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2014 RESTORING HOPE BANQUET

DON'T FORGET!

Date: Thursday, September 25, 2014
Time: 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM
Place: Embassy Suites Hotel (Tampa USF)
 3705 Spectrum Boulevard Tampa, Florida
 33612 (Runs off of Fowler Avenue)

You can **RSVP** on our Website
www.UniversityCommunityMinistries.org
 under the "Events" page or by calling
 America Van Gorp at 813-390-0271. The
 event is free but your **RSVP** and meal choice
must be received by Friday, September 19, 2014

Meal Choices:

- Citrus Grilled Chicken
 Chicken Breast grilled with citrus orange
 Beurre Blanc
 Red roasted potatoes, seasoned vegetable,
 rolls with whipped butter
 Choice of Key Lime Pie or Chocolate Lovin'
 Spoon Cake
- Chef's Choice of Beef
 Red roasted potatoes, seasoned vegetable,
 rolls with whipped butter
 Choice of Key Lime Pie or Chocolate Lovin'
 Spoon Cake
- Pecan Crusted Cod Fish - Dijon covered
 with lemon herb white wine sauce
 Rice Pilaf, seasoned vegetable, rolls with
 whipped butter
 Choice of Key Lime Pie or Chocolate Lovin'
 Spoon Cake

Coffee and Tea will be served

We guarantee a wonderful evening along with
 an opportunity to support the valuable work of
 UCM, Inc. and would be honored if you would
 join us.



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

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FRIENDSHIP BRIDGE (Senior Adult Connection)

What Can We Do? By Molly Cox

It has been said that life begins at fifty but everything else starts to wear out, fall out or spread out. One writer said that "It's a myth that senior adults no longer want to contribute. It's equally untrue that senior adults don't want to be actively involved. Senior Adults do want to be involved."

I believe both statements. Having reached the over 50 mark sometime ago, my life not only hasn't stopped, but it has gained momentum. After a certain age, your children are grown, their children are grown, and the grandchildren are coming along with some great grandchildren. You realize they have their own lives of work, family and much more. You wonder where the time has gone, but you know that you are still here on this earth and for a special reason. We have our family activities, church activities, social times, etc., and yet we feel that we are also able to be involved in activities that are worth our time or energies to bless others around us.

Someone said: "I am only one, but I am one; I cannot do everything, but I can do something. What I can do, I ought to do, and what I ought to do, by God's grace I will do." I love that....I can, you can, do something. Don't just think about it, do it. Why not start by attending the first Fall Friendship Bridge Luncheon on Saturday, September 20th at 12 noon at citylife church. Bring with you your favorite prepared vegetable - enough for you and two more or a salad or both. Meat, dessert and drink will be provided. We will hear how others are involved and what you can do!!!

Call 813-933-3991 between 8:30AM and 4:30PM, Monday through Thursday to make reservations for the luncheon on September 20, 2014. Friendship Bridge meets monthly at citylife church, 8411 N. Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa.

For additional information on Friendship Bridge/citylife Seniors, call Pastor Molly Cox at (813) 933-3991 or email at mcox@citylifechurch.cc.

OPERATION JUMPSTART (Homeless Community Outreach Program)

UCM/ Operation Jumpstart Family Fun Day By Jerome Van Gulp



On Saturday August 9, 2014 University Community Ministries (UCM) and the Operation Jumpstart (OJ) team held their 2nd annual "Family Fun Day" at the UCM House of Hope located at 8512 N Mitchell Ave. The prayers, contributions, time and service of the volunteers created a tremendous and successful Family Fun Day for the Sulphur Springs community.

Because of your support, we were able to serve 212 people including kids and volunteers at the UCM House of Hope, give away 99 back to school back packs filled with school supplies to the kids, and served over 176 BBQ meals not counting seconds.

We had 29 volunteers, including those from citylife church, LifePoint Church and Idlewild Baptist Church. We gave away a lot of clothes and over \$500 dollars in door prizes to many in the community.

Several volunteers spent the day talking with various families in the community who attended the event to complete a Community Needs Assessment Survey. This survey was conducted by UCM to determine what the people felt are the greatest needs in their community and assist in whatever way we can to provide these needs.



We demonstrated and showed the community the love of God and remind them that Jesus loves them!



Some of the comments heard were:

"There were two families that came at 8:00 am and the event did not start until 10:00 am. They did not mind waiting."

"Thank you for putting this event on for us."
"I would like to volunteer to help with this event next year."

"We really needed these back packs; thank you so much."

"Will you all be doing this again next year?"

"We loved it! Thank you again."

"We would like to see more events like this in our community."



The Family Fun Day volunteers had a wonderful time serving and sharing with our homeless friends

and families in the community.

We sincerely thank our sponsors LifePoint Church and citylife church who helped us financially and provided us with tents, chairs and tables.

We thank God for all of you who supported UCM through your finances, giving of your time and most importantly, your prayers. Without you it would be impossible for us to restore hope...one life at a time to those in the Tampa Bay area.

1 John 3:17 Reminds us "Whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him?"



BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

By Wayne A. McFarlane

I count it an honor and a blessing to serve as a new board member on the University Community Ministries, Inc. Board of Directors.



Just to give you a little background of myself, I was born on a Christmas Eve on US military grounds formerly known as Panama Canal Zone in the Republic of Panama. I completed my high school in the Republic of Panama in 1987 then relocated to Colorado Springs, CO where I obtained my AS degree in Computers with Business on April 9, 1991. While in Colorado Springs in 1988, I was introduced to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After graduating I returned to the Republic of Panama and worked as a vessel foreman/planner at Manzanillo International Terminal (M.I.T).

While in Panama, I began to exercise my gifts in entrepreneurship and hired men to provide full time cab services while I worked at the port's terminal. During this time I also served at a local Church of God as a youth ministry leader and personal assistant to the pastor of the church. After 3 years of ministry and work, I permanently relocated to the US to re-join with my family members and begin a new life's journey. I began attending Mount Hermon Church in Fort Myers, FL where my parents were members and later became an assistant to the pastor and soon after, an instructor on computers, Spanish and Bible for grade levels 6th through Senior at Mount Hermon Christian School. After several years of teaching and ministry, I relocated permanently to Tampa, FL.

During my time in Tampa, I became a member of Without Walls International Church (WWIC) where I served on the video and security ministry teams. While serving at this place of worship, I met my beautiful wife Amy, and married in May of

2005. Our son, Rafael, just turned 18 years old in January. I have a passion for luxury transportation, so I started a limousine business in March of 2007. I received my certificate of ordination to minister the Gospel on September 9, 2011 under the pastoral leadership of Pastor Paula White. During the latter part of the year 2012, my wife and I relocated to citylife church under our new pastors, Tony and Kaci Stewart, where I also joined and currently serve on the citylife Nursing Home Ministry Team.



SCRIPTURAL THOUGHT

“You shall not be afraid of the terror of the night, nor of the arrow (the evil plots and slanders of the wicked) that flies by day.”

Psalm 91: 5 (Amp.)



“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come before His presence with singing! Know (perceive, recognize, and understand with approval) that the Lord is God! It is He Who has made us, not we ourselves [and we are His]! We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.”

Psalm 100: 1-3 (Amp.)



NEEDS

UCM needs your time and talents – volunteer today! Call the UCM office at (813) 935-8400 or email us at info@universitycommunityministries.org and let us hear from you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you prefer to receive the UCM Newsletter via email, then email us at newsletter@universitycommunityministries.org to be placed on the emailing list and removed from our mailing list.

CHECK US OUT!

Visit UCM's **NEW & IMPROVED** website at www.universitycommunityministries.org for the latest news and events. Your comments are welcomed and encouraged.

If there is anything that you would like to see posted on the website or in the quarterly newsletter, email us at info@universitycommunityministries.org or fax to (813) 968-8400. We would love to hear from you!

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YOU CAN HELP

Join UCM in *Restoring hope . . . one life at a time*. As a supporter, you will receive our quarterly newsletter with important messages about our programs as well as success stories about the people we serve. UCM is a non-profit organization. All contributions are tax deductible.

DID YOU KNOW

Unmarried Florida women who parachute on Sundays may be jailed. In Sarasota, it is illegal to sing while wearing a bathing suit or that according to Ripley's Believe It or Not! Tampa is home to the "world's smallest park" - Snow Park.

YES, I would like to partner with UCM in *Restoring hope . . . one life at a time*. Enclosed is my gift to UCM in the amount of:

\$500 \$100 \$250 \$50 Other \$ _____
 One Time Monthly Quarterly Annually

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

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E-mail _____

I am interested in becoming a volunteer.

Planned Giving Options:

Please consider a gift to UCM in your will or estate plan.

Please send me information about naming UCM in my will.

I have already made provisions for UCM in my estate plans.

Thank you.

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