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IMPACTING THE  
COMMUNITY ONE  
LIFE AT A TIME.

SPECIAL  
POINTS OF  
INTERESTS

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# Crosswinds Downtown

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JULY AND AUGUST 2009

## Upcoming Annual Food Drive-Dec 19/20, 2009

In prior years, we would have food drives quarterly with mixed success. If the kids of Uptown were involved, we would have pretty successful food drives, but that was only twice a year. The other two times, volunteers would take their places at their vehicles in the parking lot for all three services and then only a dozen bags would be donated. It used to be rather discouraging.

Then, Pete Hurbutt brought forth the following scripture:

*When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it,*

*take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in*

*office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us." The*

*priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God.*

- Deut 26:1-4

Using this scripture last December, we had a Christmas food drive where we brought in a bunch of shopping carts and put them up front in the Ministry Center. The Crosswinds Downtown volunteers stood behind the baskets and received the food from the congregation as part of the service. And it was amazing what happened. We received approximately 250 bags of food and \$2800 in cash and gift cards. Our food pantry was finally full and there was extra food stored in my office.

Since that time, we haven't had a food drive. God continues to bless us through financial donations (checks and gift cards), people who remember to leave food in the bin at church, and through other means such as the United Way Food Drive.

In December, we'll begin signing up volunteers to help before, during and after services on Dec 19/20. Thank you to all who support Crosswinds Downtown faithfully, year after year!



Above—God's Blessing after December 2008's food drive

# God's Continued Blessings

## Thank God!

For our new Lead Pastor, Joe Roberts

For providing food and volunteers for Crosswinds Downtown

For our pastors!

That we know Jesus!

## Please Pray

For a smooth transition for the Roberts family to Canandaigua

For employment for those seeking work.

For Carenet

For our Armed Forces

For those on the prayer chain

For suicide prevention efforts in our community

For good health for our volunteers with the upcoming flu season

One of the greatest blessings in our lives here at Crosswinds Downtown is serving others, praying with them, and seeing little glimpses of God's transforming power in their lives. Most of the time, we praise God and don't write them down as a testimony of encouragement to others. But here are a few stories we've remembered to share:

Pete had a client return for a visit, gushing with gratitude about how God had worked in his life after he came out of prison and prayed with Pete. Pete gave all the credit to God.

One woman Anne served was really nice, in good spirits, and very appreciative of our help. Her comment to

Anne was . . . "I'm alone at home. I love coming here. It's one of my favorite spots to be."

Many of us were working with a homeless, pregnant young woman who was struggling to survive until her mother could travel from the south and pick her up. This young woman worked very hard to make her parenting appointments and told Vickie and Tim that "this is a wonderful place; I hope you never close this place."

And there are more stories. However, we're all getting older and seem to forget them rather quickly.

In the last two months, we have seen an increase in

clients, and it's not just because of the slow economy. In addition to our opening prayer, we began **closing in prayer** lifting up the ministry, our clients, each other and our church. We realize every day how much a blessing Crosswinds Downtown is in everyone's lives. We see God's provisions daily in food and volunteers to love on our clients.

For the three hours between these prayers, we are focused on an atmosphere of love. Some volunteers turn to the word and have small Bible studies between clients. Others focus on lifting each other up and building relationships. Sometimes there is constant flow of clients and we have a chance to witness to 30 families a day.

**Thanks be to God!**

# Thank You

**Thank you to the youth who brought canned goods to the Box Bonfire night on August 26th! Chad Snyder delivered about 20 bags of food to the Crosswinds Downtown food pantry.**

**Thank you to our on-going donor base who faithfully fund Crosswinds Downtown, allowing us to purchase food on a weekly basis.**

**Crosswinds Downtown would also like to thank all those who participated in the Golf Tournament. Over \$1300 was raised for Crosswinds Downtown in cash and gift cards, and 45 bags of groceries were collected. A special thanks to Bill Hughes for arranging this tournament annually.**



**October is Pastor Appreciation Month**

# Project URGE Presentation and Bus Tour

**WHEN: SATURDAY, NOV 7, 2009 8:45 AM - 12:30 PM**

**REGISTRATION:** Contact [prourge@aol.com](mailto:prourge@aol.com) or call (585) 223.8340, registration deadline is Saturday, Oct 31.

**COST: FREE** - In lieu of the price of a ticket, guests are invited to bring new or gently used coats, gloves, hats, towels, as well as canned goods or non-perishables to be distributed to homeless shelters, soup kitchens and other organizations serving the under-served in the Rochester area.

This will be the 7th year Project URGE has hosted this event, which is aimed at creating an awareness of opportunities to serve in ministry and letting people know about the needs that exist. Each year our tour survey has indicated that a large majority of the people had never heard of the organizations or knew little about

**The Project URGE Mission:** *Connecting and uniting Urban/Suburban/Rural Churches, Organizations & Individuals to work together in breaking down barriers of poverty, race and despair, in the name of Jesus Christ.*

them. Most are aware of the challenges facing the city, few know the efforts in place to find real solutions.

There are some who are still serving regularly in ministry who took the very first tour!

The sign-in and launch will take place from the Salvation Army headquarters at 100 West Ave. in Rochester, which is a central location to all the places that can be visited. There will be 3 or 4 areas with approximately 4-5 organizations to visit, and participants will sign up to visit the areas that interest them.

Project Urge began in the late summer of 2001 and the first official meeting was held in March of 2002. There are over 20 organizations and ministries participating and involvement from individuals from approximately 40 different churches. These organizations are:

- [Center for Christian Social Ministries](#)
- [Child Evangelism Fellowship](#)
- [Children Awaiting Parents](#)
- Clowning Glory Ministry
- Community Lutheran Ministry, Inc.
- [Crosswinds Downtown](#)
- [Dance For Joy](#)
- [Foodlink](#)
- Grace Community Village, Inc.
- [His Branches](#)
- [Catholic Family Center - Housing & Homeless](#)
- [Jacob's Ladder](#) (Repair & Renovation Team)
- Mom's In Touch
- Outreach Temple - Home Mission
- [Recovery Houses of Rochester](#)
- [Rochester Family Mission](#)
- [Risego, Inc.](#)
- [Salvation Army](#)
- [Touching and Agreeing Faith Ministries](#)

For more information, please contact Project Urge at 223-8340 or visit their website at [www.projecturge.org](http://www.projecturge.org).



Please consider joining me at the CareNet Chocolate Gala! As a founder of CareNet Pregnancy Center of Canandaigua, this loving ministry remains close to my heart. Since opening, CareNet has helped 274 women with their pregnancies. And, of those women, 21 have accepted Christ and 6 have rededicated themselves back to Christ!!

This is the third year for the Gala and it's a wonderful time filled with chocolate, coffee, and over one hundred items in the silent and live auctions. And, being it's later this year, I'm planning on bidding on Christmas gifts while donating to a great organization.

Eric will be the auctioneer again this year, so come join us for a night of fun, laughter, and did I mention..chocolate?!

— Lynne McHenry

You are Personally Invited  
to the  
CARENET  
**Chocolate  
Gala**  
Chocolate dessert tasting  
Silent & Live Auctions  
Semi-formal Event  
Steamboat Landing  
205 Lakeshore Dr. • Canandaigua, NY  
Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
6pm - 10pm  
Tickets: \$25 each  
Contact CARENET at (585) 393-0437  
or (585) 698-7189  
Proceeds to benefit CARENET Pregnancy Center of Canandaigua

Since we opened our doors in 2004, we've reached over 2060 households in this community with 9530 visits. On average, we serve about 200 families a month. On each visit, we have clients pick 10 non-perishable and paper products from a list of available items. That's almost 100,000 items we've given to those in need. Thank you to all those who contribute to and volunteer at Crosswinds Downtown!

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Carenet Pregnancy Center of Canandaigua resides across the hall from Crosswinds Downtown and is a sister ministry. Prior to 2006, these ministries were together under Crosswinds Downtown. The ministries separated to better reach different clients with different services. Crosswinds, along with six other Canandaigua churches, support Carenet with volunteers and funding.

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