL and ESOL.

Joy Winkler stated that the North Shore CDC is in the early planning stages of a "Get to the Point Youth Day". May 31st will be unveiling a mural that they worked on with the Boys and Girls Club.

Julie Toll stated that North Shore Infant & Toddler Program provides services for children at risk of developmental delays. They have a parent/child group, toddler group and a swim group.

Sonya Snow-Parish stated that the North Shore Community College offers a GED program. They also have a new literacy class on two afternoons a week for those with a reading level of the second grade or lower. They will be having a career fair for GED students in mid-May in Lynn. They are also looking for GED students, who have jobs or are in college to be speakers.

Cara Freedman stated that Anchor to Windward was flooded out in October and has relocated to Marblehead.

Joanne Scott stated that the Boys and Girls Club offers programs for ages 5 to 18. They have an afterschool program at Witchcraft Heights School. They have a new music program for youth 11-18, where musicians help youth write songs, play instruments, sing and undertake production.

Lisa Rose stated that the Independent Living Center is turning 25 years old. They assist anyone with any kind of disability and offer various workshops and events, including housing rights and money management.

Anne Marie D'Angelo Florent stated that she is an education representative for MassHealth. She will do presentations at agencies. She encouraged persons who were denied MassHealth to reapply, as the income guidelines went up 3.6%.

Julia Westley of the Children's Law Center stated that she is looking for organizations who would like trainings such as on rights for special education students or juvenile delinquency. Attorneys conduct the trainings.

Gail Divico of the Training Resource of America stated that they have a young parents program for ages 14-21, which is DTA referred for those with no GED. They also offer programs in GED, ESOL, parenting skills and lifebuilding.

Ms. Guy stated that there will be a public hearing on March 29th and that the 30 day comment period for the Daft Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant funds will commence on March 22nd. The plan will be available on www.salem.com.



Lifebridge Mission Statement

Our mission is to end the crisis of homelessness. Research shows that two factors are responsible for this crisis: a lack of affordable housing and the persistence of poverty in our community. We believe that the way to solve this crisis one person at a time is to provide housing with supportive services, to encourage personal and financial development, and stability in physical and mental health. To achieve our ambitious goals, we deliver a suite of essential services on our Seeds of Hope Campus, including:

SHELTER: The shelter offers 34 beds to individual men & women who are given a clean, warm, safe place to sleep. Additional bed space is provided for 18 more individuals in need of shelter in winter.

HOUSING: The Seeds of Hope Campus is presently comprised of 22 units of housing. Tenants receive ongoing case management and have full access to other Lifebridge services, including the meals program and thrift store.

BREAK BREAD TOGETHER COMMUNITY MEALS: Three meals are served every day to shelter residents and anyone in the Salem area that is hungry. Over 225 meals a day (7,000 monthly) are served. This is accomplished by our Kitchen Manager, and over 400 volunteers.

SEEDS FOR CHANGE DAY SERVICES: Case managers provide added support and professional guidance to guests as they set goals for themselves and develop a plan for obtaining affordable housing. Case managers assist both shelter residents and day guests with issues of mental health and substance abuse.

PROGRAMMATIC OFFERINGS: Job Search Program, Women's Group, Men's Group, Anger Management, Art Therapy, Knitting Group, AA, Salem State University/Lifebridge Collaborations

Our on-site health clinic is staffed four days a week by nurses and mental health clinicians who care for those with no insurance or other means of obtaining primary health care. Lifebridge locates alternative resources to pay for prescriptions for those with no insurance. Donations help supply the clinic with non-prescription medications and first aid supplies.

Warm, clean clothes are available at all times to anyone in need. Clothing is available to guests at our **Lifebridge Thrift Shop** free of charge. During the winter many groups do coat drives for Lifebridge and hats and gloves are always a welcomed holiday gift. Guests are given toiletries and personal care items.



Lifebridge provides an outreach worker* to the community. The street advocate brings homeless people from parks and public buildings to Lifebridge to ensure that their needs are met, while at the same time keeping the streets safe and secure for all the city's residents and visitors.

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Early Intervention Partnerships Program

Are you pregnant or do you have a new baby at home?

Early Intervention Partnerships Program Offers FREE support in YOUR home!!

A caring team of home visitors can help you learn about:

Community Resources
Having a healthy pregnancy and family
Breastfeeding
Preparing for labor and birth
Infant Care
Coping with stress
Applying for assistance programs
Finding safe childcare
Post-partum depression
Connecting to parent support groups
How your baby develops
Nutrition
And much, much, more...

For questions or referrals, please call Renee Oesterlin RN at 781-593-2727, X 220
A program of Cerebral Palsy Association of Eastern Massachusetts, Inc.

Meetings & Events, Etc.

- Tuesday, June 5, 2012, 6:30pm – [Salem Cyberspace Fundraiser](#) – Hawthorne Hotel
- Thursday, June 14, 2012, 9:00am – Salem HOPE Summer Meeting – Salem Council on Aging
- Saturday, June 30, 2012, Noon – [North Shore Pride Parade & Celebration](#)
- Thursday, September 13, 2012 – Salem HOPE Autumn Meeting – Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries
- Thursday, December 13, 2012 – Salem HOPE Winter Meeting - Seeking host agency

Please also check the City of Salem's [Meetings Calendar](#) and [Events Calendar](#), as well as the [Destination, Culture, Activities & Events](#) page. For additional workshops for businesses and non-profits, go to the [Enterprise Center at Salem State University](#).

www.salem.com has [links to social service agencies](#), as well as information on [housing programs](#) and [foreclosure prevention and legal resources](#).

What is Salem H.O.P.E. ?

Salem H.O.P.E. is a networking group of human service agencies that provide programs and services to Salem residents. It is a free forum for agencies to learn about the services being provided by other agencies in order to fill in gaps, coordinate efforts and avoid the duplication of services. All human service agency representatives are welcome to attend the quarterly breakfast meetings held at rotating locations.

We need your announcements, notices and articles for this newsletter. Share your resources; advertise a job opening; seek out agencies to collaborate on a grant application; announce new programs; publicize your events, etc. Please e-mail your submissions or requests to be added to the newsletter e-mail distribution list to jguy@salem.com. Newsletter printed four times per year. However, information that needs to be disseminated in a more timely manner will be forwarded to the listserv upon receipt.

The Salem H.O.P.E. Newsletter is prepared and distributed by Jane Guy of the Department of Planning & Community Development of the City of Salem, Kimberley Driscoll, Mayor.
