



# Thresholds in Delaware County

A Community of Volunteers Teaching Decision Making Skills

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Dear Friends of Thresholds,

As I drove to work just one day after our country celebrated Labor Day, I felt the newness of fall in the air and admired the subtle blues, yellows and oranges painted across the morning skies. I thought about the beginning of the school year, the students and teachers, the excitement and challenges that lie ahead. Just as schools all across our great land are preparing to educate the future generations, we at Thresholds continue year round – year after year - to educate our clients by teaching fundamental decision making skills that either they never learned or have lost touch with somewhere along the way. We recently celebrated 40 years of doing this work! Our volunteers are educators in every sense of the word and we look forward to supporting their efforts again this year.

We so appreciate the many hours our volunteers devote to their clients each year. At the George W. Hill Correctional Facility alone in 2015, we recorded 1,528 hours in direct service. Many more hours were spent engaging with clients at SCI Chester, the Juvenile Detention Center and Be Proud Foundation. Thank you to each of you who have willingly served the men, women and youth!

We want to express our gratitude to past volunteers who forged the road for those of us who are currently working to continue this legacy. Thank you to those who support us financially. We cannot do this work without the individuals who partner with us by giving of their time and/or financial resources. The Board of Directors takes the matter of stewarding your generosity very seriously. Our budget is modest and lean. However, despite our best efforts, expenses cannot be eliminated and we do have a need for continued financial support.

Will you please consider a gift to our 2016 Annual Fund? Your donation is 100% tax deductible and will assure us of another fruitful year of serving clients, training new volunteers and covering the costs associated with doing this important work. On behalf of the Board of Directors of Thresholds in Delaware County, thank you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Joanne Matteucci  
President

P.S. We would love to have you join us for a trip to the Eastern Penitentiary on October 16<sup>th</sup> – flyer with details enclosed.