

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

Volume 3



March 2011 Newsletter

By Pennie Kellenberger

Summer is creeping closer and closer and I couldn't be happier. I like the warmer weather and sunshine. At The Center we have been planning our summer for about a month. Here is a quick peek at some things that will be happening.....

June 5-August 5 ~ Mission teams from around the Midwest will be working with The Center to complete projects in and around our neighborhoods with our Neighborhood Connections Mission. This will include neighborhood BBL's and worship on Thursday nights. Watch future newsletters for more information.

June 10-12 ~ The Edge students attending mission opportunities in Cedar Rapids.

June 19-22 ~ "541" (Five skate parks, four days, for one God).

July 16-22 ~ Mission Trip to South Dakota

August 3-17 ~ The Center is going to Kenya with Fishers of Men Ministries.

Plus.....

In June we want to expand our Street Team Outreach to two nights a week. We are currently going out every day from noon until 5pm.

SkateChurch goes to late nights on Wednesday (8-11pm).

Looking for something to do this summer?

We are always in need of volunteers!

Come and make a difference as we practice

LOVE IN ACTION!

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 Newsletter is published monthly by
The Center
1411 Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52803
563-323-5295

If you'd like to be redirected from our mail list to our electronic e-mail list, please contact Jolene at 563-323-5295 or jolenespeth@thecenter-davenport.com



**541 FUNDRAISER
AFTER SKATE PARTY
April 1, 2011
10pm—7am**

**9 hours of food, fun, games, prizes & skating!
\$20.00**



Safer Foundation 6th Annual Safer Sacks Fundraiser

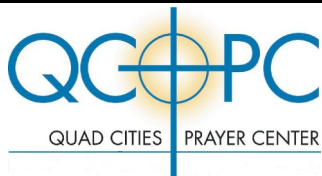


Supporting “Safer Sacks” is an easy way for your business or organization to get involved with helping a local youth serving organization. One hundred percent (100%) of the money raised goes toward benefiting the students of the Rock Island and Davenport Youth Empowerment Programs, which assists troubled youth in our community. And it’s as easy as buying a lunch or better yet treating your staff or co-workers to lunch. What can be easier??

The details are as follows:

- This year’s event is scheduled for Thursday, April 7th. Pre-order forms and further instruction will be distributed the week of March 7th.
- Lunch consists of a croissant sandwich with ham, turkey and cheese, (condiments on the side) chips, cookie and fruit.
- The cost is \$5 per lunch if picked up or \$6 if delivered.
- To participate, each business must designate a contact person who will take responsibility for coordinating the event within their workplace. (this responsibility is minimal)

*If interested in participating or in sponsoring the event,
contact Sue Davison at 563.322.7002 or by e-mail at
sue.davison@saferfoundation.org.*



Everyone is Welcome!

Seek and Soak is a time of time of praise, worship, prayer and reflection, sponsored by Quad Cities Prayer Center. It includes a worship team consisting of musicians and singers from several local churches. Join hundreds of other passionate worshippers from the Quad Cities area for this incredible time of worship!

Sundays @ The Center 6pm

Alive! Children's Theater



March 19, 2011

Show starts at 7pm

*The Center
1411 Brady Street
Davenport, IA*

*No admission charge!
Donations accepted!*

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

Improvational 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!

Saturday, April 2nd 6-9pm - Quad Cities Prayer Center's Recording Studio is hosting an open house to celebrate their latest recording for P27. The P27 band has been playing at the Midwest region Iron Sharpens Iron (ISI) conferences for four years. Five of the songs P27 will play at this year's ISI men's conference are to be on this new CD. The CD is available for purchase at all the ISI conferences nationwide this year. Join the Quad Cities Prayer Center's Recording Studio in celebrating and lifting up God's work in this new CD. The release party will be held at: THE CENTER ~ 1411 Brady Street in Davenport, open house is Saturday, April 2nd from 6-9pm, CD's will be available for purchase at the open house. Any questions please contact the Quad Cities Prayer Center 563.323.3090.

5
4
1

SkateChurch is doing an after party fundraiser on April 1, 2011. The fundraiser is to help students participate in our 541 trip that we will be taking later this summer.

The party will begin after SkateChurch!

We are in need of donated items for prizes, food and gift certificates in the amount of \$5.00 from Walmart, McDonalds or any fast food restaurants, Zumiez, Good Times or iTunes cards. Cash donations will be accepted for gift cards.

Donations can be dropped off to Jolene @ The Center!

Sponsor a student to attend the party for \$20.00.

FUNDRAISER EVENT—APRIL 1, 2011

NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS MISSIONS

1411 Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52803



Where we will serve?



Today, the Quad Cities has a population of 400,000 and The Center is located in the heart of Davenport. This urban setting provides the opportunity to serve local residents and the historic Hilltop Neighborhood. In recent years, the region has suffered the effects of down-sizing at local factories and businesses, and the current unemployment rate is at 4.9 percent. Individuals living below the poverty line make up 14.5 percent of the population, including 22.5 percent of those under the age of 18. These residents need our love and encouragement, and provide blessings to those who serve.

The Center is a multi-ministry building. It houses more than 12 ministries that range from the Street Team, a homeless outreach, to SkateChurch, a full indoor skateboarding park. The ministries located at The Center are diverse but like-minded. All are committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ within our community.

*Igniting a passion
in students and
youth leaders for
the Gospel of Jesus
Christ through
missions*



What your mission will look like?

Groups will arrive on Sunday evenings and depart on Friday mornings. Each team will have the opportunity to choose the focus of their trip based on what God is calling them to do.

Neighborhood Connections will provide housing (including showers), breakfasts and lunches. Teams will be responsible for evening meals. Opportunities for evening entertainment will be provided. Through the week, teams will participate in Bible study and worship, and hear and grow in God's word



For
More
information
please
contact
Pennie
@563-323-5295

Students had a GREAT time at the Valentine's Day Dance!



Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make the Valentine's Day dance a blast! Students danced, ate, and made Valentine's Day books. Girls were pampered with having their nails painted. Boys had a tattoo table.



Ten young people completed class #4 on February 17th, celebrating with a "Completion Ceremony".

Friends, family and juvenile court officers attended to congratulate the students on their achievements. Year to date student accomplishments include 24 GEDs with 12 students starting employment and 11 going on to enroll in post secondary education/vocational training programs. The students have collectively given over 1,000 hours of service to their community. The program and its students appreciate the support, care and concern they receive from all the ministries within the Center.



1411 Brady Street
Davenport, IA

**\$5.00 Donation!
Drinks & Snacks
Will be provided**

Kids Against Hunger -
Your Quad Cities packaging events are great projects for local organizations that are looking for a way to give back and have a fun-group building activity.

The Center and Younglife are sponsoring a Kids Against Hunger event to be done by STUDENTS with Special Needs on March 15, 2011, from 6-8pm!

**MUST RSVP TO ATTEND 563-323-5295!
RSVP BY March 7, 2011!**

This is an event where the kids will be measuring three different things into bags, sealing it, and placing it in boxes. We will have two tables of 12 students.



Young Life Capernaum is a ministry for high school students with disabilities.

The Center and Young Life have a monthly event for the students from September through April.

All Events consist of games, food, laughter, singing, and a message about the love of Jesus Christ.

Young Life Capernaum and the Center are sponsoring a 9-Pin Bowling Fundraiser on April 30, 2011.

We are looking for donations for door prizes (Promotional items for your company is great), silent auction items, and companies or individuals that would like to sponsor one or more lanes.

SPONSORSHIP FEE FOR ONE LANE IS \$60.00
(YOUR LOGO/NAME PLACED ON EACH LANE SPONSORED)

SPONSOR A LANE IN MEMORY OF HONORING A LOVED ONE!

Please contact Jolene @ 563-323-5295 or
jolenespeth@thecenter-davenport.com to help!

The Center
1411 Brady Street
Davenport, IA 52803

Checks payable to THE CENTER

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS TO THE CENTER!

Healing, Marriage and Music was part of Joshua Ngao, Fishers of Men Ministries trip to Kenya in January.

There are so many things that have happened in recent months in Kenya, so many lives touched but many needs remain.

When Pastor Joshua Ngao went to Kenya in January, they had just recently concluded their Christmas season and people were excited to get the updated pictures of the kids they are sponsoring that Joshua had taken.

On the 2nd day of his trip Joshua conducted a wedding for one of the pastors over there. On the same day, Joshua and others prayed for a child that was paralyzed and hadn't spoken in over a year. Since the trip, it's been learned that the child is now walking and talking.

On his 3rd day, Joshua visited the Maili Saba FOM church. The church has produced a music CD and now is trying to raise money to construct a recording studio and spread the gospel. On the 4th day is when Joshua visited the orphanage and school. Most of the kids in the orphanage and school had been living on the streets where they barely made it through each day. Now they are fed, receive medical attention, get an education and so much more.

MARCH 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	2 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm	3 SHIP 9am Safer—QC Advocates 2-5pm Make Refreshments	4 Holy Yoga 9am True Gospel Enterp 6-8pm	5 KAH 9am-noon Central HS Drama Party 8-Midnight Paid Alive 2-4pm
6 Newlife 12-1:30pm Seek & Soak 6pm	7 Holy Yoga 9am 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm	8 All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	9 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Home Visitors 12-1pm Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Ron's Pastor Group 12pm (Corner Room)	10 Palmer 4:30	11 Holy Yoga 9am	12 Alive 2-4pm Humphrey 9am
13 Newlife 12-1:30pm Seek & Soak 6pm	14 Rie's Bible Study 7-9pm Holy Yoga 9am & 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm Ministry Meeting 6pm	15 Palmer 6am Kids Against Hunger Special Needs 6-8pm All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	16 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm Lay Leaders 4:45pm	17	18 Holy Yoga 9am	19 Alive 2-4pm Improv Comedy Relief 7pm (PUBLIC WELCOME 7PM)
20 Newlife 12-1:30pm Seek & Soak 6pm	21 Holy Yoga 9am 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm	22 Palmer 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am Center Management Meeting 5pm	23 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm	24	25 Holy Yoga 9am	26 Alive 2-4pm
27 Newlife 12-1:30pm Seek & Soak 6pm KAH—Optimist 2-5 Upstairs	28 Holy Yoga 9am 5:30pm Alive! Voice Lessons 2:00-7pm	29 Palmer 6am All Faith Men's Coffee Break Fellowship 10am	30 CrossTrainers 6:30-7:30am Alive! Voice Lessons 3:30-7pm	31 Palmer 4:30 Big Event		

Street Team : Homeless Outreach
Monday-Friday 12:00pm-5:00pm

Food Pantry @ The Center
Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Saturday of the month 9:00am-11:30am

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

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

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

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

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



The Center
1411 Brady Street
Davenport, Iowa 52803

NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 295
DAVENPORT, IA

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Ministries @ The Center

SkateChurch
Safer Foundation
Food Pantry @ The Center
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

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.**