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IMPACTING THE
COMMUNITY ONE
LIFE AT A TIME.

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- Happy New Year
- Food Drive Results
- Chasin' the Blues 3
- Thank You's
- Welcome Vickie!
- Parenting Programs
- 2008 Growth



Our Christmas Food Drive on Dec 20/21st was the best food drive in our 4 1/2 years of having them! Instead of

our regular food drives, we made it a part of worship. It was beautiful to see people come forward and offer God their food, gift cards and cash.

Crosswinds Downtown

BY LYNNE MCHENRY

JANUARY 2009

Happy New Year!

"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you."

Psalm 51:10-13

We all have them: closets, basements, garages, etc. that need to be de-cluttered. And if we are really truthful, our lives could use some tidying up as well. Throughout our "Clean House" series we've looked at ways we can become effective followers of Christ by doing some personal house cleaning. Many have rolled up their sleeves and tackled the job with surprising results. Are you one who has been amazed at what God has



Clean House My Story

done in your life or your family?

Please take a minute to share your own or your family's

"Clean House" story. Please email your story to cleanhouse@crosswindsonline.org or, if you prefer, give it to me or Vickie and we'll get it in the right hands. These stories will be incorporated within our worship services and they will be confidential, if you prefer.

Thank you!

- Lynne

Full Cupboards

My estimate is that we filled all 12 carts 2 times with about 10 bags in each cart between all services and uptown. That's about 240 bags. And, we collected around \$2700 in cash and gift cards!

Thank you God and thank you Crosswinds for your offering!

Chasin' the Blues 3



*Chasin' the Blues
the largest
fundraiser for
Canandaigua Food
Pantries Ever!*

**We hold
you in high
regard**

On Friday, January 23, Chasin' the Blues 3 was held at Crosswinds. This fundraiser was led by Canandaigua Academy school students and parents, and included volunteers from our local churches, too. This was truly a community effort for a community cause.

Eighteen high school musical acts were performed while appetizers and desserts were served, along with Starbucks coffee. Funds were raised by selling admission tickets, raffle tickets, and donations. Tammy and I did a count and came up with around 400 people who came to the event.

Months ago, Blake Ennis saw the call for assistance with fundraising in the Crosswinds bulletin and came forward with "Chasin' the Blues". This fundraiser began two years ago. At the first Chasin' the Blues, along with the help of Mobile Music,

they raised over \$9,000 for musical band instruments for schools affected by hurricane Katrina. The second fundraiser raised over \$3000 for the Elementary Playground. This year, they raised around \$2700 (and counting) for local food pantries.

A few weeks ago, we at Crosswinds decided to forfeit any proceeds from this event, for God has blessed us in abundance—as we have money in the bank and food on the shelves! After hearing more about the needs of Gleaners Community Kitchen, Jeff Lippincott, from the Canandaigua Churches in Action's (CCIA) food pantry also decided to forgo receiving proceeds. Therefore, all proceeds for this fundraiser will be donated to Gleaners Community Kitchen. And, Rich Krapp from Gleaner's is delighted especially since a \$3000 grant they were expecting from Canandaigua was cancelled in January.

What I really enjoyed about the event was people from the community coming into Crosswinds for the first time. I stood by the door and greeted people as they came in, excited to see new faces. (It was great to see familiar one's too.) There were tables outside the ministry center for people to find out more about:

- The Box
- CareNet
- Gleaners Community Kitchen
- Crosswinds Downtown
- Canandaigua Churches in Action

I also had the opportunity to tell others new to Crosswinds about Celebrate Recovery. Yes, I would say it was a great night for everyone.



Thank You to..

Thank you to the Crosswinds staff and volunteers that made "Chasin the Blues 3" possible:

- Alona Redden
- Anne Morey
- Becky Andrus
- Blake Ennis
- Chad Snyder
- Denise McKenzie
- Dick Faben
- Eric Weaver
- Gary Ennis
- Glenn Mead
- Grace Hurlbutt
- Greig Holman
- Kaylee Wilkinson
- Marlene Mead
- Melody Burri
- Molly Ennis
- Pete Hurlbutt
- Sonia Stigler
- Steve Gardner
- Tammy Clarke
- Vickie Gardner
- Yvonne Wilkinson

And, if I forgot anyone, I apologize. Thanks again for all your effort!

Welcome Vickie Gardner!

Please join me in welcoming Vickie Gardner to Crosswinds Downtown! Vickie has been on staff at Crosswinds for 5 years in various administration roles. I'm really excited about having Vickie come down here from "HQ" because she has an awesome attitude and she radiates the love of Christ and shares that love with others.

Vickie is a Wesleyan PK (Pastors Kid). Her dad is on staff at Eastern Hills Wesleyan. Vickie is married to Steve, a Christian Missionary Alliance MK (Missionary Kid.) They have

three K's. (Kids). Vickie met Steve at Nyack College in 1985 and they got married in 1988. When Steve went to seminary, she worked at two different churches as a secretary. They moved here in March 2003 as Steve was hired by Crosswinds as the Campus Care Director. She has worked for the main Crosswinds office and most currently as the Campus Care administrator.

They will be sending their oldest K to college in the fall at Indiana Wesleyan University. Vickie likes to sing, read, play flute, and eat chocolate! Sweet!



About Our Parenting Programs

Praise the Lord for the blessings recently received for Crosswinds Downtown. The CWC family made generous donations; and individuals have donated items, such as a car seat and baby clothing, which are forwarded to clients.

The parenting classes allow parents to earn items for their child/children. This program not only helps the babies and young children, but also teaches the parents responsibility. The parents have renewed respect for themselves, because they have earned the items---not just a handout.

The counselor also gains through our parenting class programs. It is quite a blessing to see young parents gain respect for themselves while learning to care for their babies and young children. What an honor to be able to share the story of Christ--and pray for each parent--sometimes the first time someone has prayed for them.

I would like to invite you--and/or someone you know who has a caring heart, to sit in on a class. (With the parent's permission.) I would also invite you to keep these young parents in prayer. The Lord has brought them to Crosswinds Downtown for a reason, and I know He brought me to Crosswinds Downtown for a reason, too.

— By Marlene Mead

Did you know there are three different parenting programs? They are:

Earn While You Learn

Through our "Earn While You Learn" program, parents will watch and discuss video workshops and complete homework assignments. In these one hour peer counseling sessions, we will discuss individual situations and identify areas where additional guidance and education will benefit families the most. There are 17 pregnancy classes and 18

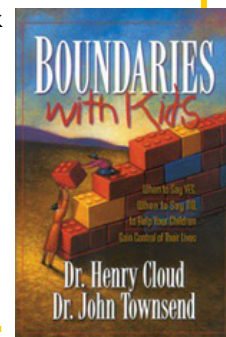
newborn classes available in this program.

Parenting Works

This program is a series to help guide parents of preschoolers to raise their children. Each hour session addresses a situation or segment of life parenting a preschooler. In these peer counseling sessions, we will discuss individual situations and identify areas where additional guidance will benefit families the most. There are 13 classes in this series.

Boundaries with Kids

This program works with parents and grandparents to understand the importance of boundaries for children of all ages. Each hour session addresses a chapter in the "Boundaries with Kids" book by Dr. Henry Cloud. Trained volunteers will work with you to discuss how to apply these principles. In this series, you'll receive your own copy of "Boundaries with Kids"!



Crosswinds DOWNTOWN

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“Sharing the love of Jesus through tangible acts of service that lead to the transformation of hearts by serving those in need”

Since we opened our doors in 2004, we’ve reached over 1800 households in this community with 8000 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 65,000 items we’ve given to those in need. Thank you to all those who contribute to and volunteer at Crosswinds Downtown!



2007 vs. 2008 Households Served

