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2010 RESTORING HOPE BANQUET

On behalf of University Community Ministries, Inc. we would like to say thank you to all who played a part in making our annual 2010 Restoring Hope Banquet a great success. We would like to say a special thank you to the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel and their wonderful team of workers who provided a beautifully decorated ballroom topped off with a delicious meal as usual. Every employee at the Hilton was gracious, kind and willing to serve us in whatever capacity we needed.



The 2010 Restoring Hope Banquet would certainly not be possible without the support of generous and gracious sponsors. We would like to extend a big heartfelt "THANK YOU" to:

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²⁶"Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to His saints: ²⁷To whom God would make known what

is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory"

Colossians 1:26-27 (KJV)

UCM is all about *"Restoring hope . . . one life at a time".*

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Jeanette Ure, a woman with a true servant's heart, was awarded the "Volunteer of the Year" Award for the Operations Jumpstart Program. Jeanette is always ready and willing to serve others wherever we need her and do whatever we ask with a smile. She definitely was deserving of this award.



Zelma Spencer, also known as "Granny Baker" received the "Volunteer of the Year" Award for the Friendship Bridge Program. Zelma is known for her terrific sense of humor, quick wit and amazing cooking. Most importantly, she is known for her gracious and kind way of greeting everyone who comes to the Friendship Bridge Luncheon with a smile and warm welcome.



Richelle Fertig received the "Volunteer of the Year" Award for the PCAT Program. Richelle tutors the children and is very affective in helping them to learn to read at a higher level. Richelle shared that some of the children come into the program and are not very trusting when they first enter. However, a little bit of love and patience goes a long ways. She loves what she does

and the children love her. That makes for a perfect match.



We were tremendously blessed by "One Voice", a singing group from the Abundant Life Church in Lakeland. The music could not have been better. Thank you, "One Voice" for your gift of music. You all were amazing. I can foresee a DVD coming out soon - watch for it. You will be blessed!



Our own Ms. Sarah Morgan did an amazing job at capturing the hearts of those in attendance with her beautiful sweet face and vivacious personality. She let them know how they could partner with UCM through their prayers and financial support. We had a great response. We love you, Sarah!

Last but certainly not least, we would like to say "Thank You" to our Board of Directors, Christene Worley, Molly Cox, Brigid Morgan, Stan Strickland, Joel Gay and Mary Bruder, who gave of their time, gifts and talents to make this banquet the success that it was. We couldn't have done it without you. You are all loved and appreciated.

If you would like to financially support the work of University Community Ministries, please make your check out to University Community Ministries or UCM and mail it to P.O. 280024, Tampa, FL 33682.

We look forward to seeing you next year at the "2011 Restoring Hope Banquet".

In His Love and Service,
Jerome Van Gorp, President
America Van Gorp, Secretary



PARENTS AND CHILDREN ADVANCE TOGETHER (Family Literacy Program)

Summer Break

By Christene Worley

All is quiet. Maybe, too quiet! No more sounds of rushing feet as students scramble to get to their classrooms. No more sounds of little cries saying, "He pushed me", "She called me a name" or, "I need to use the bathroom"! No more sounds of students eagerly interacting with their reading tutors. Classrooms are empty, halls are silent and tutors are gone. The PCAT program is over for the summer!

PCAT served 57, 1st and 2nd grade children this past school year with 98% reaching their reading skill goals – to increase reading skills by at least one reading level. More importantly, 84% of the students increased their reading skills by four (4) reading levels or higher with 22 students realizing an increase of over ten (10) reading levels!

The children did equally as well with their Life Skills training and Nutrition lessons. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of the students increased their knowledge of acceptable behavior and proper eating habits.

A new group of students and tutors will converge into our halls and into our classrooms this Fall. Once again the familiar sounds will be heard. Once again, we will assist students that are at-risk of school failure to improve their reading and reading comprehension. Once again we will see children realizing their potential. They can read!

For more information on PCAT, call the UCM office at (813) 949-0109 and ask for the PCAT Director, Christene Worley.



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR SPOTLIGHT

Richelle Fertig has been a University of South Florida (USF) student volunteer with the PCAT program for two (2) years. Initially, she was a reading tutor for our 1st and 2nd grade children. However, within a very short time, her extraordinary capabilities became evident.



With each passing week, Ms. Fertig was given additional responsibilities. Richelle is now the, Program Assistant and Computer Lab Teacher. What is most astounding, however, is that Richelle excels in each of these roles, while attending USF full time!!!

Richelle Fertig will graduate USF in two years. It is my prayer that she stays with the PCAT program until then. PCAT would be totally lost without her!

Thank you Richelle for all you do!

Volunteer of the Year Spotlight article written by Christene Worley, PCAT Director.

OPERATION JUMPSTART (Homeless Community Outreach Program)

July 4th Picnic

By Jerome Van Gorp

Rain, rain and more rain. But that did not stop the Operation Jumpstart July 4th picnic for its homeless neighbors. Thanks to citylife and our many loyal volunteers, the 4th of July celebration was a big success despite the rainy weather. Over 30+ of our homeless neighbors gathered in the citylife Family Life Center for the indoor picnic and barbecue. Our homeless neighbors enjoyed volleyball, table games, fellowship and a healthy portion of barbecue, hamburger and hot dog meal.

The Operation Jumpstart team would like to say a big "Thank You" to all who made this day a memorable occasion for everyone involved.

Expressions of help and donations for the homeless may be dropped off at University Church Benevolence House or Family Life Center. You can also call the UCM office at 813-949-0109 or contact the OJ Program Director, Jerome Van Gorp at 813-334-3709.



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