



Transitions

Spring 2001

Remembering two good men

"And in truth, grief is a great teacher, when it sends us back to serve and bless the living. Thus, even when they are gone, they are with us, moving us to live as, in their higher moments, they themselves wished to live. We remember them now, they live in our hearts; they are an abiding blessing."

– Gates of Prayer, The New Union Prayer Book

Covenant House lost two champions with the passing of Charles Ferraro, remembered by his daughter, Barbara, and Bud Patterson, remembered by his friend, Kitty Haviland.

Charles Angelo Ferraro

There are many remarkable things to remember or say about my dad. However, the quote he chose for his high school year book in 1931 described his entire 89 years: "It is a friendly heart that has many friends".

His smile was warm and genuine. My dad knew no strangers. He made everyone he came in contact with feel special. My mother Lillian, my six sisters, four brothers, the 23 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren were the most important gifts in his life. Each of us knew we were important and loved.

My parents have told many friends here when



they visited, that they gave the greatest gift they could to Covenant House, their daughter. My work at Covenant House carries on a living tradition and brings my dad's life

vocation to new levels. My dad was an enthusiastic supporter of our work at Covenant House.

But, truly, while they thought I was a gift, my parents are the real gifts. I inherited from them my passion for life and sense of right and wrong; and particularly from my dad, the commitment to make

this world a better place for all people. This was inherent in my beliefs from as far back as I can remember. My dad worked at the Cambridge Housing Authority for 35 years helping people get affordable housing. He spent 60 years helping people build small family

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Francis "Bud" Patterson

Bud Patterson died very suddenly at home on December 4, 2000. No one at Covenant House can believe that he is gone. Bud was *always* here when someone needed him.

I knew him since 1976, when he, his wife Ann and I were all involved in the same organization. It



had a list of 3500 names and addresses and each was for years individually typed on labels, by very patient volunteers, for four different mailings each year. That was the way it had always been done. Bud somehow persuaded management into the great leap forward –

a computer data base. Of course, he and Ann maintained the data base. Bud was always behind the scenes, working to get things done and done better. Bud was active in organizations ranging from West Virginia Harvest, Community Music and WV Public radio.

Bud brought his organizational and problem solving skills everywhere he went. He worked with

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From the desk of the co-directors

Truth is born of doubt

“God of the beginning, God of the end, God of all creatures, God of all generations: with love You guide the world, with love You walk hand in hand with all the living. You set before us many paths to tread, that we might search and find the way that is true for us. We thank you for the gift of choice. Without it, where would our greatness lie? Where are our triumphs and where are our failures?”

These past few months have been a reflective time for us. Twenty years as an organization have presented many moments for thanks, and pose many more challenges for the future. It has been a time to assess where our triumphs and successes have been, and where our failures have occurred. We appreciate all that we have learned over the two decades and trust that as the future unfolds, we will have much more to learn.

Also, what we once thought was a huge undertaking with the new building (and it is), pales in comparison to the deaths of those who are loved, particularly Charlie Ferraro and Bud Patterson. Death and grief have a way of making us pause and question: What is important, or rather who is important? What really matters day-to-day? Can one life make a difference? Is there more? What can we learn from people and the past which will prepare us for the future? Where do we find the truth in all this? Please do not take our words as ones of despair, rather, just pensive ones, in light of many transitions.

We search for answers, and when there are none, we just wrestle with the very questions themselves. Often, there are no easy answers, but rather many doubts, probings and scutinizing. Ultimately, we believe the doubts and probings are very good, for they strengthen us as we search for meaning when our lives, belief systems and assumptions are tested. We believe the truth does emerge, and it will arise stronger and more secure from each doubt or question asked of it. The questions and probings can strengthen our commitment to tread those paths and find the way that is true for us—to do good, and to improve our communities with our hearts and hands.

These were the ways of two good men who did not have all the answers, but who believed that their search for the truth — their seeking for what was right and just, stirred them and moved them to acts of goodness. We are all better for their lives. We know those memories which are good, loving and full of life give us hope and will not perish.

Through our everyday, ordinary lives, as we look to the future, may we continue to give thanks for all those people who have affected our lives, be grateful for those events which have caused us to seek the truth and work for the common good.



Covenant House, Inc. 2000 Annual Report

(unaudited edition)

Without a Vision the People Will Perish

Revenue

Individual Contributions	\$ 58,921
Churches/Congregations	40,084
Organizations/Corporations	8,825
Grants:Foundations/Corporations	316,264
Government Grants	208,648
Counseling	1,047
Interest Income	25,890
Sales/Fundraiser	5,770
Resident Fees	4,446
 Cash Total	 669,895
In-Kind	88,673
TOTAL	758,568

Actual Cash Expenses

Drop-In Center/Operations	\$ 69,614
Emergency Assistance	84,777
Food Pantry	17,981
Clothing Closet	11,934
AIDS Residential/Resources	131,468
Challenge West Virginia	228,765
State AIDS Coalition	49,447
 Cash Total	 593,987
In-Kind*	88,673
TOTAL	682,660

Surplus for 2000

Program Restricted Funds:	32,000
Surplus:	43,908

* In-Kind reflects:

- (1) Federal money for Rents/Utilities: \$3,298 and Food: \$1,238
- (2) \$37,562 in Food donations to the Food Pantry
- (3) \$46,575 in supplies from Congregations/Businesses and Individuals

All contributions reflect those received by 12/31/2000

2000 In-Kind Contributions Organizations and Businesses

Anonymous
 Aquarian Universalist Spiritualist Church
 Columbia Energy Group
 Designworks/Michael C. Switzer
 Embroiderer's Guild
 French Creek Farms
 General Anesthesia Services
 Laser Charge of West Virginia
 Dianna Lenick, D.D.S.
 Majestic Mountain Needle Arts
 Metropolitan MCC Church
 Remco Sales & Services
 Ralston & Co
 Terra Salis
 Our Lady of the Angels, Worchester, MA
 United Food Organization
 Simpson United Methodist Women
 Visions Hair & Nail Studio
 Westminster Sunday School Class (Bream)
 Women's Foundation

2000 Statistics

Total Contacts (all programs)	28,183
Women:	8,050
People of Color	9,251
Emergency Assistance:	3,215
Food Order Recipients:	1,755
Laundry:	2,440
Showers:	1,393
Clothing Orders:	2,258
 AIDS Play attendees:	 1,170

Covenant House Volunteers 2000

Melinda Adamson
 Jean Allinder
 Amelia Anderson
 Jonas Anderson
 George Auer
 Judy Auer
 Missy Auston
 Terry Barron
 George Belling
 Lisa Blankenship
 Dean Borgmeyer
 Pat Boyde
 John Brown
 Nancy Bulla
 Tom Burger
 Jene Carlon
 Jamie Casto
 Sue Chase
 Jeremy Clayborne
 Virginia Cooper
 Alfonzo Dalton
 Wade Darnell
 Amy Darr
 David E. Darr
 Betty Dawson
 Ruth Debolt
 Cassy Dunlap
 Nancy Dunst
 Barbara Eychaner
 Jim Eychaner
 JoAnn Farmer
 Janice Fink
 Susan Fink
 Chris Fly
 Roger Forman
 Harriet Foster
 Skylar Freeman
 Roger Frye
 Lucille Gore
 Brenda Green
 Michael Green
 Molly Green
 Pat Grounds
 James Guthrie
 Davy Haden
 Janet Hager
 Henry Hale
 Betty Hamilton

Arvin Harsh
 Jane Harwood
 Charles Haynes
 Clyde Hendrick
 Mike Higbee
 Bobbie Hill
 Kathy Houck
 Betty Jones
 Frances Jones
 Kitty Jones
 Sandy Kerns
 Ken Kleeman
 Vallah Lambrech
 Phyllis Larimer
 Clara Lawson
 Scott Ledsome
 Becky Lovejoy
 Jack Maddy
 Frank Mansell
 Jake Maynard
 Betty McMullen
 Cindy Miller
 Becky Moses
 Mary Noble
 Ross Noble
 Becky Ofiesh
 Ann Patterson
 Bud Patterson
 Linda Powers
 Sue Price
 Marge Revercomb
 Charles Pomputius
 Kip Powers
 Andy Ridenour
 Jack Runion
 Patti Salisbury
 Avril Shelton
 Phyllis Sherman
 Phyllis Simms
 Scott Simmons
 Sally Slicer
 Jerry Smith
 Jim Smith
 Judy Snyder
 Susan Spangler
 Joan Steven
 Kathryn Stone
 Marty Strange

Chris Stratton
 David Sudbeck
 Michael & Ashley Switzer
 Morgan, Ryan,
 Mary Grace &
 Rebekah Ann
 Michael Tassos
 Gail Twigger-Shaw
 Arthur Lee Tyson
 Thelma Tyson
 Harold Young
 Kim Young

Rebecca Van Der Meer
 Village Chapel
 Youth Group
 Sara Walker
 Richard Ware
 Connie Weaver
 Rachel White
 Austin Weiford
 Betty Williams
 Joseph Wilson
 John Wolfe

Supporting Congregations In-Kind and Financial

Appalachian Metropolitan Community
 Asbury United Methodist
 Baha'i Faith
 Baptist Temple
 Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic
 Boyd Memorial Christian
 Bream Memorial Presbyterian
 Calvary Baptist
 Christ Church United Methodist
 Elizabeth Memorial United Methodist
 First Baptist
 First Christian
 First Presbyterian of Charleston
 Good Shepherd Episcopal
 Kanawha United Presbyterian
 Morris Memorial United Methodist
 Ruffner Memorial Presbyterian
 Religious Society of Friends
 St. George Orthodox
 St. John's Episcopal
 St. Mark United Methodist
 St. Matthew's Episcopal
 St. Stephen United Methodist
 Temple Israel
 Trinity Evangelical Lutheran
 Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
 Village Chapel Presbyterian
 Westside United Methodist
 Westminster Presbyterian

2000 Grants

Carbon Fuel
City of Charleston
Clay Foundation
Charleston Urban Renewal Authority
Daywood Foundation
Deutsch Foundation
Dickenson Properties
Disciples of Christ/West Virginia
Educational Foundation of America
Edward T. & Elizabeth Gardner Foundation
Gazette Charities
Greater Kanawha Valley Foundation
Herscher Foundation
HOPWA
HUD/Continuum of Care Grant
Inter-Vivos Trust
Bernard and Blanche Jacobson Foundation
Marjorie Johnson Charitable Fund
Kanawha City Lions Club
Kanawha County Commission
Kanawha Medical Society
Kleeman Family Foundation
Lowenstein Fund
Brooks & Jane McCabe Fund
McDavid Foundation
One Valley Bank Foundation
Orders Construction
Pelzel Family Fund
Philip Morris Foundation
John & Lucille Pianfetti Fund
Presbytery of West Virginia
Rotary Club of Charleston
Rural Challenge/Annenberg
Segal & Davis Family Foundation
Paul & Maxine Skaff Fund
State Budget Digest
State of West Virginia
A. S. Thomas Memorial Fund
United Way
West Virginia Housing Development Fund
Wright Family Fund

In compiling lists such as the ones on these pages, we are sure we have failed to list people whose contributions we greatly appreciated. Please be assured any omission was not intentional. If you know someone whose name should be included, please let us know.

Make plans to join in our celebration

Make plans now to attend Covenant House's 20th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, April 29, at Christ Church United Methodist in Charleston.

The event will feature a special performance by comedian Jimmy Tingle.

Open seating is limited to 300 persons. Tickets are available at Covenant House for \$40 each. The doors will open at 5 p.m., followed by a short program, which includes the showing of a video celebrating the first 20 years of Covenant House. Supper will be served at 6 p.m., followed by Jimmy Tingle's act from 7 to 8:30 p.m.



Jimmy Tingle

Play to benefit AIDS program

The Charleston Stage Company is dedicating to Covenant House a portion of the opening night proceeds of their April production of Tony Kushner's "Angels in America."

The Pulitzer-prize winning play which tells the story of the AIDS epidemic, will be directed by Tim Mace.

The play will open at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the Capitol Plaza Theater. For each \$15 ticket sold, Covenant House's AIDS program will receive \$5. To reserve tickets, call 343-5272 after April 1.

Did you know. . .

- Our friend Sheri O'Dell again wrote the end of the year letter seeking support for our programs. To date it has generated \$53,710. As always, we are greatly indebted to Sheri for her generous contributions of time and talent.

- Dr. Elaine Moore put up a contribution site in her office for Covenant House's capital campaign. So far we have received donations from some of her patients and doctor colleagues. We are grateful for this support.

- Harts Community Development, a community-based non-profit that started as a Covenant House project, has helped 71 families in Lincoln and Logan counties with housing needs since 1990. Congratulations to those who have continued to make this project work for the benefit of the community.

Gifts given in memory of Charles A. Ferraro (as of 2/9/01)

Amy Weber	Maria and William MacKennon	Angelo and Maria DeGuglielmo
Kathryn A. Stone	Wanda Chester	Maria and Fernand Ferreira
Jim and Barbara Eychaner	Clara Vecchiarello	Carla Ferreira
Terry and Lynn Barron	Bill & Frances Deguglielmo	Joan DeGuglielmo
Ethel Porter	June C. DeVito	Gladys Turley
Monica E. Corrigan	Basil and Mary Mullens	Marie and Mose Cassis
Sue and Roy Price	Linda and Thomas Barry	Becky Ofiesh
Betty Jones and Beth Spence	Ernest and Margaret Ciampa	Teresa Ofiesh
Mary F. Aufiero	Carol Gavin	Si and Libby Ofiesh
Sophia Navickas	Jean and Gerald Boyle	Pray Construction Co.
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Barbara Beauchamp, SND	Maureen Galperin	Pat and Anne Ventola
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Probation Dept, Newton District Court	Mr & Mrs. George Menez	Lawrence and Teresa Feloney
Rosalind Lillo	Mr and Mrs. Francis Manganelli	Treana Pauley
Tony & Holly Sirianni	Mary Frisoli	Jordan and Maria Berliner
Chris, Christine and Emma Forte	Josephine Leonardo	Robert and Nancy Trombley
Kathleen Jefferson	Agnes Stapleton, SND	Tom, Jennifer, Jason &
Elizabeth Buono	Cubby Oil Co., Inc.	Justin Ventling
Mary Ellen Welch	Susan Perone	Mr and Mrs Arthur DeBenedictus
Mary E. Salmon	Jimmy, Helen, Billy and Karen Petras	Kira and Gil Forer
Charles H. Cooke, Jr.	John and Janice Tortelli	Hayuta and Itshak Forer
Elvira Santoianne	Mary Tersoni	Jill Rosenthal and George Shaler
Raymond and Frances Luccese	Ettore Pedretti	Delcinia Spurlock
Mary Ricchio	Olga DiVecchia and Peter Greco	Clare and Phil Ciampa and Family
Margaret Cullinane	Mary Trifone and family	George and Brenda Johnson

Gifts given in memory of Bud Patterson

Kitty & Jim Haviland	Mr. & Mrs. David L. Goris	Linda Elliott
Becky Ofiesh	Tim Holbrook	Bryan Boyd Creative Group
Barbara & Jim Lyons	Bill & June Haydon	Douglas & Lucy Smith
Sue & Joe Wollenberger	Curt & Mary Coburn	Christine Dibitetto
Lucy M. & Fred H. Winterkamp	Valerie & Keith Roessing	Joan & Steve Kuntz
Ray & Rose Marie Pfeiffer	Mr. & Mrs. G. M. Frisch	Kathryn & Lewis Brewer
Elizabeth T. Miller	Dorothy & William Whitehurst	Bruce & Mary Ellen Eckerson
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Friends of WV Public Radio Inc	Virginia Ruth Douglas	Alyce & Donald Dechman
Anne Carroll	Lynn & Danny Lorentz	Alison & Don Bernard
Patricia and David Kent	Bertie Cohen	Margaret J. Buzza
Thekla Lund	Mr. & Mrs. James W. Conner	Dudley & Ron McKenny
Patricia Hendricks	Stephen & Nancy Barber	Betty & Harry Wise
Patricia & Robert Perelman, Jr.	Virginia G. Brod	Community Music Association
		John & Betsy Chapman

Charles Ferraro . . .

businesses. Although he had an easy going manner, it was wise not to perceive it as weakness or something to take advantage of, because when he saw people be less than honest, or hurting others, he would not tolerate it.

I will miss him terribly—his humor, his stories, his encouragement, his support and his love. And as my mom (who knew my dad for 63 years) said, “but I did not know him long enough”....no time would have been long enough to know a man of such faith and love. As one of my brothers said, “He was not perfect, but he was perfect enough!”

I thank all you who have called, written or given a gift to Covenant House in my dad’s memory. He would be honored...I am.

– Barbara Ferraro

Bud Patterson . . .

dedication, helping our Food Pantry and Manna Meal, and as a sideline, helping Covenant House with computers.

His patience was incredible; whatever the problem Bud would make it seem that everybody, even he, had been through the same thing.

Patiently he would explain what needed to be done, the technology or the process until it became effective.

Bud was a rock, always there to lean on. But you must picture a rock with eyes and a mouth and a heart, eyes that twinkled a lot, a mouth that laughed and a heart that cared.

– Kitty Haviland

In memoriam

Charles Ferraro
father of Barbara Ferraro
Bud Patterson
Harlan Gross
Mark Young
friends of Covenant House

Our thoughts are with their family and friends.

Special Gifts

Connie Weaver in memory of Richard Parrey
Loren K. Sheets to the glory of God in loving
memory of my wife, Margie A. Sheets

Josephine A. Rutkowski
in memory of Florence Crisolito

Martha Wehrle in honor
of Candy Galyean’s birthday

Michael Switzer in honor of Sofia Gandy
Ellen R. Archibald to honor the marriage of

Lisa Ruth Kaplan and Nikolas William Stengle

Judy Parsons in honor of Pat Hussey’s birthday

Betsy U. Haight in memory of Glenna Rollin

Ric MacDowell

in honor of Mrs. F. M. MacDowell,
Bob and June Foster, Russ and Glenn
Legett, Rebecca and Frank Woods

Judy Parsons in honor
of Barbara Ferraro’s birthday

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin E. Beckelheimer in honor
of Cary Beckelheimer and Detlef Olfers

Barbara and Kenneth Coates in honor
of Bruce and Carol Copeland

Barbara and Jim Eychaner in memory
of John C. Steven

Becky Ofiesh in memory of Susan Britton Smith

Anonymous in memory of Jane Whited Wilkes

Connie Hamilton in honor of Becky Ofiesh
Walt, Sandra, Robert and Katherine Hussey in
honor of Pat and Barbara for the love
and support they provided our family

Stephen and Barbara Seidman
in memory of Anne and Sylvan Seidman

Nancy and Charles Ferraro
in honor of Charles and Lillian Ferraro

Betsy Haught in memory of Barbetta Sussman
Nancy and William Street

in honor of Robert F. McDonald

Kenneth Hamrick in memory of Herschel Henson
Robert Magnuson in memory of Bobby Magnuson
Bob Rodecker – Happy Holidays to Jeff Sikorovsky
Margaret Kilmartin and Annie

in memory of Midge Miles’ brother

Loren K. Sheets in memory of Margie A. Sheets

In memory of Dorothy Chase Stephens by
Carolyn and Ron Vogelbach
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Covenant House Programs

Drop-In Center

Provides a safe space with showers, laundry facilities, access to a free telephone, mailing address and crisis intervention.

David Bennett, Philip Hainen 344-8433

Emergency Assistance

Helps those in extremely difficult circumstances with rents, utilities, travel and medicine.

David Bennett, Philip Hainen 344-8433

Food Pantry

Food distribution center located at First Presbyterian Church. Volunteer coordinator: Virginia Cooper

Manager: Claude Churchwell
David Bennett, Philip Hainen 344-8433

Clothing Closet

Clothing distribution center operated out of St. Marks United Methodist Church. 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Coordinator: Judy Snyder 343-3744

Challenge WV

A statewide organization committed to maintaining and improving small community schools and reforming state education policy so that every child has the opportunity to receive the best possible education.

Beth Spence 756-9191
Linda Martin 744-5916

AIDS Residential and Resource Program

Maintains residences for people with AIDS who are homeless and provides support services and emergency services. Supports and offers performances of "Gone Tomorrow," an educational play aimed at a teenage audience.

Julie Britton, Susan Ledsome 344-0530

Counseling Program

Offers family, individual or pastoral counseling by a certified licensed counselor. Fees are on a sliding scale.

Barbara Ferraro 344-8053