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**Polish American Social Services "PASS"**

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**PASS Participates in the "Walk for Hunger"**

On Saturday, April 8, 2006, the Polish American Social Services team participated in the "Walk for Hunger" fundraiser held on the Martin Luther King Drive in Fairmount Park.



The PASS team, along with hundreds of other walkers from many organizations, braved the spring weather of rain and cold to walk eight miles for the cause. The PASS team was pleased as it raised \$655.00, \$155 more than its goal of \$500, and team members lost more than 655 calories each during the soaking walk.

PASS was part of the larger team of the Emergency Fund Coalition (EFC) of which PASS is a founding member. The EFC is a coalition of community groups that is able to assist senior citizens with emergency grants for food, medicine and fuel. The money raised during the Walk for Hunger is to be used for emergency food grants for vulnerable seniors.

After the walk, the PASS team enjoyed hot coffee from Dunkin Donuts as well as delicious pierogies from Giorgios.

Sincere thanks go out to all the walkers on PASS's team, the financial sponsors of the PASS team walkers, and to PASS team captain, Frances Kwiatkowski.

A special thank you goes out to Elite Sportswear Products that sponsored the T-shirts which the PASS team proudly donned during the trek. This heart-warming gesture kept the team's morale high throughout the walk and impressed other walkers with our show of solidarity.

The PASS team looks forward to next year's walk and invites members of the community to come on board to raise money for a great cause and to lose some winter weight in the process!

**Medicare Prescription Drug Program Update**

The staff of Polish American Social Services is pleased to continue assisting clients regarding the **Medicare Prescription Drug Program.**

For seniors and those on disability that do not have a creditable prescription drug plan, and did not sign up by the May 15th deadline for a Medicare D approved prescription drug plan, the next time they are able to sign up is November 1, 2006.



At this time, if you have any additional questions or receive follow-up information in the mail about the Medicare Prescription Drug Program, also known as Part D, contact Polish American Social Services.

Pennsylvania residents are reminded that the **PACE/PACENET, the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly** continues to be available to senior citizens. PACE and PACENET are both considered creditable coverage plans and both programs are still enrolling seniors. Call Polish American Social Services to complete your application.

For additional information about Medicare, PACE or PACENET, or other social service programs for people of all ages, call Polish American Social Services, Monday through Friday, between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at area code (215) 923-1900.

Information is also available on PASS's Internet site at: **PolishAmericanSocialServices.com**

**Employment Information**

If your place of employment has a job opening, call PASS, Polish American Social Services, to alert its staff.

People seeking employment regularly contact the agency and the staff is pleased to pass along Employment Opportunities.

Call "PASS" Monday through Friday between 9 A.M. and 4 P.M. at area code (215) 923-1900, or send the job opening information to:

Polish American Social Services  
 308 Walnut Street  
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You can also visit PASS's Internet site at: [PolishAmericanSocialServices.com](http://PolishAmericanSocialServices.com) - which has information about Job Fairs and the CareerLink site for job seekers.

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**Nationwide Insurance Company's Major Systems Repair Program (MSRP)**

This major systems repair program is being made possible by Nationwide Insurance Company to help Philadelphia residents create safer living environments for their families by making subsidies available for upgrades and/or replacement of electrical and plumbing systems.

Subsidies are provided for up to 50% of the total cost of the work, with a maximum of \$2,500 for each line item per eligible household. This means that Nationwide's MSRP will pay for one half of the project. Homeowners may also use the contractor of their choice.

Income guidelines to participate in the program are 80% of the median income level or about \$40,400 annual income for a household of one person. For two persons in the household the income guideline is \$46,150.

There are also loans available for those not able to come up with their 50% of the repair costs.

For more information about the MSRP program, call PASS at (215) 923-1900 or call the Philadelphia Neighborhood Housing Services at (215) 988-9879.

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