



Sights from the Site

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The dictionary defines celebrate as “to show happiness about something; to mark an occasion; to praise something.” There are four stages of involvement that a woman goes through during her time with A Hand Up For Women, KCCWJC. The final act in each of these four stages is to celebrate.

For women who have known very few reasons to celebrate in their lives, this act is very important. It means the world to have an accomplishment recognized by people that you love and respect. To have your peers share your happiness, to have them take the time to mark a significant day, or to praise you for something you have done means the world. In that spirit, I would like to celebrate three of our ladies.

On May 30th, Beverly Freshour left on an adventure of a lifetime. Thanks to her hard work and the generosity of friends, family, some of our donors, and her church family at Faith Promise Church, she was able to take her very first mission trip to serve in Nicaragua. She spent a week ministering to the children there with lessons, games and gifts. It was a wonderful experience that she hopes to repeat.



Beverly was welcomed home from Nicaragua with a birthday cake.

When I interviewed Lynn Wynn for admission to the program over 2 years ago, I remember her saying that, as a child, she was told that she did not have the capacity to learn. That statement had influenced her self-image and the choices she made ever since. But, after going into treatment at Serenity Shelter, she decided to sign up for GED classes. All the ladies at A Hand Up For Women,

KCCWJC prayed through every test with her, and her mentor, Clara Segars, faithfully helped her study. Just last month, the girl who could not learn became the woman with her GED!

Mentor Clara Segars congratulates an emotional Lynn on receiving her GED.



For several years, Tamilee Zeeck's entire home consisted of two rooms in a converted motel. I remember her telling me how depressing it was to be able to sit in one place and see her entire home. Those days are officially over for her. She is now a proud homeowner with more rooms than she can fill! She purchased a condominium very close to her job at a price that was a real blessing.

Graduate Amy Wilson came by to see me a few weeks ago to show me the title to her newly paid-off vehicle! For the first time in many years, she owns what she's driving. Congratulations to these ladies as they make their dreams come true!

A Hand Up For Women, KCCWJC **Mentor Training**

Centerpointe Baptist of Knoxville
Saturday, August 7th
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

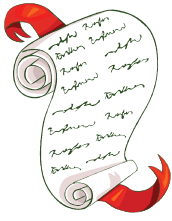
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Or call 219-0104 to register by Friday,
August 6th
Attending training DOES NOT commit
you to mentor.
It DOES give you all the info you need to
decide!

All training materials and lunch
are provided.

WISH LIST



We are often asked what sort of things we need that can be collected by individuals, missions groups, youth groups, or Sunday school classes. Here are some on-going needs that are easy to gather,

but provide a huge help to us:

- Postage stamps
- Gift cards to be used as incentive gifts for ladies who meet goals or maintain perfect attendance. Suggested stores are Kroger, Food City, Wal-Mart, or Target.
- KAT bus passes or Pilot gift cards for gas.
- Office supplies such as copier paper, folders with pockets, and large mailing envelopes.
- Paper/plastic plates, plastic cups, plastic flatware, napkins.

Coming Full Circle

By Eva Pierce

Forgiveness and reconciliation are amazing things. When I first met Lynn, she was still working through issues brought on by an abusive childhood. Her mother was in a nursing home and she was going to visit her as part of that work. She would take her special food between her GED studies and coming to class at A Hand Up for Women. Lynn would feed her, talk with her, and make sure that she was receiving good care. The Lord used these visits to soften Lynn's heart and teach her that her mother had done the best she could. When she would talk about this at class, tears would flow freely, as old wounds were being healed. It was incredible to watch the change in Lynn.

Just a few weeks ago, Lynn's mother passed away. As I sat at her memorial service, I couldn't help but think about how different the day would have been if Lynn had never had the opportunity to forgive her mother. As it was, Lynn stood and testified about how strong her mother was through all her years of suffering, how much she loved her, how excited she was to know that her mother was saved and that, indeed, she had done the best she could.

A few days after the funeral, I received the following note from Lynn:

"To Everyone at A Hand Up:

Thank you for being willing vessels in my time of need. Thank you for the transportation, prayers, phone calls, flowers, offerings, shoulders to cry on, hugs of comfort, for each comforting smile, for each hand that was with me so I didn't have to walk alone. For every heart that felt my heart's pain, again, I say thank you!"

What a privilege to have been part of the reconciliation that brought about such peace.

"I never thought I could do this..."



"But, I did, and I am so proud of myself!" This is what Martha McFarland said after receiving her certificate for successfully completing the Computer Skills component of our program. Not only did she complete it, but

she did so with perfect attendance. A total of eight ladies received their certificates; three with no absences. A special certificate for service was given to graduate Lois Parker who came each night of the class to occupy our one year-old class mascot, Katelyn, so her mother, LaQuisha, could concentrate on learning.

The class received training in how a computer works, as well as using software packages like Word and Excel, navigating the internet and e-mail, and working with digital photos. This was the first class conducted in our on-site computer lab. The lab is open on Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., as well as Fridays and evenings by appointment for the ladies to practice their skills, apply for jobs online, send e-mails, and compose resume's.

Thanks, Wendel and Friends!!!

Wendel Werner with some of the ladies from A Hand Up for Women.



We are very blessed to have the gifted jazz and gospel musician Wendel Werner serving on our Board of Directors. Wendel has provided a whole new avenue with which to inform the community about A Hand Up For Women, KCCWJC with a series of fundraising concerts. The income from these concerts has filled a financial gap for us that could have resulted in a reduction in services for our ladies.

Over the course of the last year, concerts have been held in all areas of Knoxville, as well as Oak Ridge. The last concert at Farragut Presbyterian Church was attended by some of the ladies from the program. They were incredibly humbled by the number of volunteer singers and musicians who came out to show their support for them, as well as the incredible talent they displayed. A Hand Up For Women graduate Cassandra Lewis was a featured soloist. The next concert is scheduled for Sunday, September 26th, 6:00 p.m. at Bearden United Methodist Church. Make plans now to come out for an evening of wonderful music with Wendel Werner and Friends!

SKIRT Magazine and Latitude 35 Sponsor Event for A Hand Up For Women

On July 14th, SKIRT Magazine and Latitude 35 Restaurant on Market Square sponsored a networking event to give the downtown community the opportunity to hear about the work of A Hand Up For Women, KCCWJC. Potential volunteers and donors chatted with mentors, instructors, board members and staff about the amazing changes being seen in the lives of our women. They also brought in clothing donations for our clothing room, and took home information about volunteer opportunities.

A special thank you goes to Brad Hill for bringing our ministry to the attention of the folks at SKIRT and Latitude 35. Be sure and pick up the next issue of SKIRT to read all about it!



Members of the SKIRT Magazine Staff



Cindy and Todd Randolph chatted with Claudia Wise



Steve and Diana McSween met Linda Williams

Christmas in August

By Eva Pierce

I was at my doctor's office recently and noticed that they had a Christmas tree up in their waiting room, red bows on the doors, and lights strung around every counter. My first thought was that it was a nice taste of things to come, especially since I had just come in from 95 degree weather. But I had to ask why their halls were decked in August. The answer was that they were already collecting items for a Christmas toy drive. You may think this premature, but it really is much easier to buy and donate a toy in August than in December. After all, in December, your mind is filled with holiday stress and your checkbook is taking a beating. With that thought in mind, I am asking you to get into the Christmas spirit and start filling gift bags for my ladies. They spend every extra dime they have on gifts for their children and families, and usually receive very little themselves. I have had women in the past tell me that the gifts they receive from us are the only goodies they get for Christmas. So do your shopping early and make some ladies really happy. We'll keep them hidden so they can't do any peeking before Christmas!

Some suggested gift items:

- Perfume
- Candy
- Devotional books
- Christian music CD's
- Costume jewelry
- Small umbrellas
- Wallets





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We recognize the following contributions in memory of:

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In memory of Carl Galyon, Sr. by Audley and Della Jo Hamrick
In memory of Clyde Hylton by Joyce Bromley
In memory of Betty Waters Johnson by Jenny Woodson
In memory of Elmer Long by Thomas and Brenda Kerns

In Honor

We recognize the following contributions in honor of:

In honor of Patria Bowlin and Sharon Swafford by Jean and Pat Carson
In honor of Lillian Pickens by Mildred Braden
In honor of Nita Privette by Donna Frykman
In honor of Katherine Wright on her birthday by Sandy Bolton

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Friday, February 25th, 2011

**A Hand Up For Women, KCCWJC
Fundraising Gala**

**Rothchild's Catering and
Conference Center
6:30 p.m.**

**We are now recruiting Table Hosts
and Corporate Sponsors!**

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