

# “New Beginnings”

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## HTH Productions at Columbus Winter Fair 2012



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*Hope Thru Housing is a comprehensive, thirty-month, residential substance abuse treatment center and aftercare program located in Columbus Ohio.*

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For our third year, Hope Thru Housing will have a booth at “Columbus’ Winter Fair” held In the Ohio Expo Center at the Ohio State Fair Grounds Nov 30th—Dec 2nd. This show gives HTH Productions—a vocational training business of Hope Thru Housing—a local venue to display and sell its products. Pull on the slot machine-like handle on these delightful and fun boxes to reveal humorist sayings related to such things as the Decisive Doctor , Executive Decision Maker, Retirement Planner and more. Columbus Winterfair, in its 36th year, is supported by a loyal, craft-buying audience of 20,000, and draws patrons from Cleveland to Indianapolis. To learn more about HTH Production visit [hthohio.org/businesses](http://hthohio.org/businesses)

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Through a very generous donation of time, and talent, a DVD video has been made to help us spread the word about who and what we are. I hope you enjoy it as much as we did making it! To view it, visit our website at [www.hthohio.org](http://www.hthohio.org).

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Providing a residential substance abuse program that enables individuals to be productive, recovering members of the community by providing comprehensive treatment, work-based vocational training, education, and continuing care.

A recent study showed that for every dollar spent on substance abuse treatment there is a \$4-\$7 monetary benefit to society.

***From my desk to you***

What a great Farm Market season we had! I want to thank the hundreds of people that shopped with us and enjoyed all the locally grown fruits and vegetables that we offered – as well as our eggs, pies, jellies, etc. Oh yes, and our plants and flowers. We’re already looking forward to next year! For now we’re anticipating another successful season with our Christmas Tree Lot fundraiser where you’ll find beautiful trees from both Ohio and North Carolina.

Our program continues to grow and our residents’ house is currently full with a waiting list! We are currently planning to expand our housing options so that we’ll be able to offer more men the opportunity to change their lives.

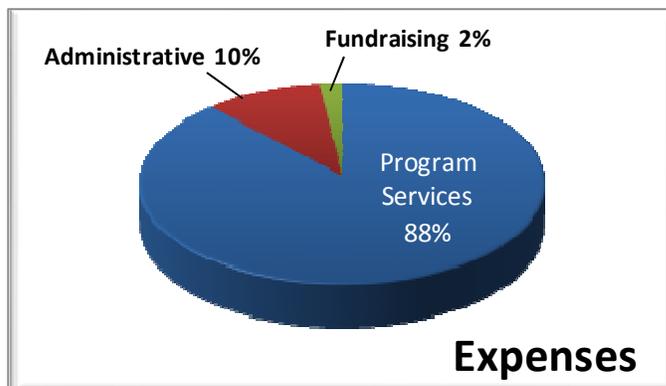
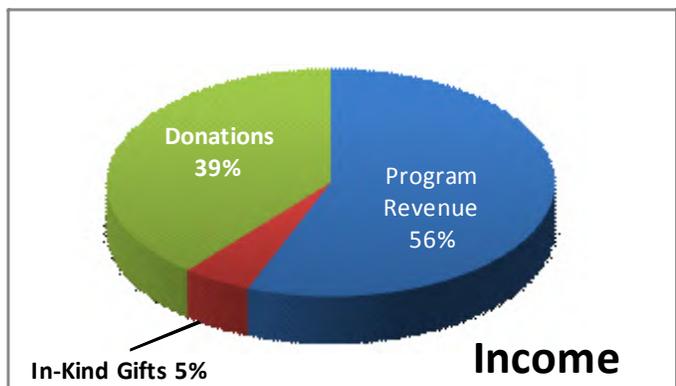
Over the coming winter months we will be focusing on our annual fundraising event. Our vocational training businesses account for 55-60% of our operating funds, but your help is needed to ensure that we can continue to offer - at no cost to the residents – housing, food, clothing, and vocational training.

Some residents come to us with nothing more than the clothes on their backs. They come to us seeking help to turn their lives around and learn to live without using drugs and alcohol. Your help is needed to ensure we continue to have a place for them.

I ask that you please consider making a tax deductible donation today so that we can move forward with our work and mission. Our goal is \$185,000 which will enable us not only to continue our work, but also to expand our housing and vocational training options. Every donation will make a difference, regardless of size.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to support Hope Thru Housing's promising entry into service to the Central Ohio community! Those who will find new lives with HTH's guidance are counting on your support. Below is a breakdown of our funding needs and uses

Sincerely,  
Dennis Kerr  
President/Founder



Your donation can be made by mailing a check to our offices at 6665 Huntley Rd., Suite N, Columbus, OH 43229, on our website at [www.hthohio.org](http://www.hthohio.org) or call us at 614/825-6025

## Tim Shepard joins HTH Staff as Vocational Training & Business Development Manger

In June of 2012 Tim moved from North Carolina to join the staff of HTH as our Vocational Training & Business Development Manager. Tim, a recovering member of the community himself, comes to us with a strong background in operating vocational training business centered on those in recovery. Here's how he tells it:

Eleven years ago, I became a resident in a long-term residential program similar to HTH. Thirty-seven years old, with a 20-year history of substance abuse, I had absolutely nothing to show for those 37 years of my life. I had always considered myself a good worker - which had been somewhat true in spite of my addiction. However, that's all I was - "a worker." I had no real skills in the business part of my work which was custom kitchen cabinetry at that time.

After I committed to that long term program, I found out that its businesses included both a custom picture framing department and a furniture repair, refinishing, and retail sales department. I put in a request to work in the picture framing business where the only requirement was to be able to read a tape measure. I found it odd that this was the only capability that I had to have to become a worker in that department. Lo and behold, I passed that simple test with flying colors and began my new position. Two weeks later I was told that another resident of the program was going to join me on that job and that it was going to be up to *me* to train him. I had no idea what it meant to train someone in something that was so familiar to me. The first day this new resident joined me, I learned the meaning of training by having to teach him how to read a tape measure.

Upon graduation 24 months later I was hired to join the program's staff. As time progressed, I eventually became interested in the furniture sales department. Program residents working there began showing me the facts of spreadsheets, checks and balances, paying the bills, ordering materials, etc., etc., and before I knew it, I was told I would then be managing the furniture store *and* the frame shop. *Managing* - imagine that! Somebody had decided to believe in me (contrary to my believing in myself) as the *Manager* of a business.

As the saying goes, "the rest is history." The challenge of using those acquired skills of managing and training in a new, desperately needed, start-up operation was irresistible. So it is that, 11 years later, I have joined HTH to work with and train its residents. Now, in a locale where there has been no long-term substance abuse program, I can "give back" by helping HTH's residents learn to conquer their addictions and to believe in themselves - just like I now believe in myself.




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*Our Christmas Tree Lot, located at the Market, at 2395 W. Dublin Granville Rd in Linworth is open from the day after Thanksgiving to the day before Christmas.*

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**What We Believe** First and foremost, we believe people can change. Rather than solving one issue at a time (e.g., drugs or job skills) we believe that all aspects of a person’s life interact, and all people must interact legitimately and successfully with others to make their lives work. Hope Thru Housing is therefore a *total learning center* in which residents learn (and teach) academics, vocational skills, and personal, interpersonal, practical and social survival skills.

## HTH “The Reel Cut” Coming in 2013

HTH “The Reel Cut” Lawn Care service will provide professional lawn maintenance services at competitive rates for residential and commercial properties that want a professionally maintained look surrounding their home or office

We will be offering a different type of service by using powered “reel” mowers that not only give your turf grass a healthier cut but allows our residents to learn something more than just “mowing the grass “. We will customize a lawn maintenance plan to fit your needs and budget. From small clean-up jobs to year-round lawn maintenance, HTH “The Reel Cut” crew can handle the job!



Some of our services include:

- \* Mowing, trimming, blowing, and edging
- \* Lawn aeration, topdressing and over seeding
- \* Leaf raking
- \* Mulching and weeding of beds
- \* Fall and Spring clean-ups