



Beyond Welfare Leader Letter



January 24, 2008

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, January 31	Mac and Cheese Potluck-please bring a side dish if you are able
Thursday, February 7	Cheryl Inyang presenting on Parent-Child-School Relations
Thursday, February 14	Pathways to Collaboration Breakout Sessions
Thursday, February 21	What's Love Got To Do With It? (men's and women's group)

Scheduled Events

On Thursday, January 31, Beyond Welfare will have a Mac and Cheese Potluck! Jan will have macaroni and cheese as the main entrée, and people should bring side dishes if they are willing and able. We will also play board games, so please bring some if you have any at home.

On Thursday, February 7, Cheryl Inyang from the Ames Community School District will be facilitating a discussion on parent-child-school relations during the CLTm meeting. This will be an interesting topic, so please come with your questions and comments.

On Thursday, February 14, Beyond Welfare will have breakout sessions concerning Pathways to Collaboration reflections on our story. All are invited to either attend a breakout session or watch our DVD and discuss what Beyond Welfare means to you!

On February 21, Amy and Jason Popillion and Lois will be facilitating men's and women's group. The topic will be on love and relationships and how it affects our lives.

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.

Welcomes/New and Goods/Thank You(s)

Thank you to Greta, Jan, Alissa, and the rest of the planning committee for having a wonderful baby shower for Jackie! The decorations were wonderful, the activities were fun, and the food was delicious!

For Your Information...

On Thursday, February 7, free tickets will be available at CLTm for the Seattle Children's Theatre's production of Addy: An American Girl Story. The play will be Sunday, February 17, at 3pm at CY Stephens Auditorium. Take advantage of this wonderful family opportunity!

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 Curriculum and 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

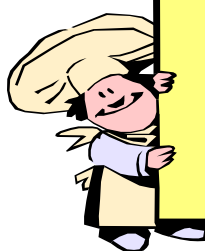
It is that time of year again to apply for energy assistance at Mid-Iowa Community Action (MICA). You will need to bring copies of the last three months of income for anyone that works in your household, most recent electric, heat, and phone bill, and the names and social security numbers for everyone in the household. To schedule an

appointment and for more information, please call 956-3333.

The Help Center is an organization centered around extending help to people in the Ames and surrounding communities through meeting physical needs with food, clothing, and referrals. The Help Center will provide families and individuals with a week's worth of food, and will also offer some baby clothing, coats, and clothing vouchers. The Help Center is sponsored by local ministries, and is located at 1627 High Avenue. It is open on Wednesdays from 3-5pm and Fridays from 4-6pm. Please contact the Help Center at 290-6881.

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



January Menu

January 3	No meeting
January 10	Egg Casserole
January 17	Creole Chicken
January 24	Spaghetti
January 31	Mac and Cheese Potluck!

Quote of the Month

“The basic difference between being assertive and being aggressive is how our words and behaviors affect the rights and well being of others.”

~Sharon Anthony Bower, author

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