

CHH Reaches Two Milestones in Its Journey of Community Outreach

Epiphany House and 501(c)(3) Approval Help CHH Achieve Independence

St. Paul's Episcopal Church parishioners and clergy planted the seeds of The Center for Hope and Healing (CHH) and nurtured those seeds for more than three years. Their goal was to provide both parishioners and community members with help in facing and overcoming life's daily challenges.

Having launched its programming and counseling services two years ago this September, CHH has recently reached two new milestones in its mission. It achieved its 501(c)(3) designation from the IRS and received permission to use the property known as the "Epiphany House" as CHH headquarters.

These two achievements go a long way toward helping CHH grow into a strong, solid and independent organization that ensures residents of Cary and Wake County have a place to turn to when they are in need—no matter their background or beliefs.

"We would not be at this point on our journey without the generous support of the St. Paul's Community," says Sally Harbold, CHH Executive Director. "We treasure our relationship and look forward to our continued work with the church and all of its parishioners."

501(c)(3) Designation

CHH received notification in March from the IRS that its application for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status had been approved. This is significant because it opens new opportunities for fundraising.

Being an independent nonprofit means CHH can now apply for grants through foundations and other organizations which prefer to give directly to a charity rather than through a church.

It also means that all individual donations made to CHH are now tax deductible.

CHH House Approval

On August 9, the Cary Town Council approved CHH's special use application for the property known as the Epiphany House. This means that CHH can proceed with the steps required by the Town of Cary to get a Certificate of Occupancy and then move in and serve more clients through counseling and groups.

Volunteers have been working at the house during the month of August and September to prepare it for opening by the end of 2012.

For more information about CHH, go to chhcary.org.