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It was April of this year and Bill had just joined the Hopewell community for the second time.

His participation (which is measured for every resident) in work crew, meals and meetings was an excellent 80%. He even signed himself up for a college-level class and several other scheduled activities.

But when Bill was at Hopewell earlier in the year, his participation was only 44%.

So what was different?

This time around Bill had a staff member at his side to help him adjust to the routine, arrange his room, introduce him to fellow residents, and sit with him at meals. He felt safe and experienced success right away.

Thanks to a grant from The William Bingham Foundation, Hopewell is able,

for the first time, to provide one-on-one staff care for residents joining and leaving our farm.

In the last two years, the average length of stay at Hopewell has shortened (3-9 months v. 9-12 months) due to a decrease in families' ability to pay for a longer time. Residents must, as a result, orient quickly to our program in order to maximize treatment benefits.

We have also seen that more and more frequently, residents are moved quickly through acute care situations (like hospitals) due to insurance limitations. They arrive at Hopewell medically stable but emotionally fragile.

The Bingham Foundation grant helps address these changes and sets our residents up for success.

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HOPEWELL STORE FUNDING GOAL ACHIEVED

The generosity of this year's Summer Solstice guests and supporters will allow Hopewell residents to sell the fruits of their labor.

More than \$20,000 was raised for the Hopewell Store, this year's Summer Solstice Fund-a-Need project.

Slated to open in 2011, the store will be an exciting opportunity for our residents dealing with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or major depression to learn vocational skills as they sell Hopewell-produced eggs, vegetables, maple syrup, flowers, plants and arts and crafts to the public.

An existing building located on our farm in Mesopotamia has been renovated and will be converted into the new roadside store. In addition to vocational opportunities, the store will also generate a modest income and build awareness for our program.

Thanks to our generous Summer Solstice guests, the John P. Murphy Foundation and KeyBank Foundation, we have met a challenge grant set out by the Fred A. Lennon Charitable Trust a year ahead of schedule!

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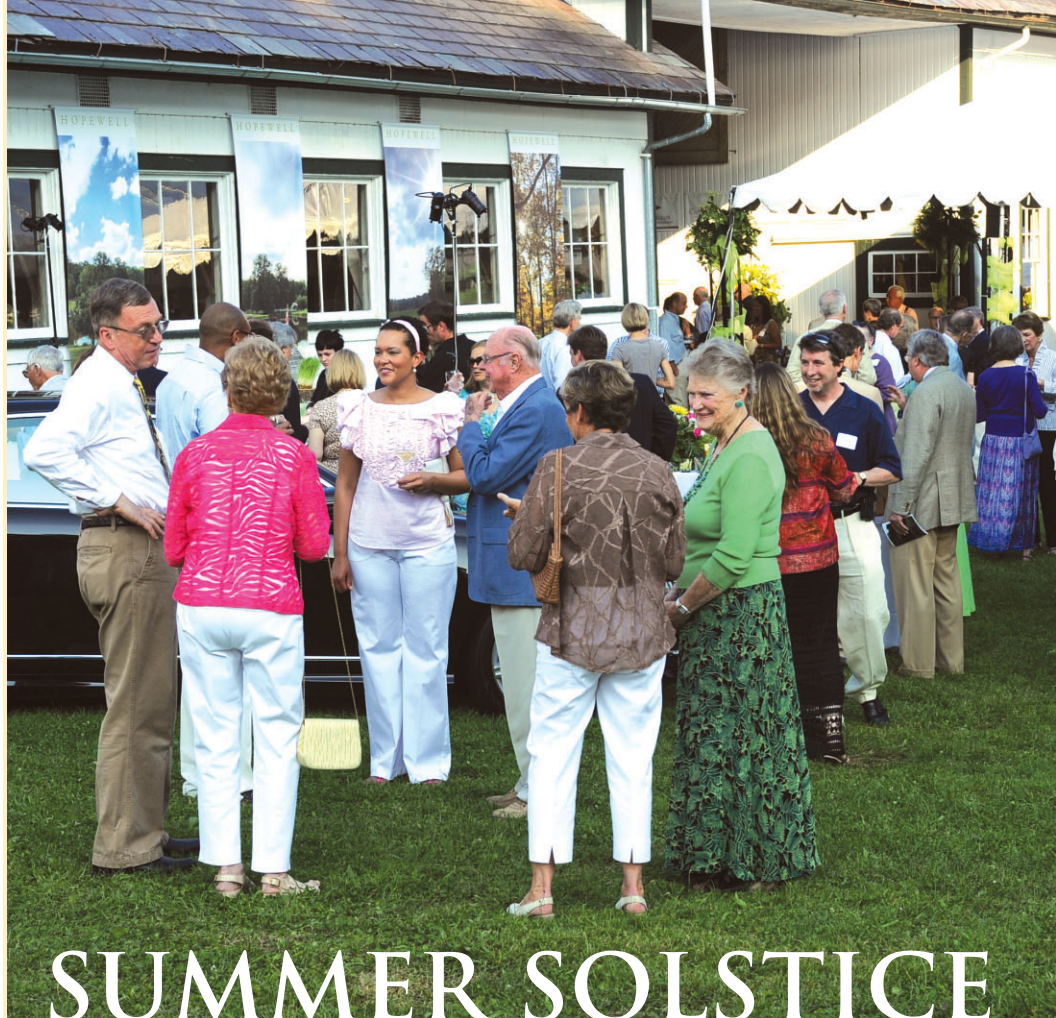
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SUMMER SOLSTICE

Beautiful weather, exclusive auction items and good company characterized the Summer Solstice's 10th anniversary on June 18th.

Thanks to the generosity of our corporate sponsors, donors and more than 480 guests, we raised more than \$200,000 – a record breaker – for Hopewell's residents with a mental illness.

Additions to this year's event included a new layout, slides and images of Hopewell throughout dinner and BidPal, a bidding device, which allowed guests to browse auction items and place their bids electronically.

The success of this year's Summer Solstice was made possible with the dedication of several key volunteers.

Chloe Rankin Seelbach, chairperson, worked tirelessly to ensure that all aspects of the event were top-notch. Auction co-chairs **Marcia Schumann**, **Erin Hobey** and **Stacy Hunter** secured our impressive array of auction items. **Carol Wellman**, **Bret Manning** and **Chris Kascsak** created the gorgeous displays that showcased those treasures. **Kitty Makley**, **Jenifer Garfield** and **Catherine Sullivan** headed up the host committee and **Kathy Mahovlic** beautified the barns and tent with her breathtaking floral displays.

Thank you to all our corporate and table sponsors – your support is integral to our success.

Special thanks to our presenting sponsor, **Hawthorn PNC Family Wealth**, for their 10-year commitment to the Summer Solstice. We are delighted to announce Hawthorn will make it 11 years! Managing Director Al Kantra announced at the party that his firm has committed to be the presenting sponsor for 2011.



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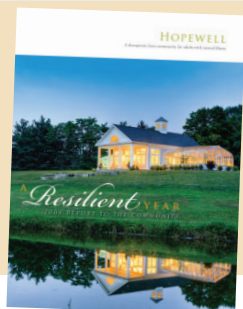
BOARD OF DIRECTORS DEPARTURES AND ARRIVALS

THANK YOU BOB ROTH

Thank you to departing director, Bob Roth, for his many years of service. Bob joined the board in 2001 and, through his pharmacy business, helped Hopewell connect with the Cleveland medical community. Bob and his wife, Margo, have been active supporters of the Summer Solstice for many years – Margo co-chaired the event in 2003. We are delighted that Bob has agreed to remain connected as a member of Hopewell's Council of Advisors.

WELCOME ELIZABETH KELLEY

We welcome Elizabeth Kelley as our newest board member. Elizabeth is an attorney in private practice exclusively devoted to criminal defense at the trial and appellate levels in state and federal courts. Her practice emphasizes representation of people with mental retardation and mental illness, and she has referred several people to Hopewell in recent years.



2009 ANNUAL REPORT IS ONLINE

In an effort to help our budget and the environment, we have chosen not to print our annual report. It is available on our website (www.hopewell.cc) in the About Us section. Please read it online and find out how you helped make 2009 a resilient year. Thank you.

BINGHAM FOUNDATION HELPS EASE RESIDENTS' TRANSITIONS

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To measure the effectiveness of this special care, we asked the residents who benefitted from it to complete a survey.

- When asked if their orientation prepared them for Hopewell's schedule, 100% answered yes (only 67% of residents joining Hopewell before the grant was in place said yes).
- When asked if their orientation helped them understand what is expected of them, 100% answered yes.

"We have seen a dramatic improvement in people's ability to assimilate into our community," says Rick Karges, Executive Director. "Having a staff member to walk residents through the routine for the first few days is making a big difference in their comfort level which leads to improved treatment."

We are very appreciative of The Bingham Foundation's generous investment in changing the lives of residents like Bill.