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Westerville Area Resource Ministry

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**Overwhelming
Struggle;
Overcoming
hardship**



Lee Ann Deter has a new job, a new baby granddaughter and a new perspective on WARM. "I was laid off in December 2008 and was sending out resumes everywhere and not getting any responses," recounts Lee Ann. "I was receiving unemployment, but for the first time in my life I needed help from a food pantry." Lee Ann admits she was reluctant to go to WARM for help because, "I was prideful."

This past May, Lee Ann made an appointment with WARM client advisor **Lynda Chambers**. "Lynda reworked my resume and has been coaching me since," says Lee Ann. "Her prayers have made me stronger and more confident. Happily, my revised resume successfully led me to a new job as VP of commercial sales at Lennox."

"I am a work in progress. Coming to WARM was an important first step. I'm trying again to fix my credit, get physically fit, repair my confidence, and make my way in a new career. Although I have had my share of problems, I don't have to look very far to see people who have it far worse than I do. I have a great, loving family that I am truly thankful for and a granddaughter that is flourishing even though her life on this planet started out very difficult. She's a fighter and so am I."

Feeding the body - and the spirit - your donations to WARM has the power to transform lives. *Learn more about giving today by emailing cheryl@warmwesterville.org*

Wildcats take the offensive against hunger



Westerville South Wildcats Football Coach **Rocky Pentello** presents WARM Volunteer Coordinator **Karan Stempko** with a \$500 check to support hunger relief. The money had been raised earlier in the season during a varsity football scrimmage.

Trust, Empathy & Ethics

Servant leadership, first defined by Robert Greenleaf in 1970, is a philosophy and practice of leadership. By definition, servant-leaders achieve results for their organizations by giving priority attention to the needs of their colleagues and those they serve.

Servant leaders emphasize collaboration, trust, empathy, and the ethical use of power. At heart, the individual is a servant first, making the conscious decision to lead in order to better serve others, not to increase their own power. The objective is to enhance the growth of individuals in the organization and increase teamwork and personal involvement.

Servant leadership is embodied in the people who comprise the WARM Board of Trustees. These individuals are fully-engaged in careers, families, church and civic organizations. And still, they are compelled to give more. Why do they choose WARM?

Marcia Flaherty is CEO of Riverside Radiology Associates and has served on the WARM Board since 2000. She says, "We see much affluence in Westerville and that makes it easy to think that needs don't exist here, but in reality they are just more beneath the surface in our community. WARM brings these needs to the surface and provides the processes to tangibly and spiritually meet basic human needs."

Marcia was drawn to serve WARM because she had known, first-hand, how spiritually and financially devastating a sudden loss could be, "My first husband died very suddenly at an early age and I found myself on my own raising three young daughters under the age of five. Prayers and loving support helped me through that period of my life. My friends and family were my lifeline."

Now Marcia is on the other end of that lifeline. She describes her work with WARM as a very humbling experience. "I think about what happens inside those four walls each day - the hope that is exchanged between the dedicated staff and clients. And it's all possible because the Westerville community reaches out to offer love and respect and encouragement."

In addition to Marcia, WARM board members include: **Bruce Bailey, Attorney at Law, Metz, Bailey & McLoughlin; Bob Baroni, Marketing Manager, Key Impact Sales & Systems, Inc.; Greg Bondurant, Preaching Minister, Westerville Christian Church; John Buckles, Connection Pastor, Heritage Christian Church, Scott Ebbrecht, Principal, Mark Twain Elementary School; Kirk Hummer (Chairperson) Chief Operating Officer, Immediate Health Associates; Danette LaFollette, Director Human Resources, Cheryl & Co.; Thomas Lah, Executive Director, Technology Services Industry Association; Dave Lindimore, Retired City Manager, City of Westerville; Scott Marier, Executive Director, WARM.**



WARM Marathon Team hits 3-year stride

On October 18th the WARM team of walkers and runners once again laced up to beat hunger in Westerville. At press time this fit and fabulous bunch voluntarily collected over \$5,000 in pledges to benefit WARM programs and we haven't crossed that finish line yet. *Pledges are still being accepted by mail or by calling 899-0196.*

In addition to being awed by the physical endurance of our runners, we offer thanks for their efforts to solicit charitable contributions. We are also tremendously thankful for the support of our list of dedicated 'Will Run For Food' marathon sponsors and team members.

Sponsors: Second Sole, Raisin Rack Natural Food Market, Sara Fudge Tax & Accounting Services, Draw Productions Co., Midwest Sports.

Runners: Tricia Bowling, Myca Brusco, Travis Collins, Lisa Cox, Michelle Crum, Amber Gibbs, Debra Minkos, Richard Moore, Lee Reynolds, Sue Ward, Yogi Wijegunawardana, Cindy Young.



The Heart of our Mission

St. Paul Lutheran Church

Begun as Paul's Pantry in 1972, WARM nurtures partnerships with dozens of member churches throughout the area. This month, we give special thanks to the members of our partner St. Paul Lutheran Church.

St. Paul Lutheran Church at 4686 East Walnut Street calls itself, "the friendly church on the bend in the road." Founded in 1852, St. Paul's mission statement proclaims, "We are a welcoming, caring community, gathered to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to learn God's will and to minister to all with God's love."

Pastor Charlie Woodward came to St. Paul in 2000 after having served in nearby Delaware, Ohio. Now, he and the congregation of 900 baptized members will welcome the church's first full-time associate **Pastor Aaron Layne**. Installation will take place at the 10:45 am service on Sunday, November 8. The new associate pastor is actually an old friend – having been assigned to St. Paul during his seminary Ministry in Context from 2002 to 2003.

"We are very excited to be taking this big step," says Pastor Woodward. "Pastor Layne and his wife were actually married in our

church when he was a seminary student. We are anxious to welcome him back into our church family."

St. Paul Lutheran Church members will support food pantries including WARM this October through participation in the annual Crop Walk in Westerville. They continually support the WARM mission through Lenten programs and benevolence giving. The congregation also lends body, heart and soul to a variety of other outreach programs including: the YWCA Family Center; the Faith Mission; and the Lutheran Social Services Food Pantry.

WARM offers up prayers of thanks for St. Paul Lutheran Church and all our partner churches for their faithful sacrifice and loving support during this time of unprecedented need. Is your church ready to start holiday giving? *Contact denise@warmwesterville.org*

Thanksgiving made easy as 1 – 2 – 3



Once again, you can send hunger packing for a holiday. A unique WARM Thanksgiving tradition continues when you sign up to donate three grocery bags filled with holiday dinner essentials plus a \$20 gift card for a turkey. Last year 151 families were served through this program at Thanksgiving time. With greater economic challenges in 2009, the goal is to satisfy at least 200 families this year.

See the program specifics at www.warmwesterville.org or call Diana at 899-0196.

A nifty, thrifty 50!

Ruth Watkins didn't want money wasted on silly cards, fake dentures and black balloons for her milestone birthday. So she took matters into her own hands - sending out birthday announcements asking friends and loved ones to mark the 50th anniversary of her birth in a much more meaningful way. She appealed for "Birthday Gifts to WARM". The response has been joyous. At least 22 gifts have been received from Ruth's family and friends locally as well as from faraway places in California, Washington, Minnesota, Iowa, Texas and Indiana.

Celebrate your special day in a way that brings smiles to all those around you. *Contact cheryl@warmwesterville.org for more information about benevolent giving.*



State Rep. Marian Harris shown here with **Judy Voll**, recently toured WARM and met

personally with staff and clients in an effort to understand the specific economic challenges facing jobless Ohioans. "I was very impressed with the way WARM is serving the community," she commented, "I met people who 'never expected to need a food pantry'. WARM made them feel welcome and provided the support and encouragement so badly needed in these economic times"

Ms. Harris represents the 19th Ohio House District including: Westerville, New Albany, Reynoldsburg, Canal Winchester, Groveport, Jefferson and Madison Townships, parts of Obetz and parts of Columbus.