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Group providing a real home for the holidays

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When Lisa Stull heard an area homeless group had no place to stay this Christmas, she stepped into action.

As guest services director at Camp Orchard Hill, a Christian camp in Franklin Township, Stull got permission for homeless men from Volunteers in Service in Our Neighborhood, or V.I.S.I.O.N., to sleep in the camp's cabins from Dec. 13 through Dec. 27. She had learned of the group's need from her husband, Mark, director of the Back Mountain Food Pantry.

Now the Dallas woman is seeking help from the community to prepare meals each night,

donate money and Christmas decorations, decorate and spend time with the men during the Christmas season.

"The need was huge for this Christmas season," Stull said. "We're not doing this as a religious event at all. There's a need out there and we just want to meet it."

According to Vince Kabacinski, executive director of V.I.S.I.O.N., the organization was started in 1985 when several men approached the Rev. Kenneth Carter, a former pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Wilkes-Barre, and said they had nowhere to sleep that night. The reverend secured a few sleeping bags and told the men to stay in the

YOU CAN HELP

To assist with V.I.S.I.O.N.'s visit to Camp Orchard Hill or to make a donation to help with their stay, call the camp office at 333-4098.

church.

V.I.S.I.O.N. is a non-profit organization that serves homeless men ages 18 and up in Luzerne County. The men are transported nightly to shelters, mostly churches, where they are served a meal and allowed to sleep. In the morning, the men are driven to places of employment or they participate in the organization's day program.

Kabacinski often has difficulty finding a church to take the men

during Christmas because of holiday activities at the churches and is thrilled that Camp Orchard Hill is willing to help this year.

"It's a sad time for us because when we're in the shelter Christmas Eve, the guys go through their wallets and their personal belongings and they're taking out the pictures of their family," Kabacinski said. "I just get a feeling of contentment knowing our homeless population has a roof over its head on Christmas Eve and they are together as one big family."

So far, Stull has received commitments to assist from the Harveys Lake Women's Club, an Al-

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CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK/ FOR THE DALLAS POST
Lisa Stull straightens a cabin curtain at Camp Orchard Hill in Franklin Township where a group of homeless men will be housed for two weeks in December.



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Dallas resident Rosemary Hozempa's design for the Easter Seals campaign has been chosen from an online competition to be printed as one of six stamps this year.

Her 'Heaven Scent' painting will be on stamp

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Rosemary Hozempa has learned that her painting "Heaven Scent" will become an Easter Seals 2010 Lily Seal.

The Dallas woman's painting was one of 11 paintings of lilies up for vote on www.easterseals.com to be featured in the Easter Seals 2010 Lily Seals. Six of the 11 paintings were chosen, including Hozempa's pink Mystery Lily.

Easter Seals Disability Services is a national non-profit organization that provides services, education, outreach and advocacy for people with autism and other disabilities.

"It is really a huge accomplishment for me as an artist to have this and it is such a good cause that I feel I'm doing something to help out," Hozempa said.

Hozempa discovered the Easter Seals contest on the internet and created five lily paintings to enter. She was surprised to learn that one of her paintings made it to the voting round and immediately e-mailed the organization

to say she is thrilled and honored that her work was selected.

According to Easter Seals, the decorative non-postal seals are mailed to 19 million homes annually with the request of a donation to the organization, raising almost \$14 million. Hozempa was told the 2010 lily seals will be released in January.

Although Hozempa is an artist, she has never had an official art lesson. She has operated Rosemary Hozempa Hair Artistry Salon and Gift Shop on Carr Avenue in Dallas since 2003, having obtained her cosmetology license in 1974.

She resides with her husband, Charlie. The couple has three children: Chuck, 28; David, 26; and Maureen, 24.

"I really would love to thank my friends and family for all of the support and the voting that they've done," Hozempa said. "I know some of them were just incredible. They were campaigning for me - it was unbelievable. And my customers, but I refer to them as my friends because they are."

BACK MOUNTAIN ELECTION RESULTS

Carroll returns as Dallas mayor; Walter retains supervisor seat in Dallas Twp.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Listed here are the results from Tuesday's General Election for Back Mountain municipal races. An asterisk (*) indicates a victory; however, all results are unofficial until they are certified.

DALLAS BOROUGH

Mayor (unopposed) *Timothy J. Carroll, R - 485
Member of Council (vote for three, unopposed)

*Robert Edgerton Jr., R - 456
*Jack Appel, R - 434
*Brian Stevens, R - 427
Tax Collector (unopposed)
*Mark W. Van Etten, R - 531
Judge of Elections Ward 01 (unopposed)
*M. Linda McDermott, R - 276
Inspector of Elections Ward 01 (unopposed)
*Marie Belasco, D - 227
Constable Ward 02 (unopposed)
*Cory Askew, R - 233

Judge of Elections Ward 02 (unopposed)
*Hazel L. Garris, R - 230
Inspector of elections Ward 02 (vote for one)
Timothy F. Herbert Sr., D - 80
*Norma Crispell, R - 174

DALLAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

School director (vote for four, unopposed)
*Karen Z. Kyle, D, R - 2,710
*Maureen Banks Matiska, D, R

- 2,709
*Richard G. Coslett, D, R - 2,891
*Charlie Preece, D, R - 2,743

DALLAS TOWNSHIP

Supervisor (vote for one)
Elizabeth Martin, D - 862
*Philip L. Walter, R - 893
Auditor (unopposed)
*K. Gary Kirk, R - 1,365
Tax Collector (unopposed)
*Leonard Kozick, R - 1,527
Inspector of Elections District

02 (unopposed)
*Sarah A. Wagner, R - 510

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Supervisor (vote for one)
Lance Baseski, D - 162
*William Miller, R - 273
Tax Collector (vote for one)
Maureen Mo Oremus, D - 167
*Brett B. Slocum, R - 267

Constable (unopposed)
*Shane Conrad, D, R - 574
Mayor (vote for one)
Richard H. Boice, D - 417
*Clarence Hogan, R - 432
Member of Council (vote for three)
Ed Kelly, D - 400
Larry C. Lucarino Jr., D - 341
Jason R. Boice, D - 330
*Francis J. Kopko, R - 428

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