



Providing a Hand Up, not a Hand Out.

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WARM

Westerville Area Resource Ministry

A Stimulus Plan that Works!

WARM provides a seminar for our clients once a month to provide valuable tools for assistance in job placement. These tools include resume writing, cover letter preparation, internet accessing for jobs, networking skills, interview role play and preparation, professional dress instruction, salary negotiating strategies, and, methods to help clients advance on their career path. **Lynda Chambers, WARM Employment Services Coordinator**, states, "These are the exact same services offered by well known outplacement agencies that charge a client \$4 – 5K for these services. WARM provides it for **FREE!!** to those enrolled in our **STOP (Steps to Overcome Poverty) program.**" Lynda, a retired H.R. director and **Marian Hicks** another **Employment Services Coordinator** use their talents and insights to help connect potential employers with clients who are job ready.

Through this award winning jobs program, WARM has access to a software

program, Golden Career, which provides Career Skills Assessment for each client. Again, the cost of this benefit through an outside agency would be cost prohibitive to our clients. This feature is also provided as part of the STOP program.

"We consider a job placement a 'success' when our client has remained on the job for 1 year or more," said **Scott Marier, WARM Executive Director**. In 2010, 88% of clients who obtained gainful employment remain on the job. The employment base generated over 1 million dollars back into the Westerville



community through the purchase of goods and services.

WARM believes this is a stimulus plan that works!



Hello Marian:

I wanted to update you. I had my 1 year anniversary of employment on April 16! I can't believe it. I have been working full-time since December, night shift even. It's been difficult but we're managing. I have been recommended by my nursing supervisor and my clinical director for an open supervisory position. It's a very pleasant surprise that my hard work and dedication have been recognized even with my limited pediatric experience.

We still struggle with our budgeting at times but things have been improving since I went to full time. It's so nice to have provided for all our families needs. We were able to give back this year at Thanksgiving and provide a complete meal for a family in need. Having money for fun family things and date nights with my wonderful hubby is a wonderful blessing.

Will keep you updated. Thank everyone again for me please.

Dawn

The Heart of our Mission

What makes you angry? That's not a shocking question for most people. It's normal to hear folks talk about the 'thing' that makes them angry. We hear anger voiced everyday on the news, at the workplace, maybe even in our homes. However, this wasn't a typical question in a typical setting. It was a question asked by **Pastor William Hartfelder, Senior Pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church**, to a group of 30 people attending Bible study one Wednesday morning. The thought seemed to race through several peoples mind, 'can I be a person of Faith and admit that I get angry about something?'

If the question seemed to stun, the answer that came from Jill was equally stunning and perhaps ordained. Jill simply stated that what angered her was the fact that at seasonal times of expected giving, such as Thanksgiving, "We do such a good job of giving food for those in need, but the rest of the year it falls away and people go hungry. Why can't we do this all year?" Thus became the birth of Grace Evangelical Lutheran's **First Fruits Sundays**. Healthy anger moved to action. The first Sunday of each month there is an intentional focus and education regarding the needs of those experiencing poverty. Congregants, young and old, are encouraged to give pantry items for WARM and financially for the benefit of WARM and others. This outcome should come as no surprise from a church that has serving in their DNA. Grace Evangelical Lutheran was a church plant from **St. Paul Lutheran Church** also of Westerville, when congregants recognized the need for an additional location to assist the community. For over 100 years Grace has sought to be a relevant strength within the community. Even with the latest addition to the building, the new windows serve as a reminder that not only can folks look in, but it is the call of the church to look outward and see the needs of the people who Grace serves. There are a host of programs and services for all ages. "It's an exciting time to pastor this church," said Pastor Will, "It has a rich heritage of service to the community. We serve with a missional heart. We're here to reach out with the love of Jesus; to serve love and grow," **Grace Evangelical Church is located at 100 E. Schrock Rd., Westerville 43081. For more information please visit www.grace43081.org or 614.882.3026**



THE WARM spot ABB

Thank you to ABB, Inc. located at 575 Executive Campus Dr., Westerville for facilitating a grant request on behalf of WARM through the efforts of ABB Care Bears team, led by Dave Chappell. The team's purpose is to find qualified non-profit groups who carry out the mission and values of ABB and recommend support.

"We were presented with a check in the amount of \$10,000. These funds will go a long way in continuing the work of WARM by providing food for our Choice food pantry and strengthening our ability to continue the jobs assistance program," said Cheryl Wooten, Donor Development Coordinator." "The caring folks at ABB, Inc. here in Westerville have already helped so many worthy organizations, we find it humbling and exciting to be embraced in our efforts by such a giving group of people at ABB." Their efforts have gone beyond what they originally imagined. Thank you ABB for promoting the philosophy of giving a helping hand to others. **You make a world of difference!** For more information contact cheryl@warmwesterville.org

Congratulations to our two recipients of the Hand Up award.

This award was presented at the annual Westerville Community Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, May 5. The Hand Up Award, presented by WARM is given in recognition of those who have consistently displayed a passion for serving others in a manner of excellence!



This year the award goes to the civic organizations that exemplify their founding principle of 'Service Above Self' – **The Rotary Club of Westerville and the Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise.**

These two clubs have tenaciously lived out the mission of service and create a vision and example to which other Rotary communities strive. Thousands have been a recipient of their, service, their compassionate generosity and strong support throughout our community and beyond. It is with great pleasure that we honor those who call themselves Westerville Rotarians.

Thanks to each and every one of you who serve so faithfully. YOU make a difference in our city, in our work and in our homes.



June 13, 2011 marks the inaugural debut of the **Westerville Area Kids Lunch Club**. A long time goal of WARM has been to establish a way in which to provide quality lunches to children who have need within our community during the summer months. When school is in session, children have access to free or reduced breakfast and lunch. The challenge is where do they turn during

the summertime when these meals aren't available. Through the generous support of **Mount Carmel St. Ann's**, and collaboration of the **Westerville City Schools**, that challenge is being met. Not only can we serve school age kids, we can serve their younger siblings as well. **"From June 13 to August 12, free lunch will be served between 11:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., rain or shine, at the shelter house at Ridgewood Park, 5402 Buenos Aires Blvd.** Meals will be available on a first-come, first-served basis to children ages 1 through 18. Following lunch, volunteers will lead children in sports or educational activities and a book group. The daily program ends by 2:00 p.m.," said **Deb Wallace Program Coordinator**. For more information on access or volunteering, please email deb@warmwesterville.org or phone us at 614.899.016

Do you go Krogering?

Warm IS NOW A RECIPIENT OF Kroger Community Rewards Program! May signals the time to re-enroll. Please consider WARM for your choice of non-profits to benefit from these funds. It's an easy way to give to WARM. **Our Organization number is 80750.**

Here's how it works:

- Simply register online at krogercommunityrewards.com
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with WARM as the organization after you sign up.
- If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register
- If you are a new participant, click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter **80750** (WARM's number) or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Remember, when you shop for your family, you help feed others too.