



## **E-News**

### **October, 2015**

#### **Name Change and New Logo!**

The board voted to change our name to the Plymouth Taskforce to End Homelessness which better reflects our mission.

Thanks to the folks at Shields Design Studio for designing our new logo and brochure pro bono!

#### ***Fundraising Upcoming Event***

**Act Fast – just 50 tickets remain!**

PLYMOUTH “WORLD” PREMIERE OF THE FILM: *SPOTLIGHT*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2015 @ 7 PM AT THE PLIMOTH CINEMA, PART OF THE PLIMOTH PLANTATION.

The Plymouth Taskforce for the Homeless, along with Open Road films, invite you to attend the premiere of the acclaimed new film, *Spotlight* the riveting story of how The Boston Globe Spotlight Team uncovered the cover-up by the Catholic Church of the widespread abuse of children.

The film will be followed by a panel discussion led by the actors **Chris Cooper** and **Marianne Leone Cooper**. The Coopers will discuss the film with three members of the Spotlight Team - reporter **Sacha Pfeiffer**, played by **Rachel McAdams**; reporter **Michael Rezendes**, portrayed by **Mark Ruffalo**; and Spotlight editor - and Pinehills resident - **Walter Robinson**, who is played by **Michael Keaton**.

**GO to: <https://spotlightmovie.eventbrite.com> to reserve your tickets**

This event is the Taskforce's first major effort to raise funds to develop a multi-purpose property that will include transitional and permanent housing and social services for the homeless in Plymouth. The Taskforce already owns two properties with 12 units of single-room occupancy housing. But the need for such housing is much greater.

*Spotlight* which has a limited release in six major cities on November 6, has received rave reviews from critics at film festivals in Venice, Telluride and Toronto, with many of them calling it one of the year's best pictures and the best film about journalism since *All the President's Men*.

Tickets for the event must be purchased in advance. They are priced at \$50 for general admission; \$100 for event sponsors and \$200 for VIP sponsors.

The Taskforce is grateful to Open Road Films for underwriting the event; to the Boston Globe for its support; and to the Plimoth Cinema for making the theatre available.

The Taskforce is a registered 501(c) (3) nonprofit. Contributions are fully tax deductible.

### ***Overnights of Hospitality***

As many of you probably know, we had two churches withdraw as hosting sites for the Overnights. As you can imagine we were left with deciding how we were going to be able to continue our program given this circumstance. We approached John Yazwinski from Fr. Bill's for some assistance. After discussing several options, it was decided we would try to find and rent one space with some funding support from Fr. Bill's. We approached the First Baptist church with that idea. We met with them two times to discuss concerns that they had before they would agree. After we agreed to address those concerns, the folks at First Baptist voted to be on board.

However, because of state and building codes for the use of church as shelters, we needed to have a second site for us to continue. Fortunately, Christ Church has offered its site once again.

One of the concerns expressed was the safety of the volunteers who serve as chaperones. To address that concern, the guidelines are being tightened up and there will be a paid experienced chaperone from Fr. Bill's who will be present and awake every night. We will continue to use volunteers as the second chaperone.

The other concern was the cleaning of the site. The paid chaperone will supervise the cleaning up every morning. In addition, Fr. Bill's will send a Work Express crew to do a thorough cleaning 2-3 times per week.

What we need from volunteers – as mentioned above, we will need volunteers to serve as the second chaperone each evening. We will also continue to need people to provide and serve meals. Finally we will need funds to purchase paper goods and other supplies.

The budget for operating the Overnights in this format will be approximately \$110, 000 between cash and in-kind donations. Fr. Bill's and the Taskforce will be working to raise the cash.

Representatives of the faith communities and other organizations have been invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7 PM at Christ Church to discuss how they can be involved this season.

### ***Golf Tournament***

Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament held in August at Southers Marsh was a huge success. We raised \$15,200 for the Taskforce. Many thanks to John Malloy and Barbara Wojtkiewicz for coordinating this event and to all those who participated as golfers. provided sponsorships, and/or items for our auction.

If you are an avid shopper on Amazon (as I am), you can now help us to raise money for the Taskforce. Just be sure to go to our website <http://plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org> and click on the Amazon button. You do not need to type in the search box. Just hit GO. For every item you purchase, we will receive a percentage.

You can also help us raise money by using Goodsearch as your search engine or Goodshop or Good Dining. Once again, go to our website and click on the link to get started.

It helps to put this link in your Favorites Bar.

You can also make a direct contribution online via our website <http://plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org>

### ***\*\*\*\*New Email List\*\*\*\****

We want to migrate away from using AOL to Mailchimp for general email. If you have not already done so, please go to:

<http://eepurl.com/7rlqr> to register your email address.

### ***Website***

Check out our website:

<http://plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org>

### *Facebook*

We are also on Facebook. Go to our website <http://plymouth-taskforce-homeless.org> to like us!

### *Etc...*

Please be sure to let us know if you change your email address or if you wish to be removed from our mailing list.