

## Reflections from the Well



### Girls Restored and Christ Exalted

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## Impacting Our Community

Club H2O is our program designed for adolescent girls that engages them in a variety of activities to learn about self-esteem from a Biblical perspective. Clubs vary in size from as few as four girls to as many as ten. The group is facilitated by a Master's level therapist, and there is no charge to the participants.

In an effort to reach as many girls as we could, we actively pursued opportunities to provide Club H2O at places where the girls already are. This pursuit resulted in partnerships with area schools and organizations throughout Berrien County.

This past year, girls attended Club H2O in St. Joseph at St. Joseph High School and First Congregational Church, in Benton Harbor at Mosiac Resale and Resource Center and Benton Harbor Girls Academy, and in Stevensville at our office. Club H2O has been very well received by the participants and staff at each location. Here is the impact Club H2O is having on our community:



*"Last year was the first year that Well of GRACE offered the H2O program in our school. The girls who participated raved about the compassion and expertise of the facilitator (Mary) and they would often come in asking when the next group would be as they were so excited to meet again. Our students began to look forward to that time of the week when they could share their thoughts, their feelings, their struggles, their hopes, and their dreams in a safe and supportive environment. Any time students are allowed to support one another and learn from one another is a chance for personal growth – Club H2O provides our students this opportunity. Club H2O has been a tremendous resource and one that our students have truly benefited from. As a school, we value partnerships within our community and hope that we can continue offering these groups for many years to come."*

**Tracy Wagner, Counselor at St. Joseph High School**

*Club H2O was really an answer to prayer. I have several girls that are on the fringe and looking for a place to belong. Club H2O was the answer! The girls from my church really enjoyed it each week and developed some great friendships and confidence as women of Christ. An absolutely wonderful program!*

**Pastor Katie Nix, First Congregational Church**

We are currently pursuing opportunities to expand Club H2O to our south county area. We are truly grateful for the many doors God has opened for us. If you would like more information about our Club H2O program, please call our office at (269)428-9355.



### ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO OVERFLOW THE WELL!

Well of GRACE has been the recipient of a matching gift from an anonymous donor for the past few years. This year our donor has generously offered to match the end of year gifts up to \$15,000!!

Considering the current economy, this is a great way to "double" the value of your tax deductible donation. Please indicate your intention to participate in this offer by writing "overflow" in the memo line of your check.

# THANK YOU DONORS

It is with sincere gratitude that we recognize the following individuals and businesses for their generosity. Thank you to all who have donated financially to Well of GRACE Ministries over the last year. Without your support we would not be able to continue to offer our programs at no charge to our participants. Donors to Well of GRACE Ministries 11-01-10 to 10-31-11.

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# Great Food & Great Friends for a Great Cause!



We have been very blessed by restaurant owner Tom Jennings for his generous support for *Great Food and Great Friends for a Great Cause*. Once a quarter, Tom graciously offered his restaurants, Pump House Grille in St. Joseph and Casey's Bar and Grill in New Buffalo, for our donors to enjoy a great meal and 10% of the proceeds benefited Well of GRACE Ministries. In addition to that 10%, Tom personally matched it with another 10%. Our first dining event was last April, and since then we have

received \$2131.00! Because of the success of this event, we plan to continue *Great Food and Great Friends for a Great Cause in 2012*.

## Please add these dates to your calendar:

Thursday, February 9	Pump House Grille, St. Joseph
Thursday, April 12	Casey's Bar and Grill, New Buffalo
Thursday, June 14	Pump House Grille, St. Joseph
Thursday, August 16	Casey's Bar and Grill, New Buffalo
Thursday, October 11	Pump House Grille, St. Joseph

Reservations on these evenings are not necessary, however, you must present a coupon to the serving staff when you pay your bill. Watch for your coupon in the mail, and additional coupons can always be downloaded from our website at [www.wellofgraceministries.com](http://www.wellofgraceministries.com).

## Thank You! Mary Beth Good

Well of GRACE Ministries extends a special thank you to Mary Beth Good for her past work and commitment to our ministry. She resigned from the Board of Directors in order to pursue other ministry opportunities. Mary Beth has served countless hours as a board member, committee chairperson and volunteer. Well of GRACE Ministries has benefitted greatly from her time, talent and encouraging words. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we thank you for your service and we will miss you greatly. We are excited to hear how God is going to use you in future endeavors!



## Club H2O Supported by Local Grants

Well of GRACE Ministries has received two grants this past year. We received a \$500 grant from Heart of Cook Foundation and a \$3000 challenge grant from the Upton Foundation. We are very grateful to each of these foundations for supporting our ministry and many other organizations in our community. We plan to use the money to continue our Club H2O programs.

On June 18, 2011 Ben Mulder passed away from this earth and joined his heavenly Father, Jesus Christ, in his eternal home. We rejoiced, while wiping away our tears, to know that Ben was finally free of the cancer that he had so courageously battled. For those of you that don't know, Ben is the father of Flori Mejeur, and she with her husband Steve are two of the co-founders of Well of GRACE Ministries. What may be surprising to all of you is "the rest of the story", that Ben, and his wife Grace, have been the cornerstone of the ministry.

As a chosen career path, Ben was a banker. In his "spare" time, when he wasn't living out the role of husband, father and grandfather, he was also volunteering his time for the benefit of his church, community, and other nonprofit organizations. It was this wealth of knowledge that he gained over the years that inspired his daughter, Flori, to consider building a ministry. Ben came alongside Well of GRACE board members as we struggled to make our dream for helping young women become a

## A TRIBUTE TO BEN MULDER

reality. He was a strong advocate, encourager, business confidant, and mentor to the board as we tried to connect our dream to paper, and then to brick and mortar.

As the board moved forward and finally put itself in the position to purchase a home for our ministry, Ben and Grace offered us an incredible opportunity to honor and fulfill God's call to the board. Ben and Grace provided the funding arrangements that allowed the purchase of a home and begin offering healing to troubled young women in southwest Michigan and beyond. It was only through their generous offer that Well of GRACE was able to open its doors after only three years of formation.

We don't have the eloquence of Paul Harvey, nor his gift for storytelling, but we have no doubt Paul would have been very eager to tell "the rest of the story". We would offer that to anyone who has been blessed to volunteer or be assisted by Well of GRACE Ministries, we all owe a tribute and a prayer of thanks for our cornerstone, Ben Mulder.

*Mike and Kim Klunder, former board members and privileged friends*

# PRaises:

Praise for our “Club H2O” staff and their continued energy and resourcefulness in meeting the needs of the girls enrolled in the classes.

Praise for the 31 girls impacted by “Club H2O” already this year.

Praise for the members of our Board of Directors: their talents, the time they give, and the unique and valuable perspectives that they share at our meetings.

# PRAYERS:

Pray for promotion of “The Well” (formerly our Day Program). Pray that 4 girls find us.

Pray that we will find the right venue that will be attractive and easily accessible to the girls who need us.

Pray for new fund-raising opportunities.

Pray that we will follow God’s leading as we pursue fund-raising strategies.

## WISH LIST

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