

Dear Loyal Shepherd's Home Supporters;

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support of the Shepherd's Home. As you know this year has been extremely difficult on our organization and without the continuous support of this community we would not have been able to survive.

The Status of the Home

As a supporter, you have a right to be informed of the latest developments with regard to the status of the Home. Last September, the Shepherd's home temporarily closed its doors. This decision was made for a variety of reasons, including the loss of foster care adults, changes in Health and Welfare regulations and significant financial setbacks. Prior to closing, the Shepherd's Home was able to service and care for over 200 children over the past 13 years. Our hope is to re-open the Home mid-year of 2010.

What is Being Done

We have spent the past months looking in-depth at possible business models that would allow us to re-open the Home in a manner that serves the community's needs and is financially feasible. We have visited with the operators of various children's homes throughout Idaho (including the Idaho Youth Ranch in Boise), commissioned an audit (with no cost to the Home) of our operations and our financials, and done extensive research into community needs. We are currently working with the Department of Health and Welfare to design a model of operation that will be affordable and meet their strict requirements for certification.

There has been no clear, easy solution uncovered in this process. We have, however, identified some potential opportunities. We are still fine tuning our proposed business model and working out a budget. To be clear, the Shepherd's Home is not entirely without funds. There are funds in the Shepherds Home Foundation; monies that have been donated in the past which are being invested. The bulk of these funds are restricted and only the interest generated is available for meeting the financial needs of the Home. While they don't come close to offering the cash we need to run our organization, the interest from these funds provides a small financial foundation for us as we rebuild our operation.

How You Can Help-The Annual Golf Tournament & Dinner

In order to re-open and continue to offer care and support for children in our area, we need your help. Our most immediate need is with our annual golf tournament.

- Volunteers: We need people who can help gather & solicit auction items, assist with event logistics, work the event, help secure donated food and beverages, and help plan the tournament.
- Raffle & Auction Items: We will need donated items for raffles, silent and live auctions
- Sponsors: Event sponsors, and individual hole sponsorships are available
- The Tournament will be Aug 7, 2009 at the McCall Golf Course

If you can help with any of the above needs, please contact Bob Yelton at 325-4202 for further details.

During the month of June please contact Mark DeJong at 634-6937.

A New Partnership

This year we have joined forces with the McCall-Donnelly Education Foundation. The Shepherd's Home and the Education Foundation have a common goal to provide care and support for children in our area and feel that by combining our efforts we can reach more people, attract more support and be more successful. The funds generated by this event will support both the Shepherd's Home and the McCall-Donnelly Education Foundation.

Thank you in advance for your continued trust and support.

Members of the Home and Foundation Boards.