



## Fresh from the Village Green

*To readers waiting patiently for the next Issue of Campaign Brief, we apologize that our "press" has been still for a while. The end of the year seems an appropriate time to go into print again, to report substantial progress with the Kinship Village® Project, and to outline some new thinking about our strategy for moving the campaign and the project forward.*

### Progress .

This Fall has seen a remarkable transformation of the interior of Buildings #6 and #9, which will become a substantial part of Kinship Village. As we planned preliminary work for the project we determined it made both economic and practical sense to expand the original scope. To the intended abatement of asbestos and lead-based paint we added all the internal demolition needed prior to remodeling.

With the close cooperation of contractors Pioneer Environmental Services, Inc. (also generous in-kind donors to Kinship Village) the revised scope of work was completed in early November for approximately the same price originally budgeted for the abatement alone.

In addition, substantial restoration work has been done to the roofs of both buildings. Two "broom clean" buildings are tangible indicators to visitors of the possibilities of restorative construction and of our determination to carry this project forward. Over 40 committed and prospective stakeholders in Kinship Village have already taken a tour of the buildings since the preliminary work was completed. Interested in a tour of your own? Please contact Michael Gathercole (details below.)

As finishing touches are added to the RFQ (request for qualifications) to be sent to architects in early 2009, we move closer to our goal of having fully-developed construction drawings and specifications available by mid-2009.

Michael Gathercole recently gave volunteer photographer Jim Nolan and videographer Jeff Phelps a tour of Building #6. Hard to believe, both pictures were

taken on the first floor of Building 6. The first picture, with peeling paint and a narrow hall, was prior to internal demolition. The next picture shows all ceiling tiles removed and all partition walls torn down. See more of these pictures and video in January at [www.fairhillcenter.org](http://www.fairhillcenter.org).



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# Fresh from the Village Green (cont.)

## Fundraising

has been a little slow. There is no denying we face a difficult – but by no means impossible – financial climate. So far we have \$720,000 in cash and in-kind, or 20% of our campaign total. \$400,000 of this was generated by the \$100,000 challenge grant received from the Kent H. Smith Charitable Trust and will be used entirely to pay for the work and the development of construction drawings described on the front page.

Integrated board and staff teams have been engaged in a strategic planning process. They concluded that the quickest way to populate the village is by breaking the fundraising and project into phases. For example, raising about \$750,000 to \$1 million would complete Phase I – the renovation of Building #6. If seven existing dwellings are added to the nine apartments created with the completion of Building #6, we have 16 homes - enough accommodation for a viable Kinship Village.

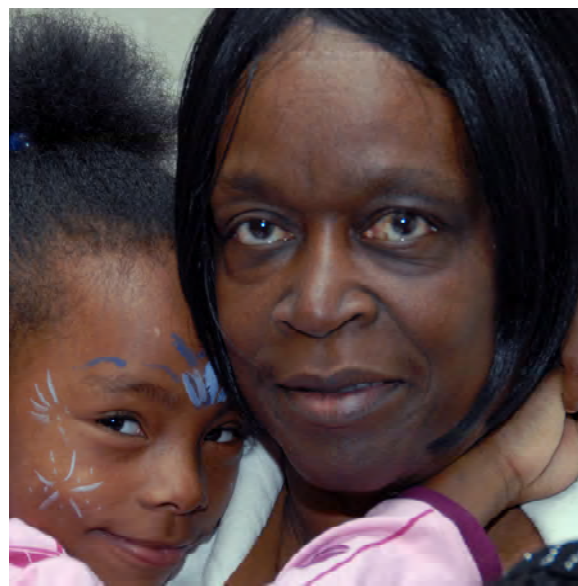
We believe that donors will be attracted by this approach, which requires less money immediately. The Village could be operational within a year, allowing us to begin meeting the need for kinship housing right away rather than waiting until the full \$3.5 million for the entire project is on hand.

Having raised the funds needed for Phase I, the campaign would begin immediately to secure support for Phase II, to convert Building #9 to another 13 apartments as soon as possible. We expect to adopt this new approach before the end of January. If you have thoughts about this proposed approach – or would like to contribute to the completion of phase one- please contact us.

## Meanwhile!!!

the seventh annual Kinship Families Holiday Party was held at Fairhill on December 13 and, as always, it reinforced our determination to stand with these amazing and wonderful families. Attend the event virtually at [www.fairhillcenter.org](http://www.fairhillcenter.org). The emphasis this year was on the health benefits of “getting moving” for young and old. Older caregivers and kinship teens shared the joy of dance in a performance highlight.

More than 40 kinship families (about 69 adults and 151 children) and 60 volunteers had a very jolly and “moving” time! Warm thanks to all who supported the party in so many different ways.



## Greetings!!!

Every good wish for a blessed, peaceful holiday season. May 2009 bring us all fewer uncertainties about the path ahead, and the advent of a period of sustainable prosperity.

Pictures taken at '08 Fairhill Kinship Party (credit to photographer Jim Nolan). a granddaughter finds safety in the arms of her grandmother and Santa stops to pose with Kinship Families after a visit with the children.