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Message from the Executive Director

Paula Paust, MSW

I would like to express my deep gratitude to all whose generous support of "A Place of Her Own" have brought us close to our goal of helping women maintain independent living.

Our capital campaign to build an 88-unit affordable housing complex has made significant progress. Recently our Boards celebrated passing the 50% mark of the campaign and the naming of the complex, "Jane Cizik Garden Place." Because of escalating construction costs, the capital goal was raised to \$12,000,000, and we are confident that we will achieve this new target.

We are especially proud of three major accomplishments: first, The Women's Home was awarded its first national grant, an \$800,000 capital challenge grant from The Kresge



Paula Paust, MSW

Foundation. Their challenge for us is to raise \$2.7 million in private gifts from foundations, corporations, churches, and individuals. Second, nearly a million dollars was contributed by members of our Boards for this project. And last, but by no means least, after nearly a year of community outreach The Home has received support from our neighbors in Spring Branch where our complex will be built. This endorsement has enabled The Women's Home to apply for \$2.5 million in HOME funding from the City of Houston.



Jane Cizik Garden Place

The Women's Home anticipates starting construction this fall. We have our building permit and plans to be LEED certified (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, the U. S. Green Building Council's Green Building Rating System). Our affordable housing complex may be the first apartment building to receive this certification in Harris County and perhaps in Texas.

Mission Statement

The mission of The Women's Home is to help women in crisis regain their self-esteem and dignity, empowering them to return to society as productive, self-sufficient individuals.

Partnering with our Neighbors

The Women's Home Welcomes Spring Branch Support

Less than a year after voting against the project, two Spring Branch neighborhood associations responded positively to The Home's efforts to form an alliance of neighbors and foster community collaboration. The Home particularly appreciates the open-hearted response by Jo Lightsey, President of the Old Spring Branch Civic Association and Bart Harris, President of the Spring Branch East Super Neighborhood. Both leaders demonstrated both compassion and foresight by their willingness to reconsider "A Place of Her Own" after initial neighborhood opposition to the project. As reported by the *Houston Chronicle*, the two neighborhood associations' votes in April, 2008, cleared the way for

District A Houston City Councilwoman Toni Lawrence to support the project, thereby allowing The Women's Home to apply for important government funding available for affordable housing in our community.

Harris's letter to Councilmember Lawrence expresses his anticipation of The Home's "becoming a partner with the City and all the existing organizations within the Spring Branch East Super Neighborhood in striving to improve the quality of life and the infrastructure throughout Spring Branch East." As promised, The Home now has neighborhood representation on its Board of Directors. We welcomed Bart Harris to the board of directors at our June, 2008 board meeting. The Home is very proud to be welcomed to Spring Branch, and looks forward to working with our neighbors to strengthen bonds of cooperation and work for positive change.

"A Place of Her Own" Unveils New Name

Jane Cizik Garden Place

In recognition of her long dedication to The Women's Home and generous support of its affordable housing initiative, the project will be called "Jane Cizik Garden Place," a name Jane loves because it incorporates Adele's gardens.

In 1980, after she completed her degree in Spanish and Italian at the University of Houston, Jane became actively involved at The Home, and found a new occupation: community service. A dressmaker most of her life, Jane soon found herself teaching sewing to residents, then served on the committee that oversaw the Cottage Thrift Shop.

Feeling honored when asked to join the Board of Directors, Jane began her board service with another long-time volunteer, Jim Drew. Together they embarked on a capital campaign to replace the Cottage Thrift Shop's building with improved quarters. Jane did the fundraising while Jim oversaw the construction. At first they planned a \$75,000 campaign for a simple building, but ended up with a \$450,000 campaign to cover the cost of purchasing and renovating the building at 607 Westheimer that now

houses The Home's administrative offices. Braving her "cold sweat," Jane made fundraising calls, using a typewriter and carbon paper to monitor progress in those days before computers. When Jane became Board President, The Home quickly retired its mortgage and celebrated with a "mortgage burning" celebration at the front door.

Jane's husband encouraged her to make a lead gift when the current campaign started because, as she puts it, they have reached the point in their lives when they can make a difference, and The Women's Home is very dear to her. Jane's devotion to The Home and its mission is grounded in her own family's journey with issues similar to those experienced by many of The Home's residents; she is moved by their courage and their stories. The Women's Home has been changed for the better through the dedication and support of Jane Cizik. Thank you, Jane!



Jane Cizik

Photo by Temple Webber Photography

Adele and Ber Pieper

Capital Campaign Chairs

President of The Home's Board of Directors during its last major capital expansion, Adele next beautified its gardens. When The Home determined to undertake the affordable housing initiative, "A Place of Her Own," Paula Paust and Bette Stead felt that Adele and Ber were the best choice to spearhead the capital campaign. Ber, formerly president of Brown & Root and a veteran of large building projects, initially said "I hope you told them 'no!'" Community-minded as always, the two of them took up the challenge, and Adele observes that this time it is Ber who has done the lion's share of the work.



Adele Pieper

Photos by Temple Webber Photography



Ber Pieper

Smith Foundation Major Capital Gift

The Julia and Albert Smith Foundation is supporting the construction of Jane Cizik Garden Place with a \$500,000 grant in honor of J'Anne Smith Rawson. Jule and Albert Smith serve on The Home's Advisory Board. A wing of the complex will be named for their daughter, J'Anne, who has been a dedicated volunteer at The Women's Home for many years. J'Anne has served in numerous capacities including on the Board of Directors, as Board President, and currently as chair of the Development Committee.

The Home will be proud indeed to display J'Anne's portrait in our new facility.



J'Anne Rawson models at the 2007 Style Show and Luncheon

Photo by Kim Coffman

Bette Stead and the "Dance of Joy"

The Women's Home is fortunate indeed to have volunteers like Bette Stead, chair of the Affordable Housing Task Force. A retired University of Houston business professor, Bette has been active at The Home since the early 1990's. Her passion for community development and improvement of The Home's outreach sparked her passion for "A Place of Her Own." Through Bette's efforts, The Home's feasibility study was completed, and the project formally launched in 2006. Bette continued to lead the task force that identified the perfect site and brought the purchase to fruition.



Paula with Bette Stead,
Affordable Housing Task Force Chair

Photo by Kim Coffman

Always enthusiastic, Bette's "dance of joy" grows more vibrant with each success, but none was more animated than on the day the planning group learned of a happy coincidence: the project's street, Johanna, is the same as the first name of Jane Cizik's mother.

All concerned await the exuberant "dance of joy" at the milestone event, our groundbreaking celebration. Thank you, Bette!

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Heartfelt thanks to Board Member Tom McMahan for donating legal expertise and many hours of his time to support our capital project.

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Our Challenge

The Kresge and Mabee Foundations have challenged us to raise over \$2 million for Jane Cizik Garden Place from private (non-governmental) sources. For information on how you can help us meet the challenge, please call Paula Paust at 713-328-1955.

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Adele and Ber Pieper
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A Special Announcement:

The Women's Home has been awarded program funding and capital funding for Jane Cizik Garden Place by Harris County Community Services Department

The Carol Mann LPGA Players Invitational *FORE!* The Women's Home

A crisp April day, clear skies, and electric excitement greeted amateur players and LPGA professionals on April 14, 2008. Carol Mann welcomed players with warmth and enthusiasm. New golfers learned the basics. Brian Pavlet amazed assembled onlookers with the astonishing accuracy and power of his long drive. By day's end, The Women's Home Partnership had scored a hole-in-one with its first-ever golf tournament, raising over \$135,000 to support The Home's programs, and Carol Mann had agreed to a repeat performance in 2009! What a fantastic day!



LPGA Players Katie Fuchter and Amy Read (front, left to right) Back Row, left to right: Angela Stanford, Betsy King, Carol Mann, Kate Golden, and Donna Caponi

Photo by Bob Straus



2009 Tournament Co-Chairs Kay and René Joyce with Carol Mann

Photo by Katy Anderson

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Left to Right: John and Chris Johnson, Carol Mann, and 2009 Co-Chairs Ginny and Dennis Cahill

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Tournament Chair Ken Stuntz

Photo by Katy Anderson

The Women's Home Partnership 2009 Style Show and Luncheon



Style Show and Luncheon 2008 Invitation

Style Show and Luncheon 2008

Destination: The Next 50 Years

Monday, November 10

InterContinental Houston Hotel

Honoring:

Wynette and Ken Stuntz

Chairs:

Susan Bolling and Alyson Eberle

Contact Marcia Tapp for
ticket or table purchases:
713-328-1975 or
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Honorees Wynette and Ken Stuntz

Photo by Katy Anderson

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Wynette and Ken Stuntz
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The 2009 Rose Gala “Coming Up Roses: Broadway’s Best”

You and your guests will be treated to a high-energy Broadway Revue blending together familiar Broadway show tunes through song and dance. Join us at the Hilton Americas-Houston on Friday, January 30, 2009!



June and Virgil Waggoner,
Premier Underwriters

Photo by Pete Baatz



Lauren Averett Byers, M.D.,
Gala Co-Chair



Honoree Danielle Ellis



Lynne Averett, Gala Co-Chair

Photo by Camilla Jackson

For more information,
contact Patty Rabel at
832-567-8078.

Exxon-Mobil WAVE Day

As March 27 dawned, final preparations for the fourth annual Exxon-Mobil WAVE day were underway. Over 120 women professionals in engineering and other technical specialties lent their hands, expertise, and volunteer spirit to The Women’s Home and other agencies, offering vocational advice, boosting self-esteem, honing interviewing skills, and enjoying the camaraderie of other women. Thank you for the impressive WAVE of community spirit!



Exxon-Mobil volunteer Laurie Piskura
conducts a mock job interview



The WAVE of Exxon-Mobil Volunteers

Thinking Ahead to the Holidays . . .

When you find yourself mystified about the perfect holiday gift, remember that a contribution to The Women’s Home is a warm and heartfelt way to honor or remember a friend or loved one.

Or, you can help The Home enliven the holidays for our residents by donating items for gift baskets. Gift cards from Walmart or Target in \$10 denominations are an excellent choice, and residents love to receive cologne or perfume.

Thanks for including The Home in your plans for the season. It’s closer than you think!

Partnership Luncheon Series

Features Jason Tramonte, Jr.

The June 25 event at The Briar Club spotlighted the "Building Green" theme. Jason Tramonte, Jr., an Associate with Kirksey, addressed the timely topics of energy efficiency at home and designing projects in accordance with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) requirements. The Home is proud that Jane Cizik Garden Place will qualify for LEED certification, perhaps the first apartment complex in Houston, Texas to qualify. Jason attended the University of Applied Arts in Vienna and graduated with highest honors from the University of Houston.



Jason Tramonte, Jr.

The Women's Home Salutes Volunteer Lawyers

The Women's Home is honored to have been selected by two top legal organizations, the law firm of Baker Botts, LLP and the Law Department of Marathon Oil Company, to receive pro bono legal representation this year under the auspices of the Houston Volunteer Lawyers Project

and Texas C-BAR (Community Building with Attorney Resources). The Home is very grateful to these community-minded legal organizations for providing brain-power and expertise at a most auspicious time.



Thank You! Thank You!

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