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His co-workers remember Mike’s reliable nature, someone that could always be counted on to get the job done and to get it done right and for his willingness to help train new staff that joined the team. His calm and steady approach has made important contributions that we serve, along with his genuine nature earned him the respect of all who came in contact with him. His dependability was legend here at Crisis Services. He was usually the first one to work at the beginning of his shift, often commenting that he loved his job.

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G R E E T I N G S  F R O M  O U R  D I R E C T O R

Dear Community Member,

Like millions of other Americans I have been riveted to my TV set as the economic crisis in our country unfolded before our eyes. Words such as DOW, NASDAQ, sell off, reaching the bottom and bailout have become part of our daily lexicon. Most recently our local economy has been affected by the first wave of lay offs at Praxair, American Axle, HSBC and Fisher Price. While our automobile giants maintain their place on the mantel of our manufacturing past, Life-Saving Services are attempting to navigate the uncharted waters of the future of our region. Life-Saving Services are attempting to navigate the uncharted waters of the future of our region. We are grasping in regarding assistance for rent and utilities so that people can remain in their homes and not become another body in the growing line at Friends of Night People, a city based food pantry. While it is our job to respond to a callers needs, I also believe it is our duty to inform our readers of the trends we see from the “lily pad”!

"We like to think we are the frog on the lily pad that sounds when winds change". We also want to thank the many people in our community for their generous response to our first direct mail appeal late last fall. In times that are economically challenging, generous supporters are appreciated as never before. Your kind support will do much to provide the Crisis Services’ safety net for those in need in Buffalo and Erie County.

Douglas B. Fabian
Executive Director

Making a difference for individuals in need in our community, as it has since 1968. Treating and assisting each individual in a manner sensitive to their needs and the need for prevention, education, immediately intervention and access to community wide resources 24 hours a day.

Promoting the health, safety, and well being of the community through prevention, education, immediate intervention and access to community wide resources 24 hours a day.

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April 19-25
National Volunteer Week

MAY 16, 2009
(ASĐP) 2nd Annual “Preserving Hope Gala”

A U G U S T 3, 2009
Crisis Services 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Transit Valley Country Club

O C T O B E R 6, 2009
Crisis Services’ 23rd Annual “Men Who Cook” at the Starlight Ballroom

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(See Jake’s story inside.)

Your gift to Crisis Services today can do much to assist those who depend on our critical services.

People who need help are always in need, and your gift will do much to provide the Crisis Services’ safety net for those in need in Buffalo and Erie County.

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