

Thank You To The 2007 Work Camps

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- Marion First Church of God – Marion, IL
- Mitchell First Church of God – Mitchell, IN
- The DeMuth Lochmueller Family – Evansville, IN
- First Church of God – Bastrop, LA
- Kane First Church of God – Kane, PA
- First Church of God – Kokomo, IN
- Sunny Place Church of God – Addison, IL
- Westlake Community Church – Indianapolis, IN
- North Avenue Church of God – Battle Creek, MI
- Canton Church of God – Canton, OH
- First Church of God – Saltville, VA
- Hope Community Church – Andover, KS
- Highland Park Church of God – Gloucester City, NJ
- South Meridian Church of God – Anderson, IN
- Eagle Ridge Church of God – Midland, MI
- Central Church of God – Georgetown, KY
- G.O.L.F. Group – OH
- Mt. Vernon First Church of God – Mt. Vernon, IL

Available dates for this work camp season are:
 Most week-ends in April
 Last two weeks in June
 Several weeks in July & August
 All week-ends in September
 Several week-ends in October

Visit our web site for a list of the 2008 work camp projects

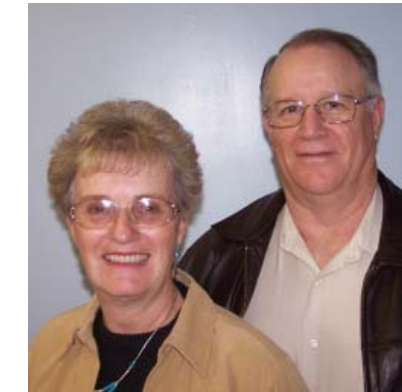


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The Board of Directors Announces New Interim President

The Board of Directors of Family Connection Inc. is very excited to announce John Shue as the new Interim President. John will be assisted by his wife Lynda who brings expertise in financial matters relating to residential care, as well as federal, state and local public funding streams.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Chairman Hollie Sharpe offers these warm thoughts:



Family Connection, Inc. Welcomes John and Lynda Shue

I would like to welcome John and Lynda Shue as our newest leadership team for Family Connection, Inc. We are thrilled to have this couple coming to serve our organization. As Interim President for Family Connection, Inc., John will be responsible for Hope Hill Children's Home (Hope, KY) and Triple L Youth Ranch (Anderson, IN). John will be able to utilize his experience, knowledge and wisdom in directing and leading our staff in providing the best possible care for our residents. We have been praying for a team like John & Lynda to "pick up the ball" and move FCI forward.

John comes with a wealth of experience in residential treatment. He was the Executive Director for Triple L Youth Ranch for 13 years, from 1971 to 1984, when the organization was located in Center,

John and Lynda arrived at the Family Connection Inc. headquarters in Anderson, IN mid January. Upon their arrival John and Lynda made the following statement:

We are excited to serve the Lord here at Family Connection, working with the Board of Directors and the employees of FCI, Hope Hill and Triple L Youth Ranch to impact the lives of the many children, youth and families who are receiving care and are hurting from the pain of much emotional trauma in their lives.

Our Charge and our challenge is to bring support and guidance to the organization as we serve in leadership capacities drawing upon the strength of the Lord and from the experience of 37 years delivering 24 hour residential and treatment services to hurting individuals.

We are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible to learn more about our partners in this ministry and to tell you about how residential and foster care are helping turn lives around.

Please pray for the youth, the employees, the Board of Directors and for us as we reason together for effective, efficient, and caring operations that result in lives that are changed for His Kingdom.

Amber Finds Hope at Triple L



A few months ago Amber, an eighteen year old girl from Indiana, found hope.

Having been sent to Triple L Youth Ranch in May for a problem with running away and using drugs, Amber learned she might be pregnant. She tried to deny it for a while, but her first doctor's visit confirmed this new life was indeed growing. That first ultrasound picture was a reality check that could no longer be ignored. Already four months along, Amber worried about how her choices to use drugs were going to affect her unborn child.

While at Triple L she got clean and started to focus on what she needed to do to insure a better future for her and her baby. During her stay at Triple L, Amber worked very hard on learning how to communicate her feelings instead of using drugs to cope with her emotions. The young girl, who once felt alone, began learning how to trust people and how to rely on God for guidance and strength. Five months later, Amber gave birth to a healthy baby boy. Her fears relieved, she thanked God that He had protected her son from the drugs she had taken early in the pregnancy.

Now as she is on the verge of going home, Amber faces a life she never dreamt of. "I want to go home, get a job and take care of my son. I am working to complete my GED and then I want to go to college to be a therapist. Those are things I never knew I wanted," says Amber.

When asked where she would be if she had not come to Triple L Amber replied, "I would either be in jail for a real long time or I'd be dead. My family probably would have given up hope on me." Now that she has completed the program Amber says she has confidence in herself and God that she can make the right choices and stay on the right track.

In a final thought, Amber said, "Of all the placements I was in before, Triple L was different. Being here was a good experience for me. Now I know that I have so much support and that there is always hope. I didn't know that before. That changed my life."





Miss Indiana 2007 Nicole Rash

In a new program developed by Clinical Director Diane Woodcock, residents of Triple L Youth Ranch have had the privilege of meeting some of the communities most well known individuals.

The program called "Model Me A Role" was developed to empower and encourage the youth at Triple L. The emphasis of the program is on career exploration, developing independent living skills, developing self-esteem and a good self-concept.

A major aspect of this program is inviting people from the community to come on campus and share about their lives and careers. Guests of the program, include local household names Senator Sue Errington, Representative Terri Austin, Shonda Russell- Fox 59, Deanna Dewberry-WISH-TV, Jeremy Brilliant-WTHR-TV, John Kelly-CSI with Indiana State Police, Oletha Martin-WQME Radio, Miss Indiana 2007 and many more. The youth also received a letter from First Lady Laura Bush which was quite a surprise.

While talking to the young ladies guests share about their careers, why they chose that career, what they do and what it takes to have a career like theirs. However perhaps the most valuable information they

Local Celebrities Visit Triple L Youth Ranch

A new program strives to encourage and empower young women

share with the youth is about their personal lives and the obstacles they have faced and

overcome to get where they are today.

In addition to guest speakers the program also takes the youth on tours of community agencies and businesses such as the Madison County Jail, the Brown Butz-Dierderling Funeral Home, grocery stores, and WTHR-TV studios. This program has had a great impact on the youth who participate. One young lady, age 17, said of Miss Indiana 2007, "I appreciate her taking the time to talk with us. She really inspired me. I

feel like there's hope and just because I messed up in the past, doesn't mean there isn't anything for me in the future." Diane Woodcock is very pleased with the positive response the youth at Triple L are showing to the program. "This program is exposing the youth to people they wouldn't normally meet and they are learning so much from each of our guest speakers," says Woodcock.

Scheduled so far this year to speak to the "Model Me A Role" program are Becky Skillman, Lt. Gov of Indiana, Cheri Daniels-First Lady of Indiana and Gloria Gaither- gospel songwriter and singer, among others.

Hope Hill Recieves Grant for New Foster Care Office

In November 2007 Hope Hill Children's Home received a \$40,000 grant from The Pentair Foundation, on behalf of Hoffman Enclosures - KY. The project began back in the summer of 2006 when the need for additional office space for foster care became very apparent.

Kim Pulliam, Therapeutic Foster Care Program Director, was working with her two case managers in a crowded office just big enough for their desks and files. The program, which had doubled in size to 20 in only one year, was now forced to limit the number of children it could help because there was no space for the additional staff necessary to continue growing.



Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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However, hope sprang up in everyone when we were awarded a grant for the purpose of purchasing a modular home to function as office space for the Foster Care Program.

The office is a new 1100 square foot double wide with three individual offices, a waiting area and kitchen. "The staff is very excited about their new offices", says Pulliam, "However it is more exciting to know that we can now provide a counseling setting for our foster care children and youth that will help their treatment and not hinder it by making it uncomfortable to speak freely."

Since the new office has been in place, the program has hired a second therapist and has been able to place 10 more children in safe and loving homes. To find out more about our Therapeutic Foster Care Program visit our website at www.hopehill.org or call 859-498-0373.



You Can Leave a Lasting Legacy



The happiest people I know are those who continually think of others first and give to noble causes for the JOY of giving. Some

share on a regular basis from their monthly income, others share from the assets they have accumulated throughout life and many make their wishes known through a Planned Gift as they decide to provide for the charities of their choice at life's end. Knowing how to share your final gifts with your family, and charity can be a

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daunting experience. Questions come to mind about which asset would be better to leave with family members and which would be better left to charity. Family Connection, Inc is prepared to help you with those decisions by taking the mystery out of final decisions.

Is it better to use a Charitable Gift Annuity that would give you and your spouse an income for the rest of your lives leaving the balance for the charities of your choice. Would signing over a forgotten Life Insurance policy make sense? Perhaps something as simple as including Family Connection, Inc in your Will or Living Trust, even as a contingent beneficiary, impacting and changing the lives of abused and neglected kids forever. Seven out of ten people will let the state they reside in prepare their will for them after death because they failed to take the time to decide how they

want their lifetime assets to be used. It is true; the happiest people in the world are those who give to great charitable causes. It is true; the happiest people in the world are, not only those who give, but those whose lives are changed by the gift of the giver.

Let us help you accomplish your wishes.

Someone once said: "In the service of life, sacrifice becomes grace". I have seen those who serve life with their sacrificial giving to become grace for abused kids and the JOY they receive from that sacrificial gift.

"We invest the time, talent and your financial gifts in the lives of young people who have been abused and neglected to help them recover and find the true meaning of life."

Please visit www.familyconnectioninc.com and view our Planned Giving link to learn more about how we can help you with the most important decisions of your life.

All because of HIM!

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