"UNLESS someone like YOU cares a whole awful lot
nothing is going to get better. It's not."
The Lorax by Dr. Seuss

someone like YOU . . . Jane Banfield

Twelve years ago, Jane and Stuart Banfield were urged by their Rockville Links friends Connie and Bill Kerwick to participate in the Annual Golf Outing fundraiser for Bethany House. There was only *one* foursome of women players – so Jane began to enlist other women to play at the outing! That was the beginning of her long association with the Golf event and with Bethany. Jane was a catalyst and today*, more than a third* of the players are women.

Throughout the years, Jane has participated in all aspects of this fundraiser and this past year she was our Co-Chair Person for this annual event. Usually working behind the scenes, Jane knows every person, every job, every connection, and every detail needed to make the Golf Outing a resounding success.

In fact if you were to go behind the scenes at most Bethany events, you would find Jane working wherever she is needed. At the annual Fashion Show and Awards Dinner, Jane helps the models with their clothes, takes pictures, checks on the food, and gives out the prizes. Jane has a knack of finding sources for donations, prizes and people to work. Our 30th Anniversary Celebration found Jane coordinating our food and activities, and many events that take place at our residences throughout the year will likewise find Jane welcoming our visitors, giving a tour of the house, and hugging a teary child!

Bethany was quick to recognize that a person with Jane's enthusiasm and commitment should be on its Board of Directors; and it was very appropriate that Jane chose to be on the Resource Development Committee of the Board. When this group needed a new Chairperson, she stepped up. This is a perfect match: Jane and fundraising, publicity, and the Newsletter. Not only does she oversee the usual activities of this committee, she finds *new ways* to generate funds for Bethany. For example, Jane and her good friend Joann Heckman decided that Bethany should publish its own Cookbook. So they found a publisher, collected and organized recipes, and produced the first *Bethany House Cookbook*. Jane is now busy gathering more recipes for a *second edition*.

Jane is always on the alert looking for *new ways* to help. One day a fellow volunteer and friend, Greg De Verna, mentioned to her that every year the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee in Rockville Centre chooses a worthy organization to receive some of the money they raise in their annual fundraisers. Jane worked in preparing a presentation for the Parade Committee, and, of course, *Bethany was selected and received $12,000!*

Jane is a person who can lead as well as she can perform on all levels. Throughout her many successful accomplishments, she often relied on Linda Wilkonski to help her reach her goal. Linda spoke to us about Jane: "She is the consummate volunteer. She rolls up her sleeves and gets involved anyplace and at anytime – wherever she is needed. Not only is she *happy* to do it, she is absolutely *able* to do it. Jane takes her commitment to Bethany very seriously*: it's in her heart* and she feels deeply about our mission of helping our women and children in need."

It would be difficult to imagine Bethany without hearing Jane say, *"I'll do it!"* She exemplifies the very *Spirit of Bethany*. We are so very thankful for this special person whose untiring and unselfish efforts have meant so much to so many.

Jane is most definitely someone who **cares . . . a whole awful lot!** *Thank you, dear friend!*

Jessie Fentnor