

FRIDAY NIGHT FACTS

OFFICE OF FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES



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Dear Readers,

While it is cold and snowing outside, I am reminded that just a few short weeks ago, I was in Kenya. The temperature was much warmer and the sun was bright. However, the political climate was in chaos. People were losing their lives and their houses all around us. However, just like today as I look outside and marvel at the beauty and complexity of the snowflake, I continue to be in awe of the children we met in three orphanages in Nakuru, Kenya. Behind walls and far away from the election chaos, children, although obvious victims of significant poverty, lived, laughed, played and learned. These wonderful children welcomed their American visitors with a strange mix of curiosity about the "outside world" but also pride in their humble surroundings. The smile of a child is universal and should remind us everyday of the responsibility we all have to improve our communities not for ourselves but for the children who will come after us.

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National Women's Heart Health Fair—Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008

You may be surprised to learn that the leading cause of death among women in the United States isn't cancer – it's heart disease. Each year, nearly twice as many women die of cardiovascular disease than from all forms of cancer combined. The good news is that in most cases, it can be prevented by making simple heart healthy lifestyle changes for you and your family.



Making you aware of the risk of heart disease is the first step in taking action to lower your risk. To help you find out if you might be at risk and what you should do to protect your heart, Sister to Sister encourages you to learn more about heart disease and to get a **free** heart health screening at this year's **National Women's Heart Health Fair**. This interactive event will be held on Saturday, February 9, 2008, at the Greenwood Park Mall from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The heart screenings that are conducted will identify cholesterol levels, blood glucose, blood pressure, waist circumference, body mass index and your family health history. The best part is that you will be provided with your individual results within 15 minutes. You will then be able to talk with a medical counselor who will explain the results and personally help you determine what can be done to lower your risk factors.

Sister to Sister's National Women's Heart Health Fair is a free, fun and very engaging experience that features lifestyle presentations and cutting edge medical information on issues of importance to women and their families. Medical experts from St. Francis are available to answer your questions. Workshops on nutrition, fitness, and stress-reduction are scheduled throughout the fair. Vendors, raffles and giveaways add to the fun.

Take a step out of your registration process at the event and pre-register at www.sistertosister.org. Find Indianapolis under Campaign Cities and click the PRE-REGISTER button!

2008 Governor's Conference Highlights: The Capacity-Building Track

Over the past few years, one of the most popular and best-attended tracks at the Governor's Conference has been the Capacity-Building track. This year, we've doubled the size of this popular track, setting aside half of the sessions for introductory topics and half for more advanced topics. Here are the sessions being offered this year:

- Proposal Writing 101 (offered twice)**
- Good Isn't Good Enough... Build a GREAT Board**
- Creating a Balanced Fundraising Plan**
- Creating Signature Events**
- Financial Management 101: What to have in place before you get the grant**
- Financial Management 201**
- Program Development 101**
- Introduction to Asset-Based Community Development**
- Building Successful Community Collaborations**
- Executive Transition and Succession Planning**
- Nonprofit Solutions: Connecting Nonprofits to Consultants**
- Making the Funding Connection**
- Understanding Capacity-Building Requests from a Private Funder's Perspective**
- Starting a National Service Program or Project in Your Community**
- Breathing Life Into "Bored Boards"**
- Leadership Can Be Used for Good or Evil**
- From Strategic Planning to Strategic Doing**

We've brought in some of the best and brightest professionals that Indiana has to offer to facilitate and lead these sessions. For a complete listing of presenters and detailed summaries of each breakout session, visit our conference website: <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2472.htm>.

Governor's Award Recipient Spotlight: Scott Getzin

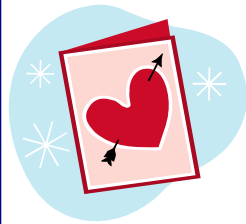


Scott Getzin of Greenfield was the winner of the 2007 Governor's Award in the Faith-Based Category. He was nominated by the Board of Directors of Love in the Name of Christ for his drive to found an affiliate office of the organization in Hancock County. Love INC is a clearinghouse for assistance requests that coordinates response among local congregations and pooled community resources. In 2006, 239 families received assistance through Love INC in Hancock County. Tireless work to find office space, recruit volunteers, establish partnerships and publish newsletters followed Scott's struggle to found the office, and he currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

In their nomination letter, the Board of Love INC wrote that, "Scott knew Love INC was something special. He knew he was right and led by the Lord, he kept explaining until people started listening, and people started working together to make his dream a reality."

Nominations are still being accepted for the 2008 Governor's Awards for Volunteer Service. To nominate a deserving volunteer, go to <http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2509.htm>. **Hurry, the deadline for nominations is February 22nd.**





How many smiles can you create with art?

Write a verse. Warm a Heart. Kids strike up friendships with seniors, soldiers, children in hospitals, anybody who can use a special lift. From February 1st through the 14th, each student is encouraged to tap their inner artist by writing, designing, sculpting, composing, or performing for those who need it most. These acts can be colorful, funny, touching, motivational—it's all up to the individual.

For more information or to participate in The League's initiative, visit www.leagueworldwide.org

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy will be hosting a regional one-day Random Student Drug Testing Summit on **February 13, 2008**, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel & Conference Center, 123 W. Louisiana Street, in Indianapolis. Random student drug testing is a valuable prevention strategy that can help deter children from initiating drug use. It can also identify children who have just started using drugs as well as children who have a dependency so that they may be referred to treatment. Student drug testing programs are developed by the schools in which they are implemented so that the program is specifically tailored to the needs of the community. All student drug testing programs are designed to act as deterrent and are not by format or nature punitive.



The Random Student Drug Testing Summits will address relevant legal and program development issues and serve as an introduction for schools that would like to learn more about student drug testing. Participants will be provided with information on the Department of Education's 2008 grant competition and application process. For schools that already have a program in place, new information will be available.

The summit is free but, because space is limited, you are encouraged to register as soon as possible. Registration, a preliminary agenda and exact meeting site logistics can be found at <http://summits.csrincorporated.com> or you can send an email to summits@csrincorporated.com. For additional information regarding random student drug testing, please visit <http://www.randomstudentdrugtesting.org/>. For additional information regarding the Department of Education's 2008 grant announcement and application for School-Based Student-Drug Testing, please visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/>.



The Jane Goodall Global Leadership Awards honor organizations and individuals who share Dr. Jane's values, vision and commitment to making a positive difference in the world for all living things. The Youth Leadership Award recognizes an individual (age 14 to 24) who exhibits leadership and excellence through his or her work to help preserve our natural world, protect animals, or benefit our human community. To learn more, visit <http://www.rootsandshoots.org>. The deadline is **February 15th**.

The Indiana Youth Institute is conducting a statewide survey of Hoosier youth workers to help them grow and strengthen their programs and services. Here's an opportunity for you to tell them what you need, what you think, what's working and what isn't. Everyone who replies by **February 18th** will be entered in a drawing for one of 16 gift certificates. To participate, visit <http://www.iyi.org/survey>



The Ambassadors in Education program is accepting nominations for exemplary middle and high school principals who are working collaboratively with community members and organizations. There is a \$5,000 grant given to the winner. To learn more, visit <http://www.ncl.org/metlife/index.html>. Deadline for submissions is **March 7, 2008**.



Family Service of Central Indiana, Inc. is accepting nominations for the annual Alice M. Ross "Salute to Family" Award recognizing outstanding families in Central Indiana. The agency is seeking families that demonstrate togetherness, communication, and commitment on a day-to-day basis, as well as perseverance and the ability to overcome challenges.

Any member of the community may nominate a family, or families may nominate themselves. Traditional and non-traditional families, including blended, extended, adoptive and foster families will be considered. Families must live in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion or Morgan County to be eligible. Nomination forms are available online at <http://www.family-service-inc.org/> and must be submitted by **February 22nd**. Award-winning families will be publicly recognized during the "Salute to Families" breakfast ceremony on Wednesday, April 23 at Riverwalk Banquet Center and Lodge located in Indianapolis.

Each year, the AmeriCorps Alums Eli Segal Award honors one outstanding alum who embodies the essence of citizen service that Eli Segal proudly represented. The Eli Segal Award is the highest and most prestigious honor awarded by AmeriCorps Alums. Along with the valuable recognition the award brings to the honoree's community efforts, the winner will also be honored at the *2008 National Conference on Volunteering and Service* and awarded a cash prize of \$5,000. To learn more about the 2008 Eli Segal Award, visit

<http://www.americorpsalums.org/?page=EliSegalMain>. **The deadline to apply is March 31st.** If you have any questions please contact Greg Heinrich at gheinrich@americorpsalums.org.



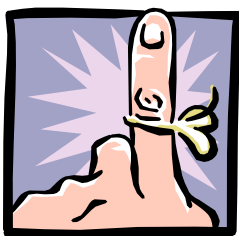
AMERICA'S PROMISE - THE ALLIANCE FOR YOUTH



From Anchorage Alaska to Manatee County Florida, the America's Promise 100 Best list honors the cities and small towns that are wonderful places for youth to live. Tippecanoe County, IN is chosen as one of the *100 Best* because of its initiative to unite organizations throughout the community in support of its youth and families. Our Kids Are Our Community, led by the

Community and Family Resource Center, developed a committee of 120 representatives from K-12 schools, higher education, churches, law enforcement, juvenile justice, social service agencies, businesses, local and state government and youth. Congratulations! To see the entire list of winners, visit their interactive map at <http://www.americaspromise.org/APAPage.aspx?id=5922>

The Breast Cancer site is having difficulty getting enough people to click on their site daily to meet their quota of donating at least one free mammogram a day to an underprivileged woman. It takes less than a minute to go to their site and click on "donating a mammogram" for free (pink window in the middle). This doesn't cost you a thing! Start today by going to <http://www.thebreastcancersite.com/>



Click below to check out upcoming training opportunities on the OFBCI website.

<http://www.in.gov/ofbci/2414.htm>

If you have a training opportunity you would like considered for inclusion on the Training Calendar, please send the information to jgegel@ofbci.IN.gov

HOOSIER VETERANS!



**Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis
IS LOOKING FOR YOU!**



Habitat for Humanity of Greater Indianapolis and the major veterans groups in Indianapolis are anxious to help establish the first Habitat home for a veteran. We are looking forward to discussing this project with veteran families or friends and associates of a veteran to determine if this opportunity is suitable for them.

You can own your own home in 2008, if you fit the following criteria:

NEED: Have lived in substandard, overcrowded or unsafe housing, paying excessive rent, not accessible to people with disabilities, or government subsidized housing. Do not own their own home and will be a first time homebuyer.

RENTAL HISTORY: At least 18 months to 2 years of good rental history and needs to be a resident of Marion County (non Marion County residents of Indiana can qualify if they choose to establish a residence in Marion County before entering the Habitat program).

INCOME: Steady employment earning a limited income for 2 years and/or verifiable Social Security or SSI income for 2 years, DAV compensation, food stamps, etc. Income criteria is based on family size and level of disability.

CREDIT: Must not have any judgments and any bankruptcies must have filing dates of discharges greater than 2 years.

WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER: To complete the 300 hours of work-equity in homeownership education classes & home construction.

Call Jennifer at 317-921-2121(x122) or email at jcoffey@indyhabitat.org to discuss how you can be a homeowner!

Be the proud owner of the 1st Veteran Habitat Home in Indianapolis!

Partners include:

