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### *VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AT PARENTING WITH PURPOSE*

1. Mentoring a child of an incarcerated parent.
2. Providing a ride for a child to attend the monthly group sessions.
3. Providing transportation for a child to visit their parent.
4. Mentoring an inmate or recently released parent
5. Preparing Lunches of Love for our monthly "family" gatherings.
6. Assisting with administrative services.

All positions are currently available with orientation and training scheduled individually or in groups.

Contact Claudette or Lori at 763-503-2892.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17



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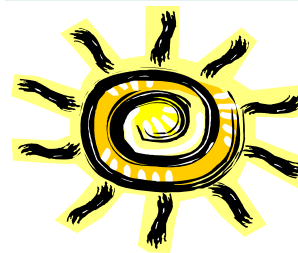
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## RESTORATION REVIEW

*Instilling hope, vision and purpose in the lives of children of incarcerated parents in need of healing and restoration.*

JULY 2008



# Family Fun Day

Parenting With Purpose invites you to join us in a day of family, fun and food! We are celebrating our annual **Family Fun Day** for all our children, their families and their mentors at **Mount Olivet Lutheran Church** in Plymouth on **August 2, 2008**, from **11:00 am to 3:00 pm**.

This year we are extending the invitation to include all our donors and supporters too, so they can join in the fun and see firsthand the joys and blessings of this ministry.

It will also be an opportunity to facilitate mentor matching. We currently have 7 boys and 9 girls who are waiting for a special volunteer to take up the challenge. Could it be you—or someone you know?

The fun will include a slip-n-slide, an obstacle course, crafts, and games and prizes. Our meal will be catered by **Famous Dave's!** Come prepared to lick your fingers. There is **no charge** for this event but **RSVPs are required**.

Mount Olivet Lutheran is located at 12235 Old Rockford Road in Plymouth, two miles north of Hwy 169 near French Park.

**RSVP 763-503-2892**



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## 3RD ANNUAL COPS RUN A SUCCESS!

We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual COPS Run! The sun was shining and birds singing as 50 bike riders and passengers roared into the parking lot at **Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church** in Apple Valley. By noon, after a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem by **Tasha Strong**, the colorful panoply of bikes set off on a route that traveled through Farmington, Northfield, Cannon Falls, Red Wing, Prescott, Lakeland and Lake Elmo, reaching the final destination of **Redeeming Love Church** in Maplewood for the Celebration Event. **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church** in Cannon Falls and **St. Croix Valley United Methodist Church** in Lakeland provided hospitality along the way.

While everyone was enjoying the picnic lunch catered by FoodSmith, prizes were awarded by the Master of Ceremonies, **David Christian**, host of the KTIS Morning Show. The recipients included: **Paul Blom** - first registered rider, **Beth Leaf** - drove farthest to get

to ride, **Gina Evans** - most pledges raised (over \$600!), **Dave Wagener** - most challenges along the way, **Tom Derr** - oldest rider, **Julie Mollet** - youngest lady rider, and **Kevin Crossone** - most colorful bike.

Our special thanks to our Event Sponsors, Morcon Construction and Frattalone Companies, and to our Advertisers, which included NAI Welsh, Bremer Bank, Freedom Ride, Aqua Rock, Luther White Bear Acura Subaru, Men's Ministry of Shiloh Temple International Ministries, Adolfsen & Peterson Construction, Construction Career Training Program, Ted Ault: Farmers Insurance Agent, Medas-Forbes Law Office, New Hope Community Church, FoodSmith Catering, Beavers Custom Cleaning Service, Michal's Boots & Shoe Repair, Flava Dry Cleaners & Laundromat, New Creation Fashion and Peace Church. Net proceeds from the COPS Run was \$3,893.

Be sure to check out all the photos at [www.copsrun.org](http://www.copsrun.org).

## LOOKING FOR A MENTOR

Meet **Travis**. He's seven years old and lives in Crystal. He loves to shoot hoops and wants to be a teacher one day.

Travis is one of 16 children waiting for a mentor from PWP through our Mentoring for Life Change program.



Being a Life Coach Mentor involves spending time with a child on a weekly basis for the period of one year. Life Coaches are trained and security screened.

If you, or someone you know, are interested in investing in the lives of one of these children, please contact us at **763-503-2892** or email us at [pwp@parentingwithpurpose.org](mailto:pwp@parentingwithpurpose.org).

*Whoever receives this child in my name receives me... Luke 9:48*

## BLESSING CLOSET FITS ITS NAME!

For the past 4 years, PWP has provided household goods, hygiene items, toys, diapers, and many more items to our families and children in our program through our Blessing Closet. Shakopee Target donates these items when the packaging is damaged or products cannot be resold for other reasons.

Recently **Lori Strong** had a wonderful time with **Caitlyn** and her cousin, who came to our office

with Caitlyn's dad. After twelve years in prison, he has successfully completed his first year of release, meeting with **Paul Strong** every week as his Brother's Keeper.

Caitlyn and her cousin came out of the Blessing Closet carrying their bags of "stuff" and, walking down the hall, they said to Lori, "Wow, we had a heaven day today!" She thought maybe at school they'd had a focus on heaven or something, so

she asked, "What did you do today?" They laughed and said, "We came here to Parenting With Purpose and received all these wonderful gifts; just like heaven."

Isn't it sweet that they equated coming to our Blessing Closet with being in heaven? Gratefulness is such a blessing, especially from children.

May we continue to bless our families through the gifts from heaven!

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Raise It Up in 2008** is the theme of PWP's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet and Silent Auction. Mark your calendars now for Saturday, **September 20<sup>th</sup>** at **North Heights Lutheran Church** in Arden Hills. The Silent Auction begins at 5:30 pm and the Dinner and awesome Program will begin at 6:30 pm. Take just a moment now and think, "Who would I like to invite this year?" If you get anywhere close to eight names, you

should seriously consider buying an entire table for \$280. You can register for individual tickets or tables at [www.parentingwithpurpose.org](http://www.parentingwithpurpose.org).

Take just another moment to think about what you might have to offer for the Silent Auction – goods, services, crafts? Then call **Lisa Brass** at 952-837-3053 and get your items on the auction block. Remember, donations to the Silent Auction are tax-deductible.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- New Compassion Night program starting July 11 at Shiloh Temple.
- Strength and protection for PWP staff and volunteers.
- Financial provision for the growing ministry of PWP.
- New volunteers to be Brother's and Sister's Keepers and Mentors for children of prisoners.
- For our children of prisoners: freedom from the negative effects of past relationships; new relationship with Jesus Christ; positive relationships with mentors.

## CREATIVE WAYS TO DONATE

1. Would you like to support PWP every time you use your credit card at no extra cost to you? **Higher Standards** is an independent sales office (ISO) of Chase-Paymentech, the largest credit card processing company in the country. In a special partnership with PWP, Higher Standards will donate a portion of their profits from the credit card process-

ing fees that businesses already pay to PWP. If you own a business, or do business with a local firm that has a heart for the children and families served by PWP, this simple change in credit card processing can provide an ongoing source of funds to PWP. Contact **Lori Strong** at 763-503-2892 or for further information.

2. Do you participate in the annual **United Way** campaign? Because PWP is a registered 501(C)3 corporation, you can designate PWP as the recipient of your donation simply by writing the organization name and address on your donor form. It's that simple. Why not share this option with your friends and co-workers too!