

# HOMEtown News

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## From the Director

*"I thank my GOD for you every time I think of you; and every time I pray for you all, I pray with joy because of the way in which you have helped me in the work of the Gospel."*

Philippians 1: 3-4



These words from Paul's letter to the Philippians were exclaimed when he was experiencing a particularly hard time in his life. He was imprisoned. But these words were proclaimed in his letter to encourage others that they too, may experience confidence in God's grace, perseverance in trials, and joy knowing the unconditional love of God will remain constant through all their tribulations, challenges, disappointments, and despair in life.

I want to focus on Paul's words of thanksgiving.

I feel the same gratitude in my heart that he felt for God's gift of the many family, friends, business sponsors, and acquaintances who so generously have given of their time, talent and treasure for making our annual fundraiser "HOME Sweet HOME" such a tremendous success! The work we do at the House Of Mercy and Encouragement is vital to support the well – being of families and children who are looking for emotional, mental and behavioral help. Divorce, death, separation, addiction, mental health issues such as anxiety, depression, or mood disorders, are all reasons for seeking help at HOME. Whether it be group, individual or family counseling, your needs will be assessed and addressed to meet the needs of each person who seeks to improve the quality of their life. Our groups for children from preschool age through adolescents have been a tremendous success! Learning social skills, team

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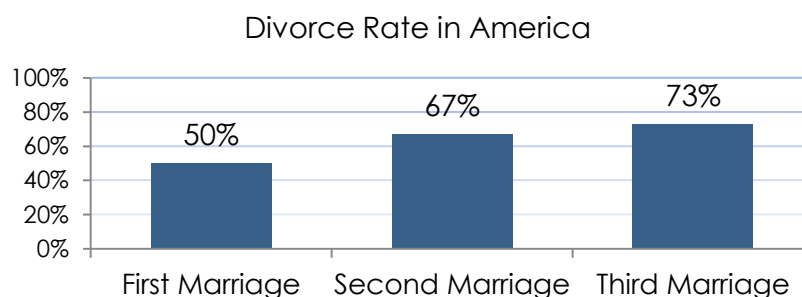
work, problem solving skills and creative and appropriate ways to express one's emotions are the benefits received by the participants. Many have made very good friends. HOME is blessed to have the dedication of so many high quality, compassionate professionals to work with our families and children. WE CAN NOT DO IT WITHOUT ALL OF YOUR HELP. We are deeply, deeply grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. May God bless all of you for the support you have given and continue to give to make HOME a refuge of peace for so many children and families.

In His Peace,  
Dolores

## Did You Know?

- One in every four people will be affected by mental illness at some point in their lives—that's more than 229,000 people in Pinellas County!
- Four million children and adolescents in this country suffer from a *serious* mental disorder that causes significant functional impairments at home, at school and with peers. Of children ages 9 to 17, 21% have a diagnosable mental or addictive disorder that causes at least minimal impairment.
- Research shows that early identification and intervention can minimize the long-term disability of mental disorders.
- Mental disorders in children and adolescents are real and can be effectively treated, especially when identified and treated early.

Source: NAMI.org



Source: PsychologyToday.com

**Spread the word. Help is available at HOME.  
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*"Hello. My name is Timothy. I came to Ms. Dolores' when I was 2 ½ years old.*

*I like doing counseling, friendship groups and tutoring. We made gingerbread houses and I met Olivia the therapy dog.*

*The most important thing I learned is friendship. I learned how to make friends with Carson, Maddie and Brian. It's really fun.*

*One time I helped Xavier at school because people were being mean to him. I told him, "It's just a name. It can't hurt me."*

*Thank you everyone for coming tonight, and thank you Ms. Dolores for helping me."*

*- Timothy, age 9, HOME FUN(d)raiser 2012*

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made our 2012 "HOME Sweet  
HOME" FUN(d)raiser a  
success!**

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Our vision is to compassionately serve as a resource for those children and families who are affected by mental health, learning and/or other issues. We are a faith-based provider who believes in the God given dignity of every child and family. All families are treated with respect and kindness.

HOME is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization dedicated to helping children and families.

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