

Crosswinds Downtown

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MON ,TUES ,THURS
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IMPACTING THE
COMMUNITY ONE
LIFE AT A TIME.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTERESTS

- Crosswinds Community Meals
- Celebrating 6 years of service!
- Boundaries with Kids Small Group
- God Stories
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- Prayer Requests

Crosswinds Community Meals

Over the winter, the dissolving Illuminate/20 Something's team approached me regarding the monthly outreach meals. They were no longer a 'young' small group, but had expanded to include many volunteers of all ages. We decided to enlarge the scope of the volunteer opportunity to the entire congregation so anyone may participate in an outreach event on a monthly basis. We renamed the monthly meals, 'Crosswinds Community Meals', and set out focused in a new direction.

Daryl and Anne Rossi stepped up to the plate as the new leaders and have been excited about how the meals have progressed over the last several months. The meals have gone very well and have been blessed with abundant food, volunteers, and stories.

Together we began reviewing our mission and goals at both Crosswinds Downtown and Crosswinds Community Meals. How could we become more effective and united in our message to the community? How can we connect with those who have not only a hunger for a meal, but a hunger for Christ? What other resources are available to those searching for assistance?

We started with our mission statements and how we relate to the Crosswinds mission, "To lead people to Jesus Christ and into a growing relationship with Him."

For Crosswinds Downtown, our mission is: "To lead people to Jesus Christ and guide them into a growing relationship with Him by providing physical and spiritual help and hope to those within our community who are struggling and searching."

For Crosswinds Community Meals, our mission is "To lead people to Jesus Christ and guide them into a growing relationship with Him by providing monthly meals to those within our community who are struggling and searching."

Both ministries are focused on the same thing: leading people to Jesus Christ and guiding them into a growing relationship with Him. How we do it differs. Crosswinds Downtown provides physical help with the food pantry and baby boutique, and spiritual help and hope with the individual peer-counseling, parenting classes, fellowship and prayer. Crosswinds Community Meals provides physical help with the community meal and spiritual help with community prayer, individual prayer, testimonies, and fellowship. Both groups try to connect people into other services within Crosswinds and the faith based community.

After the successful Crosswinds Community Meal on March 27th with about 100 in attendance, Daryl wrote, "There is a family-like atmosphere that has been created for our visitors. They come, we pray, we eat, we listen, we talk, we laugh, we cherish our time together and

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at the Heart of it all is the caring & sharing that goes on during each and every meal. It's just a wonderful and satisfying thing to witness. I am in awe of what God has done in my life and to be able to share that with the public is just so amazing!! We distributed almost all of the Bibles and brochures. And, we received 6 prayer requests for the prayer box."

In April, we consolidated our finances. Since Crosswinds Downtown and Crosswinds Community Meals are both focused on the same mission, why not share God's resources and provisions? This allows the Cross-

winds Community Meals team to utilize the streamlined Crosswinds Downtown procedures for collecting, tracking, and spending funds on providing food. The Rossi's implemented these procedures at the last picnic and found it to be



April's meal was one of the favorites : Pancakes!

much easier and allowed them to focus on ministry instead of tracking funds.

Another blessing has been the volunteer base for Crosswinds

Community Meals. After completing a 'first serve' at a meal, many of the volunteers want to come back and serve again next month. And, with the requirement for small groups to serve in community service together, these meals are the perfect opportunity for small groups to get plugged in. There are volunteer opportunities to set-up, cook, serve, greet, mingle, and pray with people.

Crosswinds Downtown and Crosswinds Community Meals thank God for His blessings and you for your ongoing support.

HAPPY 6TH ANNIVERSARY- CROSSWINDS DOWNTOWN

WHAT A WONDERFUL SIX YEARS IT HAS BEEN! WE'VE HAD OVER 10,600 VISITS FROM OVER 2,250 FAMILIES. WE'VE TAUGHT OVER 1,375 PARENTING CLASSES AND GIVEN OVER 105,000 ITEMS TO PEOPLE IN NEED, ALL IN THE NAME OF JESUS. THANK YOU TO OUR CONGREGATION AND OTHER GENEROUS BUSINESSES FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT.

IN APRIL, CROSSWINDS COMMUNITY MEALS AND CROSSWINDS DOWNTOWN JOINED TOGETHER FINANCIALLY, TO BETTER SERVE OUR COMMUNITY -

DONATIONS TO EITHER MINISTRY WILL BE SHARED AS WE SERVE TOGETHER.

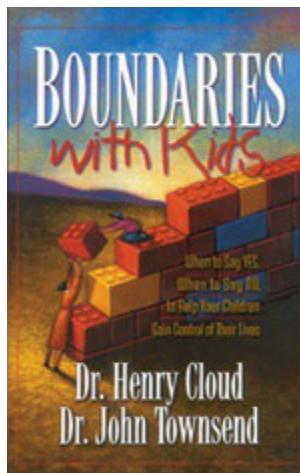
THANK YOU, GOD, FOR ONGOING BLESSINGS AND THE PROVISIONS OF VOLUNTEERS, CLIENTS, FOOD AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT.



SUCCESS WITH 'BOUNDARIES WITH KIDS'

Several years ago, Marlene Mead and Wendy Connell prepared a 'Boundaries with Kids' class for Crosswinds Downtown, based on the book by Henry Cloud. Together, staff, volunteers and clients took the class, read a chapter at a time, reflected on scripture, and shared our stories.

Marlene then took this format and prepared individual classes for our clients, allowing Crosswinds Downtown to offer these classes as part of the 'Earn-While-You-Learn' Parenting Class curriculum.



This summer, Marlene has once again offered her services to lead a 'Boundaries with Kids' small group for the summer. Feel free to invite anyone that may benefit from hearing what Scripture says about raising kids, and how we can incorporate that into our parenting styles.

NEW SMALL GROUP –

BOUNDARIES WITH KIDS!

LEADER: MARLENE MEAD

DATES: JUNE—JULY

WEDNESDAYS 11AM—12:30PM AT
CROSSWINDS DOWNTOWN

TO REGISTER, CALL 585-303-4310

FOR ADDITIONAL INFO, CALL 585-924-7529

God Stories to Share

By Vickie Gardner

On Tuesday, April 14th, we had a former client bring in a new client. The former client couldn't stop talking about what Crosswinds Downtown had done for her: said we gave her incentive to go on with her life, told her what she needed to hear at the time to start getting her life straightened around, and she's going on three years of being "clean". She credits God for all of it too. How encouraging is that? She now has a job and a license and is newly married, very happy and grateful. She usually came in on Thursdays, so she knows Pete and Grace and asked us to say "Hi" to them.

She said Crosswinds Downtown was one of the first places she came to when she moved here 2 years ago, and now she's helping someone else get his life straightened around. She brought him out from



Mercy House in Rochester and brought him here to us. "Pay it Forward!"

We also got a long letter from Eva Barclay – one of the two friends from upstairs who used to come down together. Eva had been in the hospital off and on this past year, got to where she could no longer care for herself, and is now in a home in Waterloo, close to her son. She is doing well, and wanted to let us know how grateful she is for all Crosswinds Downtown did for her, saying, "Thank you all for your help and kindness you always had for me. I shall always remember you all and in my prayers. The Lord watch over all of you." She is the one who lived through the Holocaust and then the English/Irish revolution – quite a story, I guess. Several Crosswinds Downtown Volunteers are already making plans to go visit Eva sometime soon.

Care♥Net's 1st Annual Baby Steps Walk

*Saturday, June 5, 2010
Registration: 10:30 a.m.
Walk Begins: 11 a.m.*



CARE♥NET
Pregnancy Center of Canandaigua
The walk is at Lagoon Park
across from Steamboat Landing
in Canandaigua

Bring your friends & family for a fun-filled day of food, walking, music, fellowship, & more!

**FREE T-Shirt,
Prizes, & Lunch
at Wegmans!**

Since we opened our doors in 2004, we've reached over 2,250 households in this community with 10,700 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 over 107,000 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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Prayer Requests/Praises

- Praise God that Carol is healing nicely after shoulder surgery
- Praise God that the McHenry's closed and moved to their new home
- Praise God that He provides for Crosswinds Downtown
- Pray for those who need encouragement
- Pray for healing for those with pain

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