

PRAISE GOD FOR A WONDERFULLY SUCCESSFUL AND FUN EVENT

Thanks to all who attended or supported our fund-raising event on Tuesday, October 7. We had so much fun and raised over \$23,000, so far, for Family Development programming. We continue to receive special gifts toward the ongoing TerMaat-Westtown Family Development Fund.

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With the help of these generous people and businesses we were able to enjoy a wonderful evening of laughs, sweets and fellowship.

A standing ovation and special thanks to this dedicated committee of people who worked so hard toward a successful event.

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FALL 2008

FAMILY RESOURCE CO-OP BEGINS

Like www.com and business networking, our new Family Resource Co-op recognizes that cooperatives are an effective way to learn and get things done using shared resources.

Nine months ago, twenty-five Westtown neighbors attended our first "Family Matters" meeting and began to share some family dreams. They have begun to identify specific resources they already possess and also those needed to fulfill those dreams.

Coaching is one of the resources that is helping our Co-op pilot program participants to identify feasible family goals. The goals may range from earning bus passes, to owning and maintaining a family vehicle, to gaining regular employment, to saving for a new home. Coaches simply work alongside the family as cheerleaders, teachers and prayer partners.

Introduce bartering, and families can exchange mutual skills to fix plumbing or cars, or to provide child care so adults can attend Family Wellness classes. In addition, participants may earn credits to purchase hard-to-get resources from the Co-op and thus save cash to pay old bills or save for a fun family outing.

Six families participating in our pilot are providing valuable insights into the development of the Co-op. In one mom's words, "I can't wait for family coaching to start. I so need that program. Just sign me up now!"

On the following pages, we invite you to get a glimpse of the Family Resource Co-op as well as some of the exciting summer program activities that provide the foundation for 'family development'.

Lou Roossien,
Executive Director



2008 FAITH FOCUS VERSE EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.



WESTOWN FAMILIES HELP SHAPE FAMILY COACHING AND RESOURCE CO-OP

What are our family's strengths? What does our family need to work on? What are our family priorities? What are our family goals?

How would you respond to these questions? Six Westown families took on that challenge when they volunteered several summer evenings to give our Family Coaching program a test run. Each family met weekly with a staff member, offering valuable insights to help us refine curriculum and identify useful items for our resource co-op. Our goal: to work with 10 families over the next year, walking with them to make measurable progress toward their self-identified goals.



Families involved in coaching will earn credit redeemable at the Family Resource Co-op. Many additional families will access the co-op through their participation in Family Wellness and other classes and workshops. Co-op families will also have the opportunity to identify and register their skills so they can barter services to support each other and build community.



Maria Garcia, mother of four, enjoyed some relaxed time with her two oldest children during our August Family Camp at CranHill Ranch.

Maria is a Family Wellness graduate and participated in the Family Coaching pilot project this summer. As a single mom, she is excited about working with a family coach, "someone I can talk to...who will walk alongside me to work through the challenges in my life."

Jeff Peterson enjoys time at Family Camp with his son Eli. Jeff and his wife, Jennifer are Co-Pastors at Servant's Community Church in our neighborhood.

Twenty-seven people, representing nine families, enjoyed the beautiful August weekend. Adults had time for small group discussions. Kids swam and enjoyed arts and crafts. Everyone played games together. It was a great bonding experience for all.



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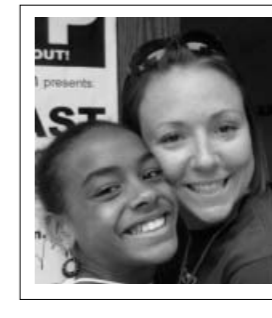
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PRAISE GOD FOR A SUMMER FILLED WITH LEARNING, FUN AND GROWTH FOR ALL AGES!

- Fifty 3rd-6th graders attended Camps Beechpoint and Geneva.
- Thirty-five children discovered their God-given talents through Art Camp at Servant's Church.
- Four interns worked alongside our Children's Director to plan and run summer TEAM day-camp. TEAM included praise and worship, motivational speakers, Bible lessons, workshops, reading with mentors, camping trips and weekly outings. Interns also completed a series of "city seminars" with local urban leaders.



- Another intern supervised our summer Youth Employment Service. In addition to daily lawn-mowing assignments, employees met weekly with a "Jobs for Life" coach and other business leaders, wrote resumes, participated in mock interviews and put a portion of their paychecks in savings accounts.

- Three teen Leaders in Training (LIT) earned paychecks by assisting leaders with daily prep and activities for TEAM day-camp. They met weekly with mentors and completed the Jobs for Life curriculum. LIT's from "The Other Way" also traveled to Colorado and Montana on mission and training trips.



- Middle-Schoolers did some serious talking this summer. "How to Avoid Marrying a Jerk" gave students a realistic look at how their daily choices now affect their future relationships.

- Twenty parents graduated from a Spanish Family Wellness Class.

- Scores of neighborhood families joined together for a pig roast, carnival and family games with the help of teens from Fairhaven Ministries.



- Twenty five women in our Koinonia group began a year long study of the Book of Acts with other community women in Community Bible Study.

- Six families completed a four week Family Coaching pilot, giving input for our fall start-up.

None of this ministry could have happened without the faithful prayer and financial support of our partners. Please pray that God will produce a great harvest through the seeds planted this summer. To Him be the glory!

