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A Hand Up For Women
Knox County Christian Women's Job Corps

October 2009

In Honor/Memory

We recognize the following contributions:

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Doris June Large by Jennie Kate Purcell
Dottie Sampsel by Roger and Margaret Davis
Mary Witt by Bob and Willodene Peek

In Memory of:

Lucille Graham by Les and Eva Pierce
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'Tis the Season for Giving



One of the special things that we do for our ladies during Christmas time is to collect money with which to purchase Walmart gift cards for the ones who have faithfully attended during the year. We encourage them to use it to buy something for themselves, but some of them use it to buy groceries or gifts for their children.

If you would like to contribute to this effort, please send the donation designated accordingly to P.O. Box 3216, Knoxville, TN 37927. The total collected will be divided equally among the qualifying participants.



Sights from the Site

By Eva Pierce
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I never cease to be amazed at the methods that the Lord uses to put people in our lives at just the right time for just the right purpose. Even more astounding is how those paths can diverge for a season, only to reconnect when there is another right time.

Back in the early 90's, I sang with a contemporary Christian group called "Hearts Turn." We were all amateurs with hugely different backgrounds, but when we came together and all sang our parts, it was a God thing! Really high on the goose-bump scale, if I say so myself! One day, we were singing at the World's Fair Site as part of a Christian music festival, when we noticed a gentleman standing in the back paying particular attention to our music. When we finished, he approached us, complimented us on our sound, and introduced himself as Wendel Werner. He said he had done "a little work" with singers in the past and would like to offer his services to help us further develop as a group. We had no idea that we were sitting in the grass chatting with a jazz, classical, and gospel performer and professor that the press had called "the epitome of a modern day musical genius."

Over the next few years, Wendel's instruction took our music to a whole new level. He even let us perform with him some...what a compliment! In 2007, Wendel agreed to provide the music for our Fundraising Gala. That evening, after hearing the testimonies of the ladies in the program, he was blown away and told me that, someday, he would find a way to help our ministry. This year, he joined our Board of Directors and, in usual Wendel style, came up with a new way to promote the work of A Hand Up For Women. He has put together a series of concerts, each at a different church, in a different geographical area, with a different theme, featuring different music and performers. But every concert will be done to the Glory of God and for the benefit of the ladies we serve.

Thank you, old friend, for once again stepping forward to offer your help with no expectation other than strengthening work that the Lord has inspired.

A Hand Up for Women Concert Series FEATURING Wendel Werner & Friends



Sunday, October 25th, 6:00 p.m.
Graystone Presbyterian Church,
139 Woodlawn Pike, Knoxville

Sunday, January 31st, 6:00 p.m.
Trinity United Methodist Church
5613 Western Avenue, Knoxville

Sunday, February 28th, 6:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
1051 Oak Ridge Turnpike,
Oak Ridge

Sunday, March 28th, 6:00 p.m.
Farragut Presbyterian Church
209 Jamestown Boulevard,
Knoxville

***Each evening will feature different styles of music and different performers, so plan to attend every one and bring friends!!!**

CALLING ALL TABLE HOSTS!!!

The 2010 Fundraising Gala is just around the corner! Friday, February 26th will be here before you know it and we would like to have all our table hosts lined up as soon as possible. Remember that table hosts can be individuals, businesses, churches, Sunday School classes, ladies groups, civic groups...anyone who wants to invest in changing women's lives permanently.

Table Hosts pay a \$300.00 fee, either in a lump sum, or monthly payments. Then they fill a table with 10 guests, including themselves. There are no tickets to purchase ahead of time, and the meal is paid for by the table host fee. We always have a wonderful meal, beautiful music and inspiring testimonies. The proceeds from this one evening usually meet between 30-40% of our budget for the year. So contact our office today to let us know to reserve a table for you!



2010 Hand in Hand Fundraising Gala
Benefitting
A Hand Up For Women, KCCWJC

Rothchild's Catering and Conference Center
Friday, February 26th, 6:30

Requests and Rejoicings

- L. needs to pass one last section to receive her GED.
- S. is looking for an attorney to represent her in a simple divorce at a reduced fee.
- A. wants custody issues to finally be resolved, allowing joint custody.
- P. asks for comfort for weekend loneliness.
- L. has a baby who needs to grow and put on weight.
- S. needs truth to prevail in order to get custody of her children back.
- M. requests prayer for recurring cancer.
- L. is trying to set boundaries with friends who try to abuse her kindness.
- S. is looking for a job as a chef.
- C. asks for the courage to pursue a different line of work.
- M. celebrated her daughter's first birthday in her new home with her husband.
- B. was protected from injury in a car accident.
- A. is done with radiation treatments.
- L. finished up the sale of her mother's home and disposal of her estate.
- S. got a part-time job to supplement her disability income.
- S. is experiencing a whole new relationship with God.
- L. has begun sharing her story at speaking engagements.
- B. resolved landlord issues and is still in her home.
- T. went back to the job that she loved.

Out With (some of) the Clothes, In With the Computers

One of the key elements of every certified Christian Women's Job Corps site is the on-going evaluation of our services. Are we truly filling a gap that our ladies need, or are we duplicating services already offered by other ministries? One definite need that our ladies have is to receive computer training in a supportive atmosphere with individualized attention in a setting where they are comfortable. Therefore, we are in the midst of creating a computer lab here at the site. However, because of our extremely limited space, we have to open up room in our clothing closet to use for storage.

This decision was made easier by the fact that we know we have great ministry partners who always have a great selection of free clothing, up to a certain size. The larger size professional clothing has always been a challenge to keep on hand. Consequently, we have always accepted larger sizes, no matter how full the closet was. We have even become a referral source in the community for ladies size 18 and above in need of clothing.

So, beginning immediately, we will only be accepting clothing and coat donations in size 18 and above, as well as all sizes of shoes, purses and accessories. We highly recommend that you donate smaller things to Angelic Ministries where our Christian Men's Job Corps site is located. They do not sell the clothing, and can even make arrangements to pick them up if you call 523-8884 and make an appointment.

If you know of a business or individual who would like to help us set up the computer lab by donating working, current computers, give us a call at 219-0104.

Newsletter Changes Ahead



Ladies from Wallace Memorial Baptist Church work hard to get the newsletter in the mail.

Due to constant, complicated changes in bulk mail procedures required by the postal service, we are now using a mailing service to prepare our quarterly newsletter to be sent to you. It is incredible how technical and detailed this process has become!

Historically, we have been blessed with dedicated volunteers who have come to our offices and folded, stapled, stuffed, sorted and labeled over 1,000 newsletters at a time. But with the postal service making changes, literally, every month, we saw the need to begin to outsource this job.

Thanks to Burns Mailing and Printing, we are able to make this change with very little increase in cost. Another change that will be driven by the readers of our newsletter is the option of having your newsletter sent to you by e-mail. Every piece of mail that we don't have to pay to post is a savings for us. If you would like to begin receiving your newsletter electronically, please send a request to that effect to Gaynelle Russell, our Administrative Assistant, at gaynelle@ahandupforwomen.org.

SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE!!!



Graduation Celebration
Sunday, December 6th, 2:30 p.m.
Wallace Memorial Baptist Church
Chapel
701 Merchants Road, Knoxville

Come and meet our latest graduates and hear their inspiring stories!



Financial Management Instructor Deborah Broome had a room full this year...many of whom will be graduating on December 6th.