

Newsletter Winter 2011

Once again the staff and volunteers at Neighborhood Connections would like to thank you all for your continued support of our agency. Our first donor letter was distributed in three of our communities in November and the response was phenomenal. We have built a solid base in our target area and continue to be grateful for the commitment to our organization and the services that we provide.

We are going through a growth period as we plan new programs and at the same time support the services that we have in place. A computer has been provided by the state which will enable our clients to come into the office and apply for programs on line. We are training a volunteer who will be available to assist with any problems that arise and offer guidance throughout the process. This will hopefully facilitate a smoother application process. Another social worker has also been hired to assist our clients.

Dr Barbeau continues to offer breast screening and educational opportunities throughout our area. Women are planning gatherings in their homes and inviting friends to join them, making something that is stressful for some women into a social occasion. This program has been such a success that we have applied for another grant from Susan G. Komen to continue our work.

We are very excited to report that we did receive funding to begin our "Healthy Living Initiative" at the Flood Brook School. This program will have three components: exercise, weight loss and nutrition. There will be professionals running each segment of this program and the school has a fully equipped gymnasium for public use. In addition there will be some step aerobics and yoga classes. Hopefully funding will be received in time to begin the program in March.

We are just beginning to plan our "Chocolate Fest" which will be held at The Landgrove Inn on August 8th. Last year's event was a tremendous success and so much fun. This will be our major fundraiser this year and we look forward to working with the chefs and bakers to make this an even more delicious occasion for you, your family and your friends.

We wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year. Please stop by and visit when you are in the area, we look forward to meeting you.

The Staff and Volunteers at Neighborhood Connections.

