

MISSION

THE PURSUIT OF PEACE AND WELL-BEING IN THE COMMUNITY OF WICHITA THROUGH THE FORMATION OF PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDIVIDUALS, FAITH COMMUNITIES AND HELPING ORGANIZATIONS.

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GLORIA DEI HYGIENE BAGS FOR COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Gloria Dei serves a community breakfast at St. Paul's on the fifth Saturday of months that have a fifth Saturday. They have decided to collect items for Hygiene Gift Bags that will be distributed January 30. They are collecting the following items to be "package" in a gallon size zip lock bag.

⊕ **Hand towels** (The towels are folded to create a "pocket")

Then place the following items in the "pocket":

⊕ Wash cloth ⊕ Bar of Soap ⊕ **Toothpaste** ⊕ Toothbrush
⊕ **Pair of white socks** (The breakfast guests have expressed a preference for white socks) ⊕ Comb

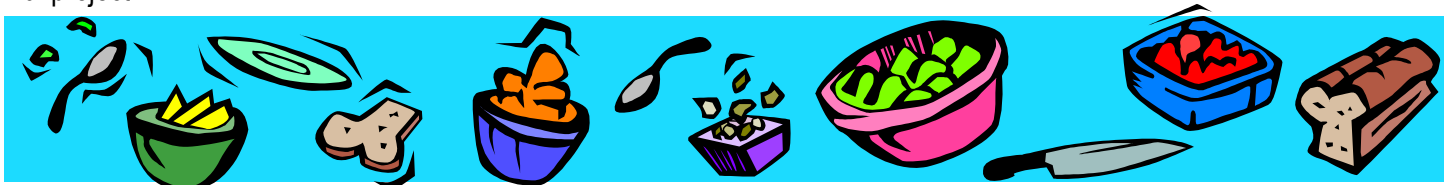
The gallon size bag will accommodate a full size toothpaste and soap but we will use whatever size we receive. Gloria Dei's goal is to put together 200 bags. Combs and zip lock bags have already been fully donated. Hotel sizes of shampoo, conditioner and lotion have also been donated so we will add them to the bag.

Pat True says "Whatever items we were short of, we will have to go out and purchase. **Currently we are in need of more hand towels, white socks and tooth-paste.** This would be a great project to work together on. This is a well received and fun project to do. We would love to work together with others in making this truly a successful project."



If you would like to donate items, they can be brought to *Gloria Dei Lutheran Church* (1101 N. River Boulevard, Wichita/ phone 263-0872) OR to *Partners For Wichita* Attention: Monica Ellis (St. Paul's Lutheran 925 N. Waco, Wichita/ phone 263-0810). The deadline to drop off is January 20th to allow time to put together the bags.

For more information or if you would like to help please contact: Pat True (Gloria Dei Lutheran-Leah Guild)
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PARTNERS WELCOMES TWO NEW VISTA'S

In partnership with Washburn University, Metro Lutheran Ministries, Atonement Lutheran Church and St. Thomas Aquinas of Wichita; Partners For Wichita now has three VISTA's serving our organization. Teresa Cook and Martha Pulido began their service November 2009 and Monica Ellis began her service in November 2008. All are looking forward to a year of growing and serving Partners For Wichita.

Martha Pulido, Safe Streets Wichita

We welcome Martha as our new Safe Street Specialist, working primarily in our Weed and Seed area at St. Patrick's Church. Martha was born in Mexico City, Mexico and moved to the United States 10 years ago. She likes spending time with family playing table games, and enjoying each other's company. She's also an avid collector of angels, turtles, cows and rocks.

Martha's primary assignment is to increase the volunteer base for partner agencies in the Historic Midtown Area of Wichita, by connecting with neighbors who will support Safe Streets and the Weed and Seed program. Martha's team building skills and can-do attitude are a great asset to the Safe Streets program! Plan on Martha asking for your support and ask her how she can assist you as well! Martha's motto: "We are a team!"



Teresa Cook, Partners for Wichita

Teresa recently came on board as our Partnership Specialist. She brings to us a wealth of talent, being actively involved in her neighborhood association for many years. She also actively volunteers for other neighborhood associations, organizations and boards. Teresa is looking forward to continuing the partnerships that have already been established and reaching out to other partners in the community.

She loves to visit family in Florida, when possible. She loves the palms trees, the beach and finding sand dollars while swimming in the ocean! She also enjoys parasailing.

We welcome Teresa to PFW and look forward to her putting her talents to work to expand our organization partnerships!



2009-2010 VISTA's (L to R):

Teresa Cook, PFW Partnership Specialist; Martha Pulido, Safe Streets Specialist; Monica Ellis, PFW Program Administrator

PARTNERING WITH CONGREGATIONS AND SOCIAL SERVICE

OFFERING HOPE FOR TOMORROW UPDATE



PFW Samaritan Community of Congregations and Social Service Agencies is spotlighting selected faith based social service agencies several times a year, to help congregations grow in awareness of these services and offer ideas for furthering our mission together. We selected the Center for Hope as our first project. We called this joint effort "Offering Hope for Tomorrow."

All Area 5 Lutheran churches

where encouraged to join together in special offerings and donations for Center of Hope, Inc., to help people in need with utilities and rent assistance to prevent homelessness and strengthen families.

We are excited to announce that through our joint efforts, Center of Hope Inc. received over **\$3000** to help people in need. Every dollar you gave will be used in direct assistance for families. Thanks to each of you for your generous support.

Center of Hope, Inc. is a major

center for effective, compassionate help, providing wise and respectful counseling with budgeting, referrals to other program benefits and advocacy to prevent homelessness.

We ask that you to continue to lift up in prayer Center of Hope and the critical needs of our neighbors, especially during these cold winter months. Donations are welcome anytime.

In the spring there will be "***Venturing Together***," a focus on Episcopal Social Services ("Venture House").

PFW UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates	Time	Events	Address
January 28, 2010	12:00 pm	Faith Leaders Luncheon: Building a Congregation of Congregations	St. Paul's Lutheran 925 N. Waco, Wichita
February 1, 2010	6:30 p.m.	Community of Congregations & Social Service Agencies	St. Paul's Lutheran 925 N. Waco, Wichita
February 7, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Poverty Awareness Community Training	Good Shepherd Lutheran 1451 E. 47th St. S. Wichita
February 14, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Poverty Awareness Community Training	Good Shepherd Lutheran 1451 E. 47th St. S. Wichita
February 21, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Poverty Awareness Community Training	Good Shepherd Lutheran 1451 E. 47th St. S. Wichita
February 21, 2010	8:45 a.m.	Poverty Awareness Community Training	Lord of Life Lutheran 11215 W. 13th St. N. Wichita
February 28, 2010	9:00 a.m.	Poverty Awareness Community Training	Good Shepherd Lutheran 1451 E. 47th St. S. Wichita
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March 7, 2010	8:45 a.m.	Poverty Awareness Community Training	Lord of Life Lutheran 11215 W. 13th St. N. Wichita
March 14, 2010	8:45 a.m.	Poverty Awareness Community Training	Lord of Life Lutheran 11215 W. 13th St. N. Wichita
SPRING 2010	TBD	Neighbor 2 Neighbor Mentor Training	TBD
SPRING 2010	TBD	Neighborhood Adventure Clean-up	TBD with Safe Streets (Watch for more info)

For more information on any of these events please contact:
Monica Ellis, PFW Program Administrator 316.207.3925 or monica.ellis@partnersforwichita.org

Poverty Awareness Community Training

What is Poverty?

Is there too much month at the end of your money?

Do you recognize the face of poverty?

Do you deal with the issues of poverty holistically?
(economic, health, environmental, social and educational)



Who is My Neighbor?

Making Ends Meet

What Would You Choose?

Our Children, Our Future

We currently have sessions available for Spring 2010.
All of the Winter 2010 sessions have been filled,
so be sure to schedule your sessions early.

Partners For Wichita

Peace through partnerships

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The wheel of poverty grinds on, but there are ways to change its course. Partners For Wichita's facilitators bring you four presentations on poverty. Experience in heart, soul and mind what it is to be impoverished.