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FIFTH ANNUAL ST. PADDY'S FEST

CHANGE, Inc. would like to thank all the businesses and individuals who have supported our Annual Fundraiser throughout the past four years, and helped us make this event so exciting, lasting and successful.

With the recent turns of the economy, the funds raised through this annual event have become even more important, so we ask everyone to join us in making this year are most successful yet.

CHANGE, Inc.'s Fifth Annual St. Paddy's Fest will be held on Friday, March 13, 2009 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm at Mountaineer Casino, Racetrack and Resort.

The night will include a large dinner and dessert buffet, entertainment by the MacDonald Pipe Band and Legend, and great prizes.

Sponsorship packages are again being offered, and a flyer is enclosed with information regarding each level.



March 13, 2009
Mountaineer Casino, Racetrack and Resort
6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
Tickets: \$30.00

*Here's Cead Mile Failte
to friend and to rover
That's a greeting that's
Irish as Irish can be
It means you are welcome
A thousand times over
Wherever you come from,
Whosoever you be*

Sponsorship Packages Available

See Sponsorship Flyer or contact Lisa at (304) 797-7733

Last year, event tickets sold out, so be sure to

reserve your tickets and sponsorships early.

Tickets, which include your meal, beer, and entertainment, remain \$30, and will officially go on sale Friday, January 2nd. The \$30.00 tickets and multiple sponsorships can be obtained by calling or mailing a check to CHANGE, Inc.'s main office, or contacting any Board or Staff member.

Waldorf Distributing Company, Inc. has already agreed to again provide their world famous Budweiser for the night. And at this time, Entertainment and Advertising Sponsorships are still available, along with the standard four sponsorship packages being offered again this year.

Information regarding all the sponsorships, including the Entertainment and Advertising sponsorships, are available by contacting CHANGE, Inc.

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ST. PADDY'S FEST
ANNUAL FUNDRAISER
MARCH 13, 2009

Sign Up for CHANGE, Inc.'s Paperless Newsletter at www.changeinc.org

CHANGE, INC. INTRODUCES NEW PROGRAMS FOR 2009

CHANGE, Inc. will be introducing four new programs in 2009 aimed at helping families maintain self-sufficiency.

MEDIA PROGRAM

The Mario T. Pipinos Neighborhood Center, in conjunction with the Weirton Christian Center, will house the Media Program, a youth program aimed at educating youth aged 15-18 on design media basics they can use to further their education or obtain employment in the growing design media field.

The media center will be equipped with computers and software for video and audio production and graphic design. The all-encompassing instruction will enable youth to create numerous promotional materials for non-profit agencies, including flyers, posters, informational brochures, logos, identity packages, Power Point presentations, newsletters, websites, radio and television commercials, public service announcements, and training

videos.

AFTER SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

The After School Meal Program provides free, hot, nutritious meals to help children get the nutrition they need to learn, play, and grow, throughout the school year.

The program provides the hot, nutritious meals to children under the age of 18 during the school year, at numerous after-school sites located throughout Hancock and Brooke Counties. The sites also provide educational, life-skill and homework assistance activities.

MICRO-LOAN PROGRAM

The Micro-Loan Program provides business loans to individuals who may or may not qualify for financing from a traditional lender.

The Micro-Loan can offer a rate as low as 2% below prime to assist individuals with new business start-ups, supplemental financing for expansions and/or equipment,

and repeat borrowers in good standing.

CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The Case Management Program provides intensive assistance to individuals/families by addressing key issues and providing supportive services to overcome barriers to self-sufficiency.

Case Managers provide one-on-one assistance to individuals and/or families to create short and long term goals to address their barriers to self-sufficiency, assist in providing services to help overcome the identified barriers, and provide financial assistance and a listening ear in a time of need.

Individuals and/or families are referred to the Case Management Program based on an Assessment Survey given during initial intake to all the CHANGE, Inc.'s programs and services.

BICYCLES DONATED TO CHANGE, INC.



CHANGE, Inc. received a donation of over 40 repaired bicycles in

December from a retiring business in McMurray, Pennsylvania. The bicycles, which were mostly child size, were given out to low-income families throughout the Ohio

Valley on a first come first serve basis in time for the Christmas holiday.

Youth and adult bicycles are still available, and can be obtained by calling Donna Gialluco at CHANGE, Inc. at 304-797-7733.

CHANGE, Inc. would like to thank the Weirton Elks,

Marsh's Hardware, and Legend's Cafe for helping to transport and store the bicycles.



CHANGE, INC. PARTICIPATES IN WEIRTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

CHANGE, Inc. participated in the Weirton Christmas Parade on November 29, 2008 to increase awareness of the agency and its programs, as well as create a teambuilding experience for employees.

Each Coordinator designed and decorated ornaments representing their programs, which were placed on a



decorated Weatherization Box

Truck. The back of the truck was also decorated with a Christmas tree and presents, which were surrounded by employees' children.

Employees and their families also volunteered to pass out candy and flyers along the parade route, and all had a great time, despite the cold.

GIRL SCOUTS COMPLETE "BIRTHDAY-IN-A-BOX" PROJECT

Birthdays are meant to be remembered and Weirton Girl Scout Troop 3157 along with CHANGE, Inc. are helping make memories.

The Troop recently held a "Birthday-in-a-Box" drive in conjunction with Make-A-Difference Day. They collected cake mixes, frosting, small gifts, party supplies and hand-made afghans, and assembled 20 boxes.

The theme-decorated boxes are age appropriate, ranging from small children to adult, both male and female. They were delivered to CHANGE, Inc. and will be distributed to those in need.



"We are pleased to be part of this worthy service project. The girls worked hard to put all these boxes together. It is wonderful to know that CHANGE, Inc. will be involved in making someone's next birthday a memorable one," Judy Raveaux, CEO of CHANGE, Inc. stated. The goal of the program is to help those in need celebrate

their special day when they otherwise would not be able to do so. Kaylee LaPosta, senior troop member said, "Being able to help others in my community is very rewarding."

Troop Leader Kimberly LaPosta explained that even though the troop is small in number, they are large in heart especially when it comes to helping others. "Our Girl Scout Troop is very community oriented. This experience gave the girls the opportunity to make a difference, demonstrate leadership skills and build confidence. CHANGE, Inc. is a great organization to work with in the distribution of the birthday boxes."

FAMILY MEDICAL CARE WELCOMES NEW PROVIDER



Community Health Center.

Dr. Rizvi is relocating from Frostburg, Maryland with his wife and two children.

In January 2009, CHANGE, Inc. will welcome Hil Rizvi, MD, MS to Family Medical Care

Dr. Rizvi attended the Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University, and did his residency in Internal Medicine at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio.

Licensed by the National Board of Medical Examiners in West

Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Ohio, Dr. Rizvi has devoted the past twelve years to emergency medicine and trauma, including Public-Indian Health Service in South Dakota, and will bring that experience to Family Medical Care.

CHANGE, INC. EXTENDS HOURS OF HEALTH CENTER

To meet the growing patient base and need for quality health care in the Ohio Valley, and in response to suggestions provided by patients on the annual satisfaction survey, CHANGE, Inc.'s Board of Directors has voted to extend Family Medical Care and Family Care Pharmacy's hours of operation starting in the new year.

NEW HOURS

FAMILY MEDICAL CARE

MONDAY—FRIDAY

8:00 AM—6:00 PM

FAMILY CARE PHARMACY

MONDAY—FRIDAY

8:30 AM—6:30 PM

BILLING OFFICE

MONDAY—FRIDAY

9:00 AM—5:00 PM

The new hours will allow patients to see a provider or pick up their medications after work, and allow for more patients to be seen each day, thereby decreasing the wait time for appointments.

CHANGE, Inc.'s Hours of Operation will remain Monday—Friday from 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.



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The Lighthouse Domestic Violence Shelter
Phone: (304) 797-7233

Moundsville Outreach Office

700 First Street ■ Moundsville, WV 26041
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Check us out on the Web

www.changeinc.org

www.lighthousedvs.org

www.familymc.org



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**Mountaineer
Grande Ballroom**

Ticket Price: \$30

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT
CHANGE, INC.**

Tables For Groups Of 10 Or More Are Available Upon Request

Help support CHANGE, Inc. Become a sponsor of our **Fifth Annual St. Paddy's Fest**. Sponsorships can be obtained for a business, organization, individual, family, group, or in memory of a friend or loved one.

Advertising & Entertainment Sponsorships \$2,500

Ten (10) tickets to the Fundraiser & Reserved Table for Your Group

Name and Logo on Event Tickets (January 5 Deadline)

Name and Logo on Event Flyers (January 16 Deadline)

Name and Logo in Event Commercials & Press Releases

Name and Logo on Big Screen, Sponsorship Board, & Table Tri-Folds at Event

Name and Logo on Stage (Entertainment Only)

Green Isle Sponsorship \$1,000

Six (6) tickets to the Fundraiser

Name on Sponsorship Board at Fundraiser

Name on Tri-Folds on Each Table

Reserved Seating for Your Group

Claddagh Ring Sponsorship \$500

Four (4) tickets to the Fundraiser

Name on Sponsorship Board at Fundraiser

Name on Tri-Folds on Each Table

Reserved Seating for Your Group

Guinness Sponsorship \$250

Three (3) tickets to the Fundraiser

Name on Sponsorship Board at Fundraiser

Name on Tri-Folds on Each Table

Blarney Castle Sponsorship \$100

Two (2) tickets to the Fundraiser

Name on Sponsorship Board at Fundraiser

Name on Tri-Folds on Each Table

Sponsorships/Tickets can be obtained by mailing a check made out to CHANGE, Inc., to the following:

*CHANGE, Inc.
3136 West Street
Weirton, WV 26062
Attn: Lisa*

Please specify how your name should appear and, if applicable, how many seats you need reserved.
For more information, please call Lisa at (304) 797-7733.



YOUR SUPPORT MAKES OUR AGENCY & THIS EVENT POSSIBLE