



# Beyond Welfare Leader Letter



February 28, 2008

## Scheduled Events

Here is the CLTm programming schedule for the month of March:

3/6	listening pairs about community and police relations Board meeting
3/13	Surprise!
3/20	Open forum with Ames Police Department
3/27	Surprise!

If you are interested in joining the CLTm Curriculum Committee which plans CLTm programming, please contact the Beyond Welfare office at 292-5992.

## Board and Staff Meetings

The Beyond Welfare staff has their weekly meeting from 10am-2pm every Tuesday. During this time, please be patient and leave a message and someone will return your call as soon as possible.

The next Beyond Welfare Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 20. More details will be announced at a later date.

## Welcomes/New and Goods/Thank You(s)

A special thank you to the office volunteers: Greta A., Patty M., "Old Faithful" Christina O., Bernadette S., and Doug P. We would also like to thank Mark B. for all his work with getting donated computers to families, and Krystal W. for her help in the community meetings about confronting and dealing with racism in Ames.

THANK YOU to all who participated in Pathways to Collaboration group reflections as facilitators: Jessica, Joyce, David, Randy, Jan, and Keith, and to all who gave their perspectives through the reflection process.

Thank you to Kelley Gallagher for her hard work, creativity, donated time, and materials for the new and improved Beyond Welfare brochure. Thank you also to Sheila Rose for her contribution of the photographs that grace the brochure.

## For Your Information...

### BEYOND WELFARE FAMILIES ATTEND THE

**THEATRE:** Several participants and family members braved the blizzard on February 17 to take advantage of their free tickets to a theatrical production at Stephens Auditorium. The performance was "Addy, An American Girl Story," the story of a girl who escapes with her family from slavery, then moves to Philadelphia. For those of you who went, please prepare a thank-you letter to Sarah Compton, the ISU Center employee,

who donated the tickets. Give the letter to Greta Anderson at a CLTm meeting or leave it at the office. Who knows....Our gratitude might plant the seed for the next round of free tickets!

**NEARING THE END OF PATHWAYS:** "Pathways to Collaboration" is the name of a large grant that has occupied lots of Lois's and other people's time over the past few years (and has brought us lots of money.) The reason we are part of the program is that BW involves those it "serves" (i.e., people in poverty) in decision making. I.E., we all collaborate in making BW what it is. On February 14 we all got together to explore the "scientific findings" of the Pathways project. A big thank you from Lois to all who put thought and effort into this. A few suggestions came out about how to make BW better. BW volunteers are working on these ideas and so can you! Don't wait to be asked if you see something that needs improvement. Your speaking up and chipping in is what BW is all about.

**DO YOU WANT A CIRCLE OF SUPPORT?** A circle of support can help clarify your goals for the near- and long-term future. Allies will help you be true to yourself and connect you with opportunities you might not know about. Contact the BW office to indicate your interest, as well as names of people you would like to have on your circle.

Beyond Welfare is currently looking for people that would be willing to help staff pick up new and/or current participants and/or allies that need a ride to Thursday night CLTm meetings. We have started to see a lot of new faces, and would like to make sure they continue coming if they need a ride. Some of our new participants are also from Nevada, Story City, etc. If you are interested in helping with transportation, please call Jessica at 292-5992. Thank you for your willingness to help people stay out of isolation!

Beyond Welfare is looking to fill these capacities: Desk Watchers, Thursday night CLTm facilitators, and Dream Path facilitators and scribes. Representatives to the Hospitality Teams are also needed. If you are interested in any of these roles, please call the office at 292-5992.

Beyond Welfare has six computers that are ready to donate to families. If you are interested, please call the office at 292-5992.

## Community Resources

The Story County Community Dental Clinic is located in the Department of Human Services building at 126 South Kellogg, Suite 2. The clinic has recently hired a new dentist, and will now be seeing patients four days a week. The new hours are as follows:

Monday	9am-6pm
Tuesday /Wednesday/Thursday	8am-5pm

The clinic is accepting both new Medicaid (Tile 19) and uninsured patients. Uninsured patients will pay for services based on a sliding fee scale. The clinic will also work on dentures and partials, and perform more in-depth procedures such as root canals. For more information or to make an appointment, please call 956-4595.

Suited For Work, 130 South Sheldon Avenue, Suite #305, is a service that is available to FIP recipients and low-income men and women in Story County who have found employment or who are actively seeking employment. In order to receive work and interview clothing, you can get a referral from Beyond Welfare. Suited for Work also welcomes donations of business-appropriate, in season clothing and accessories. Please be sure that the clothing is in excellent condition, clean and on hangers, with sizes clearly marked. Acceptable items include suits, dresses, blouses, shirts, skirts, slacks, blazers, sweaters, new hosiery, all-weather coats, scarves, ties, handbags, briefcases, shoes, and jewelry. Suited for Work is open the following times:

**Closet Hours:**

Mondays 11am-1pm  
 Thursdays 5-7pm  
 Every third Saturday of the month 11am-1pm

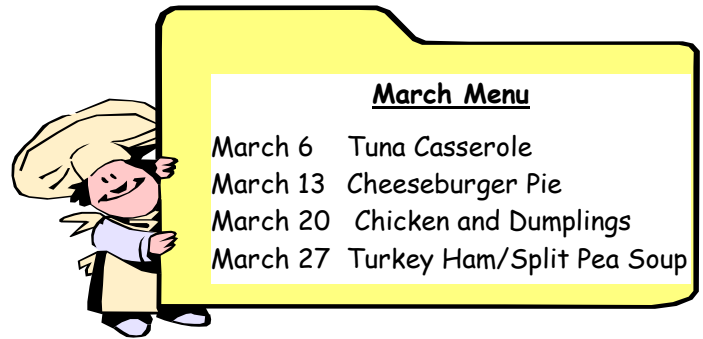
**Donation Drop-Off Times:**

Mondays 11am-1pm  
 Every third Saturday of the month 11am-1pm

For more information, call Shirley Barnes at 232-6064 or e-mail suitedforwork@hotmail.com. During open hours, call 292-8582

**Needs and Offers**

Needs	# Needed
Single bed mattress and box springs	2
Refrigerator	1
Men's sweatpants size XL	
Men's sweatpants size 20	
Full size bed mattress and box springs	1
Size 14/16 boy's sweatpants and sweatshirts	
Vacuum cleaner	1
Window air conditioner	2
Dishes	variety
Coffee maker	
Pots and pans	variety
Blender	1
Crockpot	1
Couch	1
Offers	Available
Microwave	1
Toaster Oven	1
Children's clothes-assorted sizes	
Black and white television	1



**March Menu**

- March 6 Tuna Casserole
- March 13 Cheeseburger Pie
- March 20 Chicken and Dumplings
- March 27 Turkey Ham/Split Pea Soup

**\*Jan, our wonderful cook, reserves the right to change the menu without notice. If you have food allergies or other special dietary needs, please call the office at 292-5992 or let Jan know of the situation. She will do her best to accommodate your needs.\***

**Quote of the Month**

*"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."*

~Bill Cosby, comedian

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