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This past year, we celebrated our 75th year of existence here in the Wabash Valley with our Annual Benefit Dinner on September 7, 2011, held at Idle Creek Golf Course and Banquet Center. The event, with featured speakers – former student Marka Wells and renowned elementary principal Susan Meule – raised nearly $45,000 and sponsored two individuals who have made significant contributions to the success of our programs and the clients we serve. These individuals were honored at our annual dinner and are so important to the success of our agency. We are grateful for their efforts. Individuals honored at the 2011 Fundraising dinner:

* Oliva Groeling, Vice President of Northwood Sublimation – 2011 winners of the Kids and Undergarments Donations

Creating Hope

**Our Services**

As an agency that offers services to low-income families, we strive to provide a variety of resources to assist those in need. We offer a range of programs that focus on providing basic needs, financial assistance, and emotional support.

**Our Programs**

- **Bethany House**
  - Emergency Shelter
  - Provides immediate shelter for single women and children, couples, mothers, and fathers. Our goal is to assist families in obtaining permanent housing.

- **Household Exchange**
  - Provides low-income families with quotes for household items such as furniture and household items at no cost.

- **Christmas Store**
  - Provides low-income families with gifts for the holidays. The Christmas Store provides presents for the children and the parents.

- **Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall**
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- **Ryves Youth Center at Blessing Hall**
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- **Scouting**
  - Provides scouting opportunities for youth ages 12-17.

- **Sports and physical activity**
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- **Tutoring**
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- **Champions Reading**
  - Provides reading opportunities for youth ages 12-17.

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- **Kids 2000**
  - Provides education opportunities for children ages 3-5.

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