

## The Campaign

**Fundraising goal: \$50,000**

We are asking 50 local churches to partner with us by raising \$1,000 each. The campaign will start March 1, 2010 and end February 28, 2011.

## Fundraising Ideas

- Dime/quarter drive
- Pancake breakfast
- Spaghetti dinner
- Concert
- Bake sale
- Rummage sale
- \$250 a quarter

All gifts of \$1,000 or more will be listed on a plaque recognizing each contributor.

- Gifts of \$2,500 will receive special recognition as “faithful sowers” and will have recognition in a common hallway.
- Gifts of \$5,000 will receive special recognition as “good stewards” and will have additional recognition in Leavenhouse kitchen.

### **Please send donations to:**

Volunteers of America Delaware Valley  
C/O Leavenhouse Campaign  
235 White Horse Pike  
Collingswood, NJ 08107

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**To make a pledge, arrange for a speaker, or request more information, please contact: Reverend Crystal L. Snowden**

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*Join hands with*

## *Volunteers of America Delaware Valley*



## Leavenhouse Capital Campaign 2010-2011





*You can help open doors*



## Our Ministry of Service

Volunteers of America's primary fellowship is done through our ministry of service. We seek to witness to the whole person: body, mind, and spirit, always conveying the message of hope, faith, and love at a time when people seek our assistance.

We invite your congregation to join hands with us in partnership to transform this building into a home.

*"Your support will help us continue to provide affordable housing for homeless families in the City of Camden."*

*-Reverend Crystal L. Snowden*

*You shall love the Lord your God . . . and your neighbor as yourself. —Luke 10:27*

## What is Leavenhouse?

Leavenhouse is an affordable housing program in North Camden that is owned and operated by Volunteers of America Delaware Valley. The program houses formerly homeless singles and small families. Residents receive support to sustain permanent housing. The community landmark also offers hot breakfasts to homeless and underprivileged community members on Sundays. One Friday a month volunteers distribute food bags to neighborhood residents. The program serves 200 meals and 150 food baskets each month.

*"Leavenhouse is a place where residents can find peace and balance in life." —William Wright,  
Site Manager*

## History

Leavenhouse began as a non-profit volunteer organization in 1981 along the lines of the Catholic Worker movement philosophy to provide hospitality to those in need and advocate for social justice. Purchased as an abandoned home at 644 State Street, the current building was rehabilitated to offer meals and housing to the community's needy. Soon after, the first meal was served at Leavenhouse, homeless community members moved in - as well as a small group of remarkable volunteers to manage the house and kitchen.

*"The Leavenhouse name and logo suggests a place where people can come together to lift each other up, analogous to the way particles of yeast, working together, make a loaf of bread rise."  
—Tom Knoche, Leavenhouse founder*

Later, several buildings next door were purchased and rehabilitated to provide permanent housing to the homeless in a community style setting.

Leavenhouse was passed on to Volunteers of America Delaware Valley in 2007 after many years of service from dedicated volunteers.

## Plans for the Future

The first floor of the Leavenhouse building currently operates as the kitchen and dining area for Sunday breakfasts and space for the food program, but the remaining spaces that could be converted into two three-bedroom apartments sit primarily unused and in need of repair. Volunteers of America would like to convert these empty spaces to permanent affordable housing for homeless families in Camden—a safe and healthy place to call home.

A fire escape must be installed to bring the building up to code. In addition, doors, flooring, paint, kitchen cabinets, appliances, and other refurbishments are needed.