

## October 2011 Newsletter

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### ELEVATOR SPEECH

I have been working on my elevator speech. You might be wondering what I'm talking about. Who gives a speech in an elevator anyway? What I mean by an "elevator speech" is a short description of what you do, or the point you want to make, presented in the time it takes an elevator to go from the main floor to the top floor. This is a difficult task for those of us who like to talk, but here are three "speeches" I am working on.

*The Center is a multi-ministry building. We would be called a faith-based social service agency. It houses more than twelve ministries that range from street team-homeless outreach to SkateChurch-a full indoor skateboarding park. The ministries involved with The Center are diverse but we are of like minds. We are all committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with our community*

OR

*The Center is a serving community. The Center is a collection of ministries focused on being a beacon of light to the voiceless, powerless, and the marginalized members of our community by providing assistance to meet human needs and by providing a place where people can grow in their relationship with God. The Center provides a place and leadership for ministries that serves all people with respect and dignity, while affirming God's love for all his people regardless of their circumstances.*

OR

*St. John's United Methodist Church started the Center ministries as a response to the needs of our neighborhood. St. John's developed this comprehensive ministry with the philosophy that ministry sites need to be holistic in nature. As a result we have ministry programs that reach at-risk youth and families, feeding programs, clothing, education, as well as spiritual life.*

*I can't decide which one I live best, maybe I need a really tall building or a really slow elevator.*

*If you'd like to be redirected from our mail list to our electronic e-mail list, please contact Jolene at 563-323-5295*

#### The Center is:

- A community whose purpose is found in Jesus Christ and exists to live like he did.
- A community that stands up for justice and speaks against oppression .
- A community where if you show up you belong.
- A community where it's not about what you do, but who you are. You are a child of God, born to manifest God's glory, not defined by appearance or actions.
- A community where people gather because there is no other place they would rather be.

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## What does The Center do anyway?

**The Food Pantry @ The Center** serves neighbors from Interstate 80 to 6<sup>th</sup> street, and Brady to Bettendorf boarder. Monday, Wednesday, Friday-9-11:30am.

**The Friendly Thrift Shop**- Serving people by treating them with dignity and respect, and quality clothing and household items. The Friendly Thrift had a record year and was able to grant money to other agencies in our community, for example CASI, Council on Child abuse, Red Cross flood relief, Homelessness relief and more.

**SkateChurch**- An outreach drop-in center focused on the skateboard youth sub-culture. We host Bible studies, accountability groups, mission outreach events, and weekly worship. We are open four days a week.

**Neighborhood Connection Missions**- This ministry gives referrals for assistance with rent, utilities, medications, clothing, food for neighbors to use in the community. We pass out Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and assist and empower neighbors with neighborhood watch programs, as well as hosting youth mission team to work in our community.

**Safer Foundation**- A program funded in part by the juvenile court system designed to help students get a General Education Degree.

**Solid Rock Café**- Provides coffee and Café items for sale. All profits go to help fund neighborhood ministries and Street Team.

**Street Team**- A daily outreach that seeks to meet needs to our homeless population both youth and adult with basic needs; clothing, food, and relationships.

**Fishers of Men Ministries**- This ministry is supporting our local refuge population through translation and language barrier training and services. It helps support an orphanage, school and church in Kenya.

**Alive! Children's Theater**- A theater group committed to reaching young people through the Arts.

**Quad Cities Prayer Center**- A multi-denominational group that seeks to mobilize prayer, praise and training to benefit the church and see social and spiritual transformation  
And don't forget YoungLife Capernaum, Kids Against Hunger, Holy Yoga, Table Tennis Club, and Maximized Living Club.

## Street Team needs your HELP!

As we are getting ready for the fall and winter weather Street Team continues to partner with Kings Harvest and Davenport Community Schools working with overflow emergency shelters for families and our homeless youths.

We are always in need of socks, blankets and gas cards.

**SkateChurch** is in need of  
compassionate adults that care about kids to  
volunteer on a Friday or Saturday night.

We are also in need of used game systems and 12  
packs of pop. Check us out on our Facebook  
page and on The Center's website.

## **Special Needs Events (6-8pm)**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**October 8 – CLUB**

**October 22 – Halloween Dance**

**November 12 – Kids Against Hunger**

**December 10 – Christmas Party**

**January 14 – Carnival**

**February 11 – Valentine's Dance**

**February 27– Club– Call for details**

**March 10 – Club (Bingo)**

**April 14 – Club**

**April 28 – End of Year Dance**

**May 7 – Club**

**May – BOWLATHON FUNDRAISER**

**Food Pantry @ The Center** helped 199 families in  
July and 248 families in August. They have now  
expanded their boundaries from Harrison Street  
East to Bettendorf City Limits to Interstate 80.

*The Center and Young Life would like to thank all the volunteers for everything they did to make the Talent Show a huge success. These events are a lot of fun, and we could not do it without everyone's help.*

*Students had a spectacular time at the Talent Show held at The Center on September 10.*



*Next event is Club on October 8, 2011*

# Thanksgiving Baskets

The Center is working on our Thanksgiving Food Baskets giveaway coming up in November. We are looking for volunteers to help assemble and distribute boxes to families in our neighborhood.

**A contribution of \$35.00 will sponsor a family for Thanksgiving.**

*Please contact us at The Center @ 563-323-5295.*

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## *Alive! Children's Theater*



*October 15, 2011*

*Show starts at 7pm*

*The Center*

*1411 Brady Street*

*Davenport, IA*

*No admission charge! Donations accepted!*

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC—BRING FRIENDS & FAMILY**

*Comedy Relief is an Improv team comprised of students and adults.*

*Improv Comedy is an interactive performance by a team of players who use suggestions from the audience to play out a scene or sketch on stage  
totally unscripted..*

*Improvise is to compose, perform or deliver without previous operation. So, in short, you—THE AUDIENCE controls what we do. The outcome is unexpected, hilarious and good, clean family fun!*

# Safer Foundation's Taco Tuesday Fundraiser



\$5.00 donation per person

Please join us in supporting the Safer Foundation's Youth Empowerment Programs while enjoying a taco dinner. 100% of taco proceeds will be donated back to Safer! (Beverages not included in donation.)

**When:** October 11, 2011  
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** Mulligan's Pub  
310 W. 1st Avenue  
Coal Valley, IL

**Directions:** Take I 74 E/US 6 E  
Turn left on US 6 E  
Continue 1.6 miles  
Mulligan's is on the left



## DINING TOUR BOOKS FOR SALE

*"Good for Buy One-Get One Free Meals at Many Area Restaurants"*

**\$35**

*(Good Now through November 2012)*

*To Benefit QC Safer Foundation*

To Order Call: **(563)322-7002**

*Please Make Checks Payable to:*

*"Safer Foundation"*

Thanks for Your Support!!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm	4 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	5 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm  Ron's Group 11:30-1pm	6 Maximize 4:30pm	7 Optimist 12-1pm	8 Special Needs Club 6-8pm
9 Seek & Soak 6pm	10 Holy Yoga 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm Ric's Bible Study 7-9pm Ministry Meeting 6pm	11 Maximize 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	12 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Ron's Group 11:30-1pm Lay Leaders 4:45pm	13	14 Optimist 12-1pm	15 Alive! Children's Theater 7pm
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**Street Team : Homeless Outreach**  
Monday-Friday 12:00pm-5:00pm

**Safer Foundation**  
Monday-Friday  
8:00am-3:00pm

**Food Pantry @ The Center**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9:00am-11:30am

**Table Tennis**  
Wednesday 6:00-10:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am-12:00pm

**The Friendly Thrift Center**  
Monday-Saturday  
9:00am-1:00pm

**Solid Rock Café**  
Monday-Saturday  
9am-2pm  
Sunday Closed

**Living Faith**  
Sunday 7:00am-12:00pm  
Tuesday 6pm

**Skate Church**  
Wednesday-Saturday  
6:00pm-10:00pm

**Call 563-323-5295  
for reservations and questions!**



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The Friendly Thrift Center  
Street Team  
Fishers of Men Ministries  
Living Faith  
Neighborhood Connection  
Quad City Prayer Center  
SHIIP  
Kids Against Hunger  
Solid Rock Café @ The Center  
Alive! Children's Theater  
Young Life Quad Cities

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