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EXCITING THINGS PLANNED FOR OUR 20th Spring Banquet

This year YouthHope will host the 20th annual fundraising banquet on Thursday, March 5, 2009. Did you catch that... the 20th annual banquet! Twenty years of touching testimonies, twenty years of growth and progress visited and defined, twenty years of faithful volunteers serving on banquet committees and hosting tables, and twenty years of our community gathering together to make a difference for youth in our neighborhoods.

Our first banquets were held at the Holiday Inn in Moline and usually had a guest speaker. All of our banquets have had fun and inviting themes. How many of you remember our first banquet and the Yellow Brick Road? What others come to mind for you? How about Robin Hood, or CF through the decades, or our Night at the Movies?

This year our banquet will be a true celebration of how God has been at work in our community through Christian Friendliness. We will celebrate our dedicated volunteers, staff and certainly the children and teens who walk through the doors of our Youth Centers, Camp Summit and Street Outreach ministries. It's time to call and get your tickets or to host a table. You should be a part of this celebration as we start our next 20 years together. We look forward to seeing many of you on March 5, if not before. We can't wait to celebrate with you 20 years of banquets and of CF impacting our community.



Did you know.....

- We are recruiting college interns for the summer. Please call Kevin at 309-762-4577 if interested.
- January and February are usually two of our smallest giving months, please consider giving this month.
- We have three positions available on our Board of Directors. Please call for more information.

"How do I stay Pure?"

With our sexually-charged culture, it's no wonder why this is a question that I've heard often during one of our teen clubs at the Rock Island Youth Center. James, a teen trying to live for Christ, left me a text message late after a club meeting that read, "I'm not doing too good tonight." I asked him why and he quickly responded, "I'm tempted to look on the computer. I tried to read my Bible and pray already."

Here was a young man trying to remain pure, crying out for answers. I called him and prayed with him. I reminded him of what we'd been studying at the Youth Center about being changed by the "renewing of our minds" found in Romans 12:2. James said, "Thank you so much for taking this time for me. I want to stay pure." James experienced a small, but important, victory late that evening.

He has continued for over a month now to meet with me weekly after school at our Youth Center. A couple days ago James and his girlfriend broke up in order to focus on their relationships with God. James has also taken up journaling to help him remain pure when he's tempted at home. He is among four young men in my small group struggling in similar areas about purity. Two of them journal and the other two are half way through reading, "Every Young Man's Battle." They are so appreciative and grateful that CF is here for them to help them out in life.

Moments before typing this very article James sent me a message reading, "I just finished journaling for today...thanks for everything." I would like to thank all of you for supporting CF as we continue to come alongside of young men like James that are fighting an uphill battle in their community to stay pure.

-Chris Britton, Rock Island Youth Center



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-Jon Tunberg

Robert Aronson
-Helen Simmons

Carolyn Bald
-Bridget Titus

Jeanette Bishop
-Patricia Wood

Mae Braggs
-Betty Olson

Mildred Gravitt
-John & Barb Fox

Tim Junis
-Judith Junis

Vernette Larson
-Doris Anderson

Margaret McDermott
-George & Donna Westcott

G. Palmer
-Tom and Phyllis Strafford

Helen Swanson
-John and Rosemarie Hendren

Bill Van Zuiden
-Terrie Van Zuiden

Honorarium

Jack and Joy Bergstrand
-Vernon and Suzy Bergstrand

Robert Clark
-Glenn & Cathy Bear
-Jean Bergstrand

Janet Jack
-Thomas & Carol Harrison

Margaret Powers
-Maxine Peterson

Bill Ransdell
-Mrs. Terry Heyer

Merlin Swanson
-Marion Lardner

Ken and Bonnie Thomas
-Robert and Ginny Pasha



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Auxiliary

There will be no Auxiliary meeting in February. We will update you soon on where the May meeting will be located!

Plan to attend the CF Banquet in March!!

~Sandie Exline, Auxiliary Chair

Food Pantry

Thank you for your donation of food items and monetary gifts that aid the underprivileged families in the community of Moline. We truly appreciate your generosity. Our food pantry has had very heavy use this month due to the economy.

The food pantry would like to have another chest freezer for more storage of food. If you have a chest freezer you would like to donate, please call the main office, 309-762-4577, and ask for Karl.

Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers. Your service to the food pantry and to the community does not go unnoticed.

Our numbers for the month of January were:
252 Families
861 People

