



Transitions in Progress Services

Providing shelter and services to homeless families and victims of domestic violence since 1994.

Services under the T.I.P.S. Umbrella:

- Supportive Housing at Blue Haven and Trestle Creek
- Harmony House domestic violence emergency shelter
- Domestic Abuse Education Program (DAEP)
- Women's Support Group
- 24-hour DV Hotline
- Legal Assistance Resource Connection (LARC)
- Healthy Families Initiative

T.I.P.S. to Sponsor Legal Assistance Resource Connection, LARC

Supportive Housing Manager Tamie Martinsen has been working with the **Idaho Volunteer Lawyer Program** to establish Bonner and Boundary county's first legal assistance resource connection.

This new community asset will allow community members to have free access to local attorneys who will provide guidance and assistance in navigating the courts system. It will also assist community members in deciding whether or not their legal issue suggests hiring an attorney or whether they can handle the issue themselves with

minimal assistance.

A \$5 refundable deposit reserves a 20-minute appointment. Appointments will be held twice monthly from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

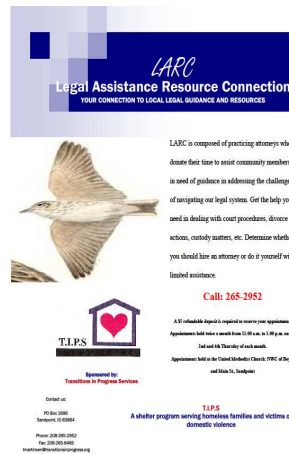
Appointments will take place at the **United Methodist Church** located at Boyer and Cedar Street, near downtown Sandpoint.

Further information is available by calling:

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Brochure for local distribution

Trestle Creek sows seeds for Community Garden

Trestle Creek Program Manager Lissa Defreitas has enlisted the support of the **Master Gardeners** to plan this seasons Community Garden. Located adjacent to Holland House at our Trestle Creek supportive housing project, this years' garden has been tilled, staked and planted. Our typical May weather notwithstanding, residents

are taking great care to ensure healthy, home grown organic eating for all our residents later this summer.

We all look forward to enjoying fresh tomatoes, squash, peas and carrots, assuming the fence keeps the deer away.



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Domestic Abuse Shelter Relocates, Adapts New Paradigm

We have relocated our DV shelter to a more suitable, safer location with enhanced security and drastically reduced, predictable law enforcement response times.

In addition, the new facility has Fire Department reviewed/approved life safety equipment and preventative measures ensuring the safety and confidentiality of it's residents.

As our funding for this vital shelter lapses in October, we are working with our collaborative partners in the community to create a new paradigm for the program; one that is specifically tailored for our small rural community and designed around best practice methodologies adopted by other similar shelters nationwide.

We are excited to work with our partners on this new model which will incorporate several other new initiatives and help fill the gaps in the housing continuum of care model we continue to pursue for the northern two counties.

Funding solutions will continue to be a challenge and we ask that you call our office to pledge your gift towards this program.

Message from the Executive Director

Spring has sprung in typical north Idaho fashion with days of glorious sunshine mixed with rain and near freezing temperatures. This newsletter is intended to provide a snapshot of our various activities as we move into the summer months. Our new LARC and Healthy Families initiatives are reflective of our effects to help fill the gaps in services provided to our community members. The community garden and

disability access improvements at Blue Haven show our commitment to better living for our residents. The Team Depot Days, YouTube video and CAL grant award demonstrate our goal of diversifying our sourcing efforts to supplement our traditional government grant funding. We are grateful for the impassioned involvement by a large number of community members

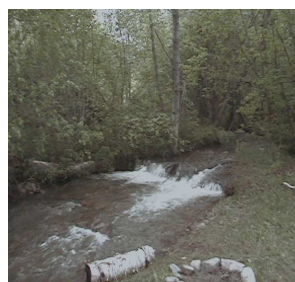
whose support is so critical to accomplishing our goals. These are difficult and trying times for many of our friends and neighbors. Please join us by contacting one of our offices to see how you can put your gifts to good use for the benefit of our entire community. I encourage you to visit our web site often to check up on our latest efforts as we seek everyone's involvement in combating homelessness.

Pathways

We currently have 60 residents in service including 33 children

Blue Haven Completes Accessibility Project

Our friends at Son Construction, Dave Nicholson, owner, have been working diligently with the help of John Rogers, our Facilities Manager to complete the rehabilitation of Unit 4 at Blue Haven to facilitate accessibility for our disabled residents.



Trestle Creek spring flow



Facilities Manager John Rogers administering new Web Site

Last winter T.I.P.S. introduced it's new revamped web site:

transitionsinprogress.org

designed by **AllerGale Design Studio** of Sandpoint. Once the site "went live" our own John Rogers took over administration of the site. Since November, John, in addition to overseeing our facilities management, has been posting new

information at an amazing pace. In addition to providing information regarding our programs and services, the site contains links to critical local emergency services as well as links to other community service organizations.

Also featured are the organizations and individuals whose many gifts make our programs and services possible.

Finally, we have included the latest information and articles on homelessness and domestic abuse to assist our visitors to better understand these critical issues in the communities we serve.

Please bookmark and visit our site often, as John will be making improvements on a regular basis.

Home Depot gives assist with Team Depot Day

The good folks at the local Ponderay, Idaho, **Home Depot** store are donating all the materials and a four man crew to help install 100-lineal feet of 6' high new cedar fencing with two gates at our facility in Sandpoint. Known as **Team Depot Day**, they will deliver the

materials and a crew to the site to be met by a T.I.P.S. crew of equal size who will join forces to complete the project in a single day.

The existing wood fence, installed at this leased facility over 20 years ago, is still standing, but defi-

nately showing the results of many an Idaho winter.

We are extremely grateful to Home Depot and their crew for helping us address this need.

Hard "hats off" to Home Depot!

YouTube Video submitted in State-wide grant contest

T.I.P.S. Development Director, Chris Rinehart, submitted a 30-second **YouTube** video that he filmed and edited at Trestle Creek with the help of residents and T.C. Program Manager Lissa Defreitas. The challenge by the grant administrator was to

submit a video which described our program and services, as well as how we would spend a \$10,000 grant award, all in 30 seconds. We included a request for new computers to put in our TC Computer Lab as well as a new van. Our computers are feeling

their age (real slow) and our van has over 150,000 north Idaho miles (grueling, all season). You can see the video with the following link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NtGBv05FDY>

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

Blue Haven Kids Zone



We're on the web:
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 Trestle Creek Maint.

Judy Raynor
 Book Keeper

Chris Rinehart
 Development Director

T.I.P.S. Receives Community Assistance League Grant

T.I.P.S. is pleased to announce they have been awarded a \$2,000 grant from Sandpoint's Community Assistance League (CAL).

The funding will enable T.I.P.S. to advance its "Healthy Families Initiative".

The initiative will enable TIPS residents to more readily access medical resources currently being offered by various agencies in our community. In addition, it will increase

awareness and bridge the gap between residents and meaningful treatment options of these various agencies and programs.

According to Tamie Martinsen, TIPS Supportive Housing Manager; "Families, particularly families with minor children, are often severely impacted by adverse health issues, be they medical, dental or mental health related. This funding will help us assist them in receiving the care

Transitions in Progress Services is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 organization. We have been providing shelter and program services to homeless families and victims of domestic violence since 1994. Since that time we have provided transitional housing to over 200 families and provided a safe haven to more than 180 victims of domestic abuse.

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they desperately need."

Funds will be utilized to access services provided by agencies such as the **Kaniksu Clinic, Bonner Partners in Care** and the **Panhandle Health District**. In addition, it will provide funds for residents needing copies of birth certificates, prescription care and immediate care. Finally, it will promote access to mental health diagnosis and treatment.

A big thank you to the **Community Assistance League** for their generous support.



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A shelter program serving homeless families and victims of domestic violence



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