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EXCITING GIVING OPPORTUNITY

Well of GRACE Ministries is pleased to announce that we have received a \$5000 matching grant from the Frederick S. Upton Foundation. Please take advantage of this exciting opportunity as your donation will be matched dollar for dollar. Your investment will be a double blessing to our ministry!

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The Next Chapter...

It's hard to believe that just five short years ago, the vision for Well of GRACE Ministries was birthed. At that time, a need was found in our community to provide nurturing life-changing services to young women struggling with a variety of emotional, psychological and physical issues. We reached out to you to provide awareness and enlist support for our cause. In 2007, the Well was able to open its first residential home to women ages 18-24. Since that time, it has truly been at God's leading and with YOUR generosity of time, talent and treasure that we have been able to continue to meet this need...and see young women made whole through the love of Christ.

But that's not the end of the story...

We realize there is much more work to be done! Our Board of Directors recently cast a vision that will allow us to reach many more young women in our area. In the fall of 2009, we plan to pilot an outreach component of our services through partnership with area churches and other non-profit organizations. The program will target 13-18 year old girls and consist of a series of small group sessions that will center on such topics as appropriate boundaries, purposeful living and self esteem. Sessions will be offered for 12 weeks and be facilitated by professional counselors who work at the Well.

As our Board has thoughtfully and prayerfully considered the direction for this ministry, we are excited about the opportunity to expand our residential services and reach out to even more young women who need to know that they have worth. We need your help to make this a reality. Regular, consistent pledges and financial gifts help us to strategically plan ahead as well as ensure the coverage of day to day operations. Will you consider partnering with us by making a financial investment in this ministry, and in the future of the young women whose lives will be impacted?

We know that this is a hard time to be asking for money – this past year's economic crisis has left few untouched. We also know this: young women are hurting in our world and in our very region. They are desperate to know that they matter and that they are worth more than this world leads them to believe. Without positive modeling, tools for coping and hope in something bigger than themselves, many will travel a path of despair rather than healing and restoration. Unfortunately, even a thriving economy won't change that.

As always, please feel free to contact the Well for additional information on this new program, our existing services and ways that you might become involved! Thank you for your prayers and your partnership!



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Well of GRACE Values our Volunteers

Well of GRACE Ministries is thankful for the many volunteers who commit their time and talents to help the young women in our program. This month we would like to introduce you to two of our valuable volunteers.

Brian Gardner is a member of First Church in St. Joe. He has put in many valuable hours volunteering his time at the Well of GRACE house. He has blessed us with many projects that have showcased his talents as a Master Woodworker. Thanks to Brian, we now have a finished pantry and new closet space.

Not only that, but he has been an intricate part in maintaining the landscaping around the house. Brian's graciousness has also been mirrored by his wife, Denise and their two girls, Allie and Sydney. The entire family has participated in various work projects and events at/around the house. Thank you Gardner Family for your continued support!

Kathy Craig~ When it comes to Women of Faith, Kathy is a shining jewel in our Lord's crown! Kathy is also a member of First Church in St. Joe and has become an important part in the lives of our young women. Kathy volunteers her time as a mentor to the girls and has welcomed them into her life, as well as her family inviting them to spend time with her children.

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A ROAD TRIP TO CELEBRATE!

In January five of us began an intense twelve week study called "Experiencing God." Our group included our residents, staff, Kathy Craig and myself. This study was a big commitment and I think we would all agree that our lives were changed as we did truly experience God in some new ways. It was agreed that a road trip was in order to celebrate completing our study, and so a trip to Holland, Michigan was planned to experience Tulip Time. We started our day downtown watching the hundreds of Dutch dancers perform on 8th Street. Most of our group had never seen anything like it and lots of pictures were taken. There were tulips planted everywhere...requiring more pictures. We also visited the wooden shoe factory and tulip farm north of town. It was a great day of enjoying a friendship that has been built on the study of God's Word. As a memory of our trip and more importantly, a reminder of "Experiencing God," a pair of miniature wooden shoes were given to each of the residents. Engraved on each shoe is Hebrews 10:24-25, the last Scripture that we memorized for the study: "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching." And so, we are continuing to meet and encourage each other, and have begun another twelve week study called "The Mind of Christ." Please pray that God will continue to teach us and impact our lives in exciting ways.



Changed by Him,
Jenny Fry

Thank You FOR YOUR TIME & TALENT

Mike Klunder, one of our founding board members recently “retired” from his role as a board member. Mike has served this ministry with integrity and distinction. He will be remembered for his many contributions to Well of GRACE Ministries:

- (1) forming the business corporation and acquiring our 501c3 tax exempt status
- (2) serving as our accountant and bookkeeper
- (3) serving as our on-call repairman
- (4) encouraging our residents, staff and fellow board members

Often times those who “retire” from an organization or job often continue to show up in some capacity...this is also true of Mike. We are thankful for his willingness to continue filling in some of our gaps. Thanks Mike for all you have done and all you still do!

New Faces

There are some new faces at Well of GRACE. Tammy Clouzet and Jodari Rivera are both interns that come to us from Andrews University. We also have two new staff members. Jody Williams is a weekend care giver and Marilyn Griffiths provides extra therapeutic support in our program. We are very grateful to these women for joining our ministry!

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Kathy is also co-leader of a Bible Study that the girls take part in. The girls have learned some valuable lessons from her. Aside from her example as a mighty woman of God, she has affectionately been known as the “Mom” figure that has been missing for some of our girls. We are tremendously grateful for the time Kathy devotes to the girls. Thanks Kathy!

THANK YOU DONORS

It is with sincere gratitude that we recognize the following individuals and businesses for their generosity. Thank you to all of you who have donated financially to Well of GRACE Ministries over the last several months. Without you and your support we would not be able to continue forward in our efforts. Donors to Well of GRACE Ministries 3-01-09 to 6-30-09

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PRAISES:

We praise God for new staff members and interns.

We praise God for Leslie and her constant work at the house and for her calming and positive influence with the residents.

We praise God for our new board members and the areas of expertise that they bring to our board.

We thank God for allowing us to be involved in the work that He is doing through Well of GRACE.

PRAYERS:

Pray for the transition of new residents into the program and ask for God's presence to be evident in the home and in the staff.

Ask God to lead us to a couple more new board members with the skills that we need.

We pray that God will continue to open the hearts of those people who already offer financial support, and those who are considering supporting Well of GRACE Ministries.

To be on our monthly prayer email list,
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