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# MISSION of DEEDS, Inc.

*Transforming Generosity into Hope,  
Providing Beds & Furniture for People in Need.*

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## Our Presidents' Message...

If you were to visit the Mission of Deeds on a typical day, you would see a beehive of activity. Three volunteers are on the road picking up donated furniture – your donation, perhaps – then returning to the warehouse to unload our truck. Another group of volunteers is sorting the linens and pans and stocking the shelves. Our ninety year old wonder, George Panosian, is working away – non-stop, several hours at a time – checking lamps and repairing furniture. Volunteers in the office are handling the telephones and filing paperwork.

But when a client arrives, usually accompanied by their caseworker who has helped the client arrange transportation, the client becomes the only priority. Their furniture needs are determined in detail, they are taken around the warehouse to pick out their things, and we help to load the items into their agency's vehicle. Ten to fifteen families a week are helped in this same way, with individual attention, caring, and love.

Thanks to your generous donations, we are able to give these families most all the furniture, linens, and kitchenware they need to set up their new homes after

homelessness. Yet the most important items we give – mattresses and box springs – are never donated in large enough quantities to meet client needs. Even at our low wholesale rates, Mission of Deeds spends as much as \$5,000 per month buying mattresses, box springs, and bed frames. Yes, that's right – as much as \$5,000 *a month*. Many of our clients have large families and we have given as many as seven beds to a single family. One of our most important objectives is to see that no one, especially not a child, has to sleep on the floor.

We are devoting most of this issue of our newsletter to our clients. We want you to read about the people we help and to know of their expressions of gratitude. Consider each of the thank you notes addressed to you, because it is your generosity that made it possible to help these people and thousands more like them.

May God bless you and your family.  
Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,

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## A Message from our Young Volunteers...

Joseph Stokinger and Jonathan Ramones, two recent graduates of Malden Catholic High School, volunteered at Mission of Deeds for 90 hours as their Christian Service Project. There are both wonderful young men, who worked very hard and had an appreciation of the work they were doing for those in need.

Following is a reflection from Joe:

*I came to Mission of Deeds knowing nothing about the work done there or what to expect when I got there. The first day I helped unload the truck and stack furniture in the warehouse. Each day clients would*

*arrive to pick out furniture and household items for their new home. It amazed me how little these people had and that they could get whatever they needed from Mission of Deeds, without charge. They always left with a smile and a hug. Helping these clients made this opportunity to serve others very fulfilling and certainly had a big impact on the way I now view those who are less fortunate.*

*I soon became aware that the clients coming for help didn't look much different than the rest of us – until I heard their stories and realized how blessed I am. I am very happy I worked at Mission of Deeds for my service project. I had an excellent experience; leaving with a greater understanding of the less fortunate and having been touched by all the people I had the pleasure of working with.*

# “People Helping People”

## Who is the Mission of Deeds?

*We are a local, non-profit, volunteer organization established in 1993.*

*We provide furniture and housewares, without charge, to those in need in northeastern Massachusetts.*

*We receive referrals daily from social workers and clergy.*

*Since our inception we have made in excess of 6,000 pick-ups and provided furniture to over 3,700 households.*

*We rely solely on the generosity of people for volunteer efforts and donations of goods and funds.*



## Those We Serve...

The Mission of Deeds recently got a call from the Director of Lowell House Inc., looking for some help for a client. Peter's wife had walked out on him and their two daughters (ages 3 & 7) and left them with nothing. They became homeless. When Peter was able to obtain permanent housing, he had absolutely nothing to set up a home.

Mission of Deeds was able to give them 3 twin bed sets, 2 dressers, a dining room table and chairs, 2 night stands, a hutch, a desk and chair, 4 bags of linens, 2 boxes of dishes and glasses, and other items needed to set up their new home.

Dianna from Lowell House, with some volunteers, came to the Mission of Deeds warehouse to pick up the furniture and household items. The volunteers planned to deliver it to Peter's house and have it all set up by the time he and his girls returned home that evening. They were even planning on filling the refrigerator with food and having a meal on the table for the family.

Peter was so touched by the work of strangers who helped him and his daughters get settled in their new home, that he could not find words to express his gratitude. But the look on the children's faces was all the thanks that the volunteers needed.

## Credit Cards

Remember Mission of Deeds accepts Visa and MasterCard so that you may charge your contributions. You may also become a "MISSION OF DEEDS PARTNER" by having a monthly donation charged to your credit card. Your contribution is tax deductible. As always, we at the Mission of Deeds appreciate your financial support.



## Notes of Gratitude...

*Dear Mission of Deeds Staff:*

*Thank you very much for all of the help of household items for my family. It has made things easier. We appreciate your respectful manner and are enjoying our new furniture, beds and other items etc.*

*Thank you and God bless, Paul and family*

*To Everyone at Mission of Deeds:*

*I just wanted to let you know that the furniture and other items given to our family have made our house a home. Before having the items you gave us, I worried about not having furniture for my children, now I walk around with a smile. Programs like yours change people's lives.*

*Thank you, Maria*

*A Reminder...*

## Memorial Donations

*“In Lieu of Flowers” donations or “Memorial” donations made in honor of a departed family member or friend are accepted at the Mission.*

*Your donation will be acknowledged.*

# Those We Serve...

While working in a food program at a local church, Mission of Deeds volunteers met Karen, a single mother with two daughters. Karen and her girls had lost their home and all their belongings in a fire. They were given temporary housing during the time their apartment was being renovated. When it was time for Karen to move back into the apartment, Mission of Deeds volunteers teamed up with volunteers from the Tewksbury Methodist, Tewksbury Congregational, and Wilmington Methodist Churches to assist Karen and her family.

The people from Mission of Deeds spoke with Karen to determine the needs of her family and, when they left the warehouse, the truck was filled with furniture, linens, dishes, lamps, silverware, pictures, curtains, and even a computer.

Once at the apartment, the MOD volunteers washed dishes and organized the kitchen, set up beds and made them up with new linens. They also hung pictures and curtains in each room. When all the work was finished, the apartment looked comfy and cozy.

The computer had been requested by one of the daughters for her studies. She was in luck, as someone had just donated a working computer to the Mission. One of our volunteers set it up.

Karen's daughters were not home while the volunteers were putting the apartment together, so this message was left on the computer as a screen saver...

*"Welcome to your new home from your friends at the Mission of Deeds"*

(Wouldn't you love to have seen the girls' faces when they arrived home and saw the message!)

## The following is a note sent to Mission of Deeds from Karen and her daughters:

*To All the Unsung Angels at Mission of Deeds:*

*The time you all took, the beautiful work that was done, the effort put in is greatly appreciated. To be able to sit after a long day and eat dinner with my children, knowing everything I used to prepare the meal came through God's unsung angels. I loved having had the chance to meet a group of remarkable people, such as you. I don't know what to say – Thanks doesn't seem to be enough.*

*I just wanted you to know that from the time we all get up until it's time to climb into those beautiful beds with their matching linens, you are all thought about each night and you are in our prayers.*

*God Bless You All, Karen and daughters*

## Notes of Gratitude...

*To all the volunteers at the Mission of Deeds:*

*We appreciate your time and certainly your patience in helping our family rebuild our lives.*

*Thank you so much, Donna*

*I just wanted to let you know how much I really appreciate your generosity. Thank you does not sum it up, but for now, it will have to. There will come a time, hopefully, in my life when I will be able to return the favor and instead of being the recipient, I will be the grantor. (That's when I will know I've truly made it)! Again, thank you. Your help was far more than I had ever hoped for.*

*God Bless, Dottie*

## Would You Like to be Part of a New Beginning for a Family?

If so, please complete and return the following form.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TEL.# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

I am making a tax deductible gift of: \_\_\_\_\_ \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Other

I want to be a monthly sponsor \$ \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Check enclosed Charge to: [ ] Visa [ ] MasterCard

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



## **2004 Golf Tournament**

In spite of damp weather, 72 golfers braved the elements to participate in the Mission of Deeds 7th Annual Charity Golf Tournament held at the Woburn Country Club on June 7th.

The golf tournament is the largest fundraiser held each year. Over 175 area businesses and individuals sponsored holes and donated items for the Silent Auction and Raffle. This year, as in the past, we exceeded our expectations, by raising over \$27,000 for the Mission.

We would like to thank everyone who helped make the tournament such a success. We hope to see you all next June for the 8th Annual Tournament.

## **Simon Evening of Giving**

Again this year, Mission of Deeds will participate in the "Simon Evening of Giving" being held on November 21, 2004. Last year this private shopping and entertainment event helped Mission of Deeds raise \$3,000 to help buy new beds.

On the evening of November 21, Burlington Mall will be reserved exclusively for the use of shoppers who have purchased \$10 Simon Evening of Giving tickets. From the proceeds of each ticket sold by Mission of Deeds, \$7.00 will directly benefit our organization. The remainder will benefit the Simon Youth Foundation, a non-profit organization that fosters educational and career development for at-risk youth.

Join the Mission of Deeds supporters for a fun filled evening of family entertainment, food sampling, prizes, exclusive store discounts, and more.

*Call Mission of Deeds at  
781-944-9797 for tickets, which will  
be on sale in September.*

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