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*“What we do to these mountains, we do to ourselves.”*

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Dear Friend of the CND,

You are, once again, being taken to the mountains of Virginia. You have learned about the devastation of mountain top removal for the purpose of retrieving coal; you have learned what it does to the natural vegetation, to the rivers which are polluted, to the families and homes in the area.

Now we want to share with you more detail about what happens to the people who lose their homes, their work, their education and turn to drugs.



Drugs become, for the moment, the antidote to the miserable life they live and then the reality of what they have become often leads to homelessness, loss of family, sickness and, in many cases, death.

*Sr. Beth Davies, CND has been in Virginia since 1972 advocating for people on every level. She has overcome every obstacle and brought new life to people who are too often forgotten.*

Sr. Beth's latest endeavor has been to establish a residential treatment center for women and men in Dryden, VA: **New Beginnings**.

The drug that created such devastation in the late '90's was OxyContin, a pain reliever which has been a force of destruction, causing an epidemic of drug addiction, crime, heartache and even death in a region that deserves no new varieties of despair.

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*Sr. Beth Davies, CND, has been serving the people of the Appalachian Region for nearly 40 years.*

**New Beginnings opened in November 2005. The residential facility, the former Carter Hall Nursing Home, was donated by Beverly Enterprises. The Lee Bank & Trust Building, seen below, now serving as the Admissions & Family Center, was donated in 2008.**



## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

You are encouraged to *share* this letter with family and friends inviting them to contribute. Younger members of your family may be interested in helping New Beginnings.

You are asked to *join* Sr. Beth by contributing what you can to insure that this ministry will not be shut down because of a lack of finances. Sr. Beth has worked tirelessly for almost 40 years for the women, men and families of Appalachia. These are our sisters and brothers who are often forgotten by the mega-businesses that run the coal mines and threaten the lives and livelihoods of the people.

You are asked to *pray* for those with any type of addiction, a disease which has affected all of us.

You continue to be in our prayers; we are so grateful for your generosity and support.

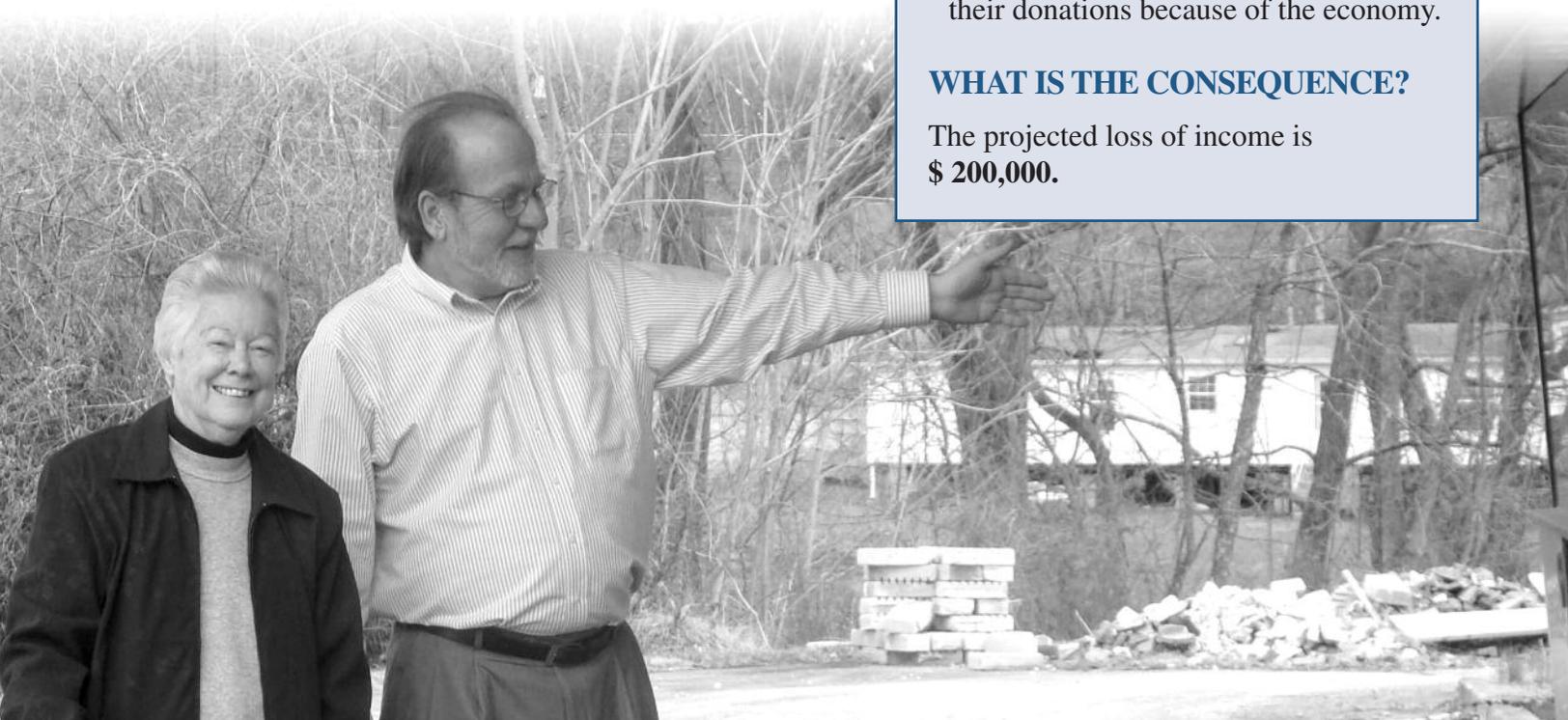
In gratitude,

*Kathleen Murphy, CND*

Kathleen Murphy, CND and the People of Appalachia  
Mission Advancement Director

***P.S. 100% of your donations will go to New Beginnings.  
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Congregation of Notre Dame.***

*Sister Beth Davies, CND and Larry Lavender,  
Executive Director of New Beginnings*



## NEW BEGINNINGS FACTS AND FIGURES:

- Provides long-term residential treatment; minimum stay 90 days and, as needed, up to one year.
- Over 60% of the graduates in the GED program are employed or are pursuing their academic goals.
- Many lives have been changed, families are reconciled; compassion, encouragement, hope and love are given freely.
- The cost is \$2400 a month for room, board, and the therapeutic program.
- Most of the people served are low income.

## WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

- Drug Courts throughout the county have cut their subsidies and these were responsible for covering the majority of operational costs.
- It is becoming more and more difficult to obtain funding.
- There is no state funding.
- Faithful donors have had to discontinue their donations because of the economy.

## WHAT IS THE CONSEQUENCE?

The projected loss of income is  
**\$ 200,000.**