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Outreach News

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Journeys of Hope: meet Nina

Journeys of Hope is a non-profit organization that serves homeless young adults, ages 18 to 23, in Salem, MA. Many of the people JOH helps have left foster care because they graduated from high school. Through programs and community outreach work, Journeys of Hope support s these young adults as they move from homelessness to healthy futures.

Nina was living in an abusive home environment and faced medical issues. Journeys of Hope helped Nina apply to college as an independent student so that she could get sufficient financial aid to attend college full time and move to safe on-campus housing.

Nina is now focused on pursuing her goal of becoming a social worker. Journeys of Hope provides ongoing support for Nina, including:

- * Food, clothing, and transportation support
- * Financial help with textbooks and school supplies
- * Advocacy at the college financial aid office

Through your donations to Outreach/Missions, you're helping young people like Nina get the education and jobs-skills training that they need to become self-reliant. **Thank you for your generous gifts!**

For more information about Journeys of Hope, see their web site: www.johma.org.

Join us! Help Stamp Out Hunger on Saturday, May 11

Looking for an easy way to make a difference and have fun hanging out with Centre Church folks? Join us on Saturday, May 11, as we sort canned goods collected by postal workers during the annual Stamp Out Hunger campaign.

We will be sorting at Haven From Hunger, a soup kitchen and pantry in Peabody, MA. All those who have proof of need are helped by this organization: homeless people, people on unemployment, elderly men and women trying to live on Social Security, and the working poor who do not have enough money for food after paying rents or mortgages.

Haven From Hunger provides:

- * A food pantry
- * An evening meal program, serving 1,200 families a month from Peabody, Salem, and Lynnfield

Details about the specific time slot and car-pooling opportunities to come.



Alyse Barbash, director of Haven from Hunger, with Jeff Langill at the 2012 Stamp Out Hunger collection.