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Place of Hope is a non-profit and faith-based organization providing a unique "family cottages" style of residential care for foster children.

POH is a unique traditional family-style foster care model and has provided consistent residential care for 56 local foster children and has the capacity for 36 on a daily basis. POH is the only licensed residential provider in our community offering continuity of placement for large sibling groups, and other special needs foster children in a traditional family-based environment.

Stein Mart Clothing for Place of Hope Kids Dignity U Wear: Name-brand clothing for children

Stein Mart has generously offered to provide new, name-brand clothing to the children at Place of Hope three times a year in tandem with a foundation they have supported for years, aptly named, **Dignity U Wear**. The brainchild of founder and philanthropist **Henri Landwirth**, Dignity U Wear was founded in 2000. Stein Mart became a supporter of Dignity U Wear after hearing about Mr. Landwirth and his mission to provide needy children with new clothing particularly socks and underwear on an ongoing basis. The new Stein Mart in Boynton Beach will be working with the foundation to provide new and brand-name clothing to our children.

Mr. Landwirth, a holocaust survivor, moved to Florida in 1999, ostensibly for the purpose of retirement. Soon after he was asked to support a local homeless shelter and upon talking with individuals trying to get back on their feet, realized how important clothing was to their well being and future success. Universally these people cited the need to feel and look like everyone else in society. Mr. Landwirth's retirement soon became a thing of the past. He quickly and efficiently put together a conduit that moved new, yet unwanted clothing from manufacturers to people who truly needed them. Stein Mart heard about Dignity U Wear and decided to jump in with both feet. Having first-hand knowledge of the industry and contacts, Stein Mart was able to pair its own retail and manufacturing channels with local charities that it wanted to support.



Susan Warmington, Agenda Coordinator for Stein Mart, had heard about the work being done at Place of Hope and approached Charles Bender about this program. Susan was promptly given a tour of Place of Hope and decided that it fit the mission statements for both Stein Mart and Dignity U Wear. The happy outcome of this relationship is that our children will be receiving three shipments per year of clothing from Stein Mart. The program is so specific that each of the children's sizes and needs will be noted and fulfilled through Stein Mart's vendors. "We want to make sure that each child is given exactly what they need in the correct size and style. Too often these children are given hand-me-downs that although well intentioned do not meet their current needs. Let's face it, kids these days are brand conscious and these kids are no

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK



By Charles L. Bender, III

The most difficult part of developing our newsletter is that I have to limit the number of pages! The Lord continuously blesses Place of Hope with so many life-changing testimonies and His provisions are timely and perfect. This is our "end of the year" issue and there are so many exciting stories and events to share. As we close out 2005 and look with excitement to 2006, we thank you for partnering with us in this ministry. Your prayers and faithful support this year have impacted young lives. Thank you for blessing them with a safe, loving, structured, and positive place to live, during the most tumultuous times in their lives! We hope that you will continue to stand and fight for "the least of these brothers and sisters", this coming year.

Without Place of Hope and each

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KID'S CORNER: Eddie aspires to join legal profession

"Eddie" lives in the **Kirkwood Family Cottage**; he is 14 and attends a local public high school. His Cottage Parent, **Amy Roberts**, stated, "He is an amazing kid. He listens well, is considerate of others, and is very responsible and a big helper in the house." Eddie is known for his big smile and calm nature.

Eddie loves to draw and enjoys a cooking class at school. He also likes soccer and learning more about his family's native country, Mexico. Eddie lives at POH with his two younger brothers. He enjoyed rid-

ing roller coasters with his Cottage Parent, **Brian Roberts**, at Islands of Adventure in Orlando where the family vacationed last summer. He would like to be a lawyer one day and realizes the long educational road ahead of him to achieve this goal. Thanks Eddie for being an asset to Place of Hope.



