

# A PLACE TO CALL HOME



**SUMMER/FALL 2009**

**ELIM TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, INC.**



Sue Watlov Phillips meets with HUD Secretary Donovan, Pete Dougherty, Acting Ex .Director U.S.I.C.H., and the U.S. Census Bureau.



Elim Screeners and Rapid Re-Housing Staff

God continues to bless our work as we shared our Rapid Re- Housing Manual, with others across the country. We also had the opportunity to co-author and present the national **Foreclosure to Homelessness Report 2009 the forgotten victims of the subprime crisis** at the National Health Care For The Homeless Council Conference. This summer we met with the HUD Secretary and the Acting Executive of the U.S Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH). We were requested to present to the White House legal staff on implementation of Stimulus Funds and provided public testimony to the Census Bureau.



Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Training at West Central Community Action Council



Training at Montana Conference-Sherri Downing NCH Board Member and Montana's Lt. Governor Bohlinger



Training at Hennepin County Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing(HPRP)



Elim Staff providing training to Washington State Providers and Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation staff.



Sue and Glorin Ruiz Pastush, NCH Bd Member HPRP Training and ULW in Puerto Rico

**ETH Congratulates the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless for 25 Years of Service Bringing Minnesota and America Home!**

*ETH Remembering Those who Have Served:*

In 2008, Elim received a call from a friend of a World War II veteran, Karl. Karl's home had burned down a few months before, shortly after he had cancelled his insurance.

After hospitalization, he was placed in senior housing in a different county, but was very unhappy. His friends moved Karl, who was not married and had no relatives in the Twin Cities, to a duplex just four houses away from where he had lived for most of his life.

The problem was that Karl had only his military pension to live on, which was not enough to pay all of the rent which would increase in the next few months. They contacted Elim to see if there was anything that could be done to assist Karl in staying in the neighborhood that he loved and the duplex where he was happy.

Elim worked with the landlord to fix the rent at the current rate, was able to provide a subsidy for his rent, but also worked with the MN Veterans Office to obtain a Housing Grant. With these two programs, Karl was able to live in the duplex for the entire year. Elim also signed Karl up for the Food Shelf, contacted the City of Minneapolis to advocate for dismissal of the high demolition fees that resulted from the fire, accompanied him to doctors, and visited him regularly.

At the end of his lease, Karl learned that he had Pancreatic Cancer, and moved from the duplex into a nursing home where he stayed until his death in 2009. He told his landlord that he was happy to have been able to live the last year of his life with dignity in a place that was "Home".



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### Remembering Cliff Wroolie

Cliff experienced homelessness in the mid 1980s when he became sick from Legionnaire's disease and lost his job and home. As a resident of Elim Transitional Housing, he was able to stabilize his health, and obtain Social Security Disability and public housing. As Vice President of Elim's Board of Directors, he was a staunch advocate of the rights of people experiencing homelessness and of not wasting valuable tax dollars on paperwork/bureaucracy and instead providing resources directly to people to prevent homelessness and help people have a home again. Cliff passed away this past year.

We were blessed to have known him and truly miss him.

## Help Bring Joy to the Lives of Others This Holiday Season

Each year, we reach out to local community members and organizations and ask them to give gifts to residents in our program who are in need of assistance this holiday season.

Donors agree to sponsor families of a certain size and are then matched with program residents who have filled out wish lists. Donors buy and wrap gifts and arrange a time to get gifts to the case managers who then bring them to residents.

**Please consider sponsoring a family this year.**

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone to best be reached at: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_



To determine the size family you wish to sponsor, first determine the total amount you wish to spend. We suggest approximately \$40 be spent on each individual. Divide your total budget by \$40 to determine the number of people you wish to purchase gifts for this year.

Requested family size to sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

I am not interested in purchasing gifts for a family, but do want to donate money to the program so staff members can purchase gifts for family members as needed.

My financial contribution is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to: Elim Transitional Housing, Inc.,  
3989 Central Ave. N.E., Suite #565,  
Columbia Heights, MN 55421 or fax to 763-788-1672.**

**Thank you!**



**To:**

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[elimtransitionalhousing.org](http://elimtransitionalhousing.org)



National Coalition for the Homeless Names New  
Executive Director Neil Donovan



ETH Welcomes Neil

Sue (NCH Bd Member), Neil Donovan and Fred Karnas,  
Senior Advisor to HUD Secretary

Elim Transitional Housing, Inc.'s mission is to end homelessness by providing affordable housing opportunities to individuals, couples, youth and families in an effort to foster self-reliance and stability in the community.

Elim operates in the Twin Cities metropolitan area. The organization works with over 6,000 adults and children annually.

To learn more ways that you can help end homelessness in the Twin Cities metro area, contact our office at 763-788-1546.

If you wish to be removed from our newsletter mailing list, please contact the office at the number above.

