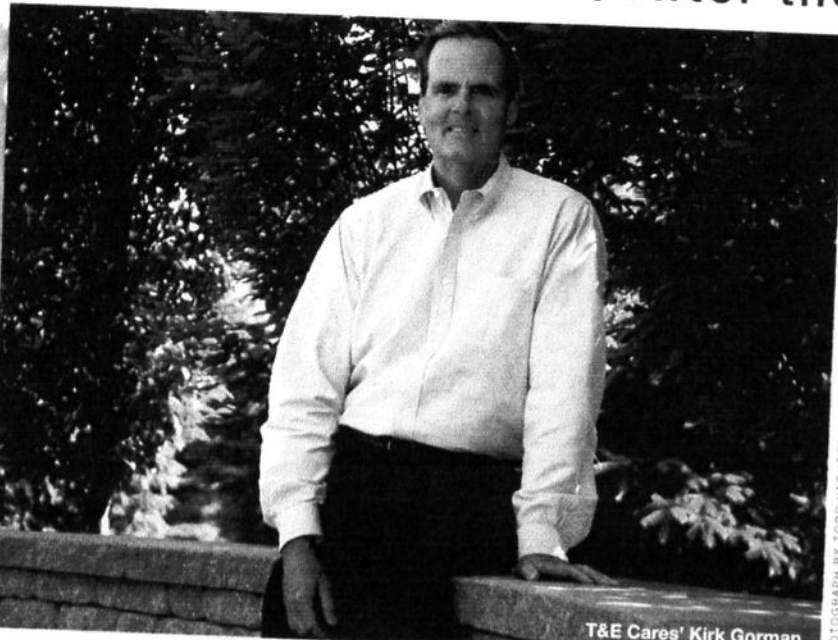


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DOING GOOD | After the Flood



T&E Cares' Kirk Gorman

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Hurricane Katrina taught us that the floor can fall out at anytime. It's a lesson that Kirk and Sandy Gorman, founders of T&E Cares, took to heart. "As my wife and I watched the news coming out of New Orleans," says Gorman. "We were compelled to do something beyond writing a check." They

identified three families trying to rebuild their lives outside of New Orleans. Relying mostly on e-mail to spread the word, the group raised money for plane tickets, found temporary housing and initiated a drive for computers, clothing and a long list of household items. During the holidays, the list of donation recipients expanded to several local families also in transition due to job loss, illness, divorce and, in one case, a fire. Along with basic necessities, furniture, computers and gift cards, T&E Cares helped connect these families to employment, medical, educational and recreational resources. After being inundated with donations, volunteers and a list of other families in need, the group decided to become a permanent entity. "This is an active, knowledgeable and supportive community with valuable resources," says Gorman. "Sandy and I are not the story; we couldn't do it without them. Together, we're just a group of neighbors trying to be helpful." To find out how you can help, e-mail Sandy Gorman at sjg1566@aol.com.

—Dawn E. Warden

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This sculpture on Merion Station Road is one of 40 on exhibit in public areas throughout Haverford, Lower Merion and Radnor. Constructed from metal, fabric, wood, stained glass and other weather-resistant materials, and up to 12 feet high, the kite-themed works were commissioned by the Main Line Art Center to commemorate Ben Franklin's 300th birthday. Approximately 50 models were submitted by renowned sculptors, art center faculty and recent



art school graduates. At least 10 of the artists are from Philadelphia. *Kites: Art Takes Flight* is on display through Oct. 14. The works will then be auctioned off at a party to raise money for the Main Line Art Center's various community programs; minimum bid for most will be \$2,500. Depending on an artist's reputation, a kite might be valued at \$2,000 to \$5,000 or more. For details on the event, call (610) 525-0272. A locator map is available at www.mainlineart.org. Talk about a great excuse to hop on your bicycle. —D.E.W.

THE LIST

- Becky Bennington
- Karen Carlson
- Amy Davis
- Kristina Ferrari
- Evelyn Gage
- Patrick Gauthron
- Mike George
- Peter Irish
- Terry Kline
- Trish McFarland
- Bryan Messick
- Eric Miller
- Jack Niggeman
- Christopher Williams
- Susan Yingling