

**The Center**  
**1411 Brady Street**  
**Davenport, IA 52803**  
**563-323-5295**

*Volume 1*



# January 2012 Newsletter

*By Pennie Kellenberger*

Hello friends of The Center:

I wish you a new Year filled with your dreams, your desires, even those secret of secret ones deep down inside.

God continues to bless our serving community at The Center.

This time of year makes me think it's time to create a plan for the New Year, to plan a direction and write down a list of goals and ambitions. I personally like writing goals for myself – it's the follow-through that always gets me!! My New Year's saying this year is "Follow through, follow through and follow through". The best way to follow through is to be accountable to someone else. The Board of Directors at The Center does a good job at keeping the staff accountable to the big picture.

## **Our big picture is simple and to the point:**

**Serve God, serve others, be a friend, be a voice, be available.**

Another important part of planning for the New Year is finding ways to do things differently. By doing something differently, you break ingrained habits that are no longer serving you, freeing you to find changes. Perhaps you're looking for ways to use your time differently. If so, The Center has many opportunities for you to make a difference in your community.

*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.

## **The Center 2011 Review**

(Just a snap shot of what has happened at the Center in 2011)

44 Carelink referral  
150 Thanksgiving baskets  
100 hams for Easter and Christmas  
5000 students through SkateChurch AND HEARD THE GOSPEL OF JESUS  
6 weeks of mission teams came to work with The Center in our Neighborhood  
Countless visitors to the Friendly Thrift  
2000 plus families came to visit the food pantry  
3 workshops for Alive! Children's Theater  
2 major theatrical productions for neighbors  
11 Improv shows  
12 Seek and Soaks-community wide worship  
1 National Recording for Iron sharpens Iron  
52 men's Bible studies-Cross Trainers  
18 GED through Safer Foundation  
1800 plus visits with our homeless friends  
240 Orphans in Kenya know The Center cares for them  
12 Packaging events for Kids Against Hunger  
Daily- sharing the Love of Jesus not just in our words but also in our actions.

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### **Board of Directors**

#### **The Center**

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**Congratulations  
to these  
Safer Students!**

## Davenport YEP Celebrates Success

On December 21<sup>st</sup>, fourteen young men were honored in Davenport for their persistence in completing the six week Youth Empowerment Program. At the end of the session, ten GEDs had been obtained with 3 more GED's within reach. The young men also completed 378 hours of service to their community and had a 95% attendance rate. Several students are planning to enroll in post-secondary education or vocational training programs and have varying interests including culinary arts, barbering, welding, etc. We could not be more proud of each student and the hard work they put into everything they did. Special thanks to staff from the Center and the various ministries contained within who continually support our students and take an interest in their accomplishments

another  
True Gospel Enterprises  
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**Comedy for the Kingdom**  
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Davenport, IA  
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**Please contact The Center—563-323-5295 for info!**

Young Life is an outreach youth ministry organization. Our mission is to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith. Our chapter here in the Quad Cities has been here since the mid 1970's. Four years ago we started Young Life Capernaum, a specific ministry reaching out to teenagers with disabilities. The goal of Young Life Capernaum is to give kids with disabilities the same chance to hear the Gospel and experience the gift of life as able-bodied kids. Capernaum Ministries is designed to catch any kid who falls through the cracks of the traditional approach. We want kids to know they are loved and have a purpose.

We have an amazing team of volunteer leaders who spend time with kids and facilitate an amazing experience for kids when they show up to any of our events. During the school year we typically have two events each month. We do one Club (music, games, contests, crazy fun) and then we do another larger event like a talent show, dance, or service project. At each event a volunteer leader will share a simple message about Jesus. We also serve food at each event. We do our events on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 6:00-8:00pm. We have some variation around holidays or school breaks (so if you are interested in helping or coming to our events, please check our calendar).

Our hope and prayer for 2012 is for more students to get involved. We need to get the word out to more families in Iowa and Illinois. There is no reason for a teenager with disabilities to stay home on a Saturday night bored or glued to the TV. We want them to come have fun, hear truth, and know they are loved.

**For more information, please call the Young Life office (309) 736-6299  
or email [ylcapernaumqc@gmail.com](mailto:ylcapernaumqc@gmail.com).**



January 14, 2012

6-8pm  
@ The Center  
1411 Brady Street

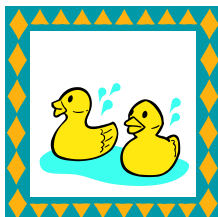


For Students with  
Special Needs!

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Come play games, eat, win  
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**Games**  
Putting Green, Duck  
Pond, Knock Down  
Jugs, Ring Toss,  
Bagger, Basketball,  
and Bowling on a  
Skateboard!

Please RSVP by January 9th @ 563-323-5295 or [jolenespeth@thecenter-davenport.com](mailto:jolenespeth@thecenter-davenport.com)

# Safer Youth Empowerment Program 2011-12

The Safer Foundation Youth Empowerment Program is a unique educational opportunity for Scott County's at-risk youth. Each class lasts for 32 days and all students that arrive at Safer are referred through the juvenile court system. While at Safer, students are expected to work towards completing community service, employment training and obtaining their GED. Instructors guide students in life skill lessons and daily classroom activities. Safer's program focuses on life skills such as reasoning, decision making and employability, to name a few. Safer's goal for each student is to develop the necessary skills that will be needed to be self-sufficient and successful in the larger community. While in the program students are expected to serve the community through service projects. Every student earns community service hours while at Safer.

Last academic year, the program helped over 40 young men and women reach their educational goals. Safer staff enrolled 70 students between the ages of 16 and 18 last year in the program. It was a very successful year as 40 students achieved their GED, 26 students obtained employment and 19 students enrolled in higher education or vocational training. Safer students also completed 2138 community service hours while attending the program. Many Safer students struggled in the mainstream school, whether it was educationally or with attendance...but while at Safer, students last year maintained a 93% attendance rate! The successes at Safer's Youth program are numerous.

The Youth Empowerment Program started its new year in July 2011 with a bang! Safer YEP runs 6 classes per academic year. In December, Safer completed class 3 with a graduating group of 14 young men. This was an astonishing accomplishment as we started with 15. Class 3 students were very focused, 10 completed their GED while in class and 3 more are close to completion. In the first 6 months of this academic year we have already accomplished 23 GEDs, 17 job starts, 8 enrollments in higher education or vocational training and 1411 community service hours. More than half of our enrolled students have completed their GED! With 3 more classes yet this academic year, the Safer staff is confident that their program will see even more successes in 2012.

## **Kids Against Hunger—Your Quad Cities**

**In 2011, Kids Against Hunger - Your Quad Cities, packaged 375,474 meals for hungry kids in Nicaragua, Honduras, Haiti and the Quad Cities.**

**We held 66 Packaging Events with the service of 3,371 volunteers.  
God is at work in the hearts and hands of the Quad Cities.**

*Quad City Prayer Center has clergy prayer network from 7:30 to 8:30 am at The Center!*



# Fishers of Men Ministries

*"Reaching out in faith to care for the poor."*

## January 2012 – Praise Report

**Kimondo Medical Clinic** – We know that many of you have been praying with us that we could build a critically needed medical clinic. God is so awesome! We have received the funding for that construction! Drawings are being approved now and construction will start very soon. Watch for updates in the coming months. Praise the Lord!

**1<sup>st</sup> Graduating Class** – All 19 of our students, at our Kimondo Academy, have passed their exams and are graduating to High School! On the 14<sup>th</sup> of this month, Pastor Joshua will be in Kitale, Kenya to enroll these very excited children. We know that all of their sponsors are so very proud of them.

**Discipleship Training** – Studying the Word of God is thriving in our churches in Kenya. On our trip this month, we look to graduate 110 in the New Life In Christ Series and 29 in the Growing In Christ Series. We applaud all their hard work.

**Your Prayers** – Yes, our God is answering the prayers of His people and we must ask you to continue to be faithful in praying for all that God is doing in Kenya.

Mungu akubariki !(God Bless You)

## The Friendly Thrift Center

The Friendly Thrift Center had a very busy December. We received many wonderful donations all year. Those allowed us to be able to offer quality clothing and many other items to our customers all year and especially at Christmas time. During 2011, we have been blessed by so many thankful frequent and faithful shoppers! We have heard some heart warming stories and some that brought tears to our eyes. Many of our customers are like family to us.

During the week before Christmas, we held an Open House. Our dedicated volunteers baked holiday cookies. They were put out for our customers to enjoy while shopping. It was our way to show our appreciation to them for shopping with us. A very special friend brought her keyboard and we sang Christmas Carols in the lobby each day. Many shoppers and even a Food Pantry volunteer joined us in making a "Joyful Noise" in praise of this glorious celebration of Christ's birth.

We keep all of our shoppers and volunteers in our prayers through the holidays and pray that we see them all in 2012.

**In Christ, Nancy French**



The Center and our Street Team Ministry would like to send a special “Thank You” to the Parkview Lutheran Quilt Ministry for their donation of beautiful quilts.

The quilts were handed out to people at Christmas time. We appreciate all their hard work and for thinking of The Center and our ministries.

## DuTrac Community Credit Union

A special “THANK YOU” to DuTrac for their kindness during the Christmas holiday!

They raised money to help two families with Christmas dinner and presents for their children!



**Grand Re-Opening**

Starting January 9, 9:00am - 2:00pm  
Specials all week!

Join us as we celebrate the old and bring in the new.

- New menu items
- New look
- Same warm feeling

**SOLID Rock CAFE**



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## Safer Foundation Super Trivia Night



Friday, January 27, 2011  
Knights of Columbus Hall  
1111 W. 35th St.  
Davenport, IA  
Doors Open 6:00 p.m.  
Play Starts at 7:00 p.m.

- \$10 per person (8 people per team)
- Bring your own snacks
- Cash bar on site/nacho bar available
- Silent Auction/Raffle for laptop computer.



Space is Limited!

Call 563.322.7002 to reserve your table or for more information  
Tables available on a first come, first serve basis.

All proceeds benefit the Safer Foundation's Youth Empowerment & Employment Services Programs in the Quad Cities area - visit us at [www.saferfoundation.org](http://www.saferfoundation.org)

**Alive! Children's Theater**  
**January 21, 2012**  
**7pm**

*Special Needs Valentine's Day Dance February 11, 2012 6-8pm*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> The Center/Solid Rock Closed for Holidays	<b>2</b> The Center/Solid Rock Closed for Holidays	<b>3</b> All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	<b>4</b> CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am	<b>5</b> QCPC/OBF 6:30-800pm Upstairs Maximize 4-6:15pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> QCPC 9am-noon
<b>8</b> Private Shower 1-3pm Seek & Soak 6pm Improv 3-4:30pm	<b>9</b> Solid Rock Grand Re-Opening Week Ministry Meeting 6pm YoungLife Upstairs 6-9pm	<b>10</b> Maximize 6-7:30am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	<b>11</b> CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Home Visitors 12pm Lay Leaders	<b>12</b> QCPC/OBF 6:30-800pm Upstairs Maximize 4-6:15pm	<b>13</b> True Gospel Christian Comedian 7 pm	<b>14</b> SN Event Carnival 6-8pm
<b>15</b> Improv 3-4:30pm	<b>16</b> Alive! Voice Lessons 2-7pm	<b>17</b> Maximize 6-7:30am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am Center Management Meeting 5pm	<b>18</b> CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am SCUMM 11am Upstairs (Ron)	<b>19</b> QCPC/OBF 6:30-800pm Upstairs Maximize 4-6:15pm	<b>20</b> SDC 5:30-9:00pm	<b>21</b> Alive! Children's Theater 7pm Leadership Training St Johns 9:30am-noon
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Alive! Voice Lessons 2-7pm	<b>24</b> Maximize 6-7:30am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	<b>25</b> CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am	<b>26</b> QCPC/OBF 6:30-800pm Upstairs Maximize 4-6:15pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> True Gospel
<b>29</b> Camp Shalone 5-10pm	<b>30</b> Alive! Voice Lessons 2-7pm	<b>31</b> Maximize 6-7:30am				

**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

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

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

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

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

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



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

## **Our Mission:**

**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.****