

Hand in Hand victim of suspected arson



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On August 14, 2006 Mary Brown, Executive Director, Hand in Hand was called at home and told the trailer in which they store their donations was on fire. There was a

couch leaning against the trailer. Someone deliberately set the couch on fire which destroyed the trailer. Hand in Hand is a charitable organization that helps people in need. They have furniture, bedding, footwear, clothing and help with special occasions such as back to school, Halloween, Christmas etc. Some items are sold at a low price and if the client cannot afford it the items are donated free of charge.

The fire caused a loss of thousands of dollars in school supplies alone. Mary Brown feels it was



a random act of arson as they had no problems in the past. The fire destroyed all items, including the trailer.

They have put out a plea for new donations and they were able to help about 80% of the people needing assistance for back to school. They have been working with the city for zoning and have an existing property next door approved. Now they are trying to raise monies for the building of a new facility to store the donations.

Monetary or merchandise donations can be sent to:

Hand in Hand, 436 Herring Cove Road, phone 477-7744, fax: 477-6993 Attn: Mary Brown.

"We must serve the poor; they have been given to us as our masters and patrons"

- St. Vincent de Paul, Priest.

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**St. Mathews Church Hall
1479**

**Barrington St.
8:00am -9:30 am**

Individuals who have been living or are living in a housing crisis, housing advocates and government officials are invited to mark the annual National Housing Day.

**For more info or to RSVP please call
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