



Beyond Welfare Leader Letter



August 3, 2006

IMPORTANT DATES

August 17, 2006	CLTm potluck at Brookside Park, Hickory Shelter
August 19, 2006	Ally Orientation at the BW Office, 130 South Sheldon, Suite 302, from 9am-noon
August 19, 2006	6 th Annual Eastwood Village Picnic from 4-7pm, 420 East 7 th Street
August 20, 2006	Participant Orientation at the BW Office, 130 South Sheldon, Suite 302, from 1-4pm
August 30, 2006	Pathways Potluck at Lois' house, 7pm
August 31, 2006	CLTm meeting with Pathways partnership visitors

Scheduled Events

Thursday, August 17: The CLTm meeting will be held at Brookside Park at the Hickory Shelter in celebration of a great summer! This will be a potluck, so we look forward to some yummy goodies!

Saturday, August 19: There will be an Ally Orientation from 9am-noon at the BW office. This is a chance for people interested in becoming involved with Beyond Welfare to learn about what the organization has to offer, including information about Circles of Support. If you are interested in attending, you must call the BW office at 292-5992 to reserve your spot.

Saturday, August 19: The 6th Annual Eastwood Village Picnic will take place from 4-7pm. This event is in collaboration with Hunziker Property Management, Ames Police Department, and the Ames Fire Department. Eastwood Village is located at 420 East 7th Street. This is a great way to interact with and show support for others in the community! Everyone is invited!

Sunday, August 20: There will be a Participant Orientation from 1-4pm at the BW office. This is a chance for people interested in becoming involved with Beyond Welfare to learn about what the organization has to offer, including information about Circles of Support. If you are interested in attending, you must call the BW office at 292-5992 to reserve your spot.

Thursday, August 31: Please attend the CLTm meeting to meet our visitors from the Pathways partnerships. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet people who do similar work like Beyond Welfare in other states!

Planting a Seed...

The next Immersion Training will be held the week of **October 16, 2006**. Beyond Welfare is always looking for volunteers to donate food and their time. If you are interested, please contact the BW office at 292-5992.

Important Dates

Beyond Welfare Board Meetings are held the last Monday of the month from 5:30-7pm in the BW office. These meetings are always open to allies and participants if you have questions,

concerns, and/or suggestions. Please mark these dates on your calendar:

September 25, 2006
October 30, 2006
November 27, 2006
December 18, 2006

Pathways Coming to Ames!!!

August 28-September 1, 2006: Partnership representatives from MIRACLE Group (Cass Lake, Minnesota), Southeast Oklahoma, HPEP (Chicago, Illinois), and TCWA (Clarksdale, Mississippi) will be visiting along with the support team (Quinton, John, Nicole, and Carol). The purpose of this visit is to support CLTm's Round 4 of Pathways work.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a social potluck on Wednesday, August 30 at 7pm at Lois' house. This will be a chance to network with the partnership representatives. Please call the BW office at 292-5992 to RSVP and get directions by Friday, August 11.

Welcomes/New and Goods/Thank You(s)

Thank you to all who volunteered to help with the last Immersion Training. Even though it was cancelled, your willingness to help is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to Jessica for running the office while the rest of the staff was traveling. We all appreciate your dedication and commitment to this organization!

Thank you to the child care workers who involve our children in fun activities every Thursday night and during other BW functions. Your willingness to spend time with our children is greatly appreciated!

Thank you to the Board members and volunteers who help support Beyond Welfare's mission. Your dedication and willingness to go the extra mile are greatly admired!

Thank you to Jocelyn for her strong commitment to Pathways. You have raised our work to a high standard that makes everything run so smoothly!

Thank you to the Learning Group for their commitment and dedication to Monday night meetings, document review, and all the other tasks associated with Pathways! This could not be a successful project without your support! You are all so amazing!

Thank you to Mike Rolling from Mike's Body and Frame for his willingness to help and always answer questions regarding our Wheels to Work program!

Phoenix Leadership Team in Nevada

The Phoenix Leadership Team in Nevada is going strong on Tuesday nights. The group meets at Memorial Lutheran Church, 701-11th Street, from 6-8pm. A meal is provided at no cost and childcare is only available with advanced notice. Please call the BW Office at 292-5992 to make reservations. Hope to see all Nevada and eastern Story County families there!

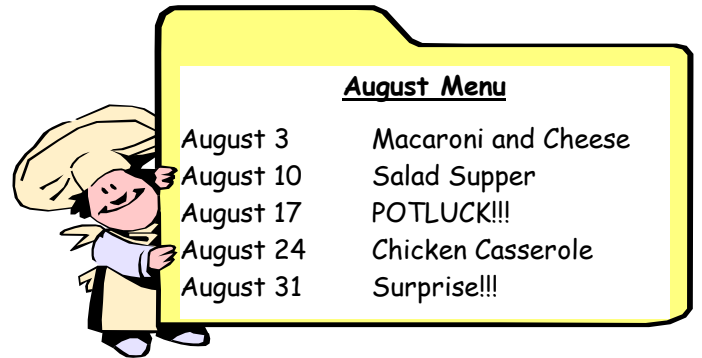
For Your Information...

MOVING VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!! Beyond Welfare is creating a list of **volunteers** that would be willing to **help participants and/or allies** move. Helping someone move is a much-needed source of energy, and it also directly helps to eliminate isolation of individuals who may not have anyone else to help with a big transition like this. If you have ever moved, you know a little help goes a long way! Please remember that this is a general notification, not a commitment. Call or e-mail Jessica with your contact information.

OPERATION BACKPACK IS COMING! The Ames school year is soon approaching and once again we need your help and support to send our students back to school prepared. Operation Backpack is a program that was started over four years ago to help support and encourage the children of Eastwood to return to school. Eastwood is the only family HUD subsidized property in Ames where low-income families can find immediate, affordable housing. This year Operation Backpack is also including Beyond Welfare and their participants in the program!

For the past three years, Operation Backpack has been able to provide needed school supplies and book bags to every school-aged child in Eastwood Village. This program will continue and be successful every year with the aid of Beyond Welfare and contributions from local businesses. Operation Backpack needs your help and support to make this year another success.

If you are willing to donate to Operation Backpack, please contact Mechelle Williams at 451-1135 or the Beyond Welfare office at 292-5992. The deadline for donations is Tuesday, August 15.



Thought of the Month

“With everything that has happened to you, you can either feel sorry for yourself, or treat what has happened as a gift. Everything is either an opportunity to grow or an obstacle to keep you from growing. You get to choose.”

~Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

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