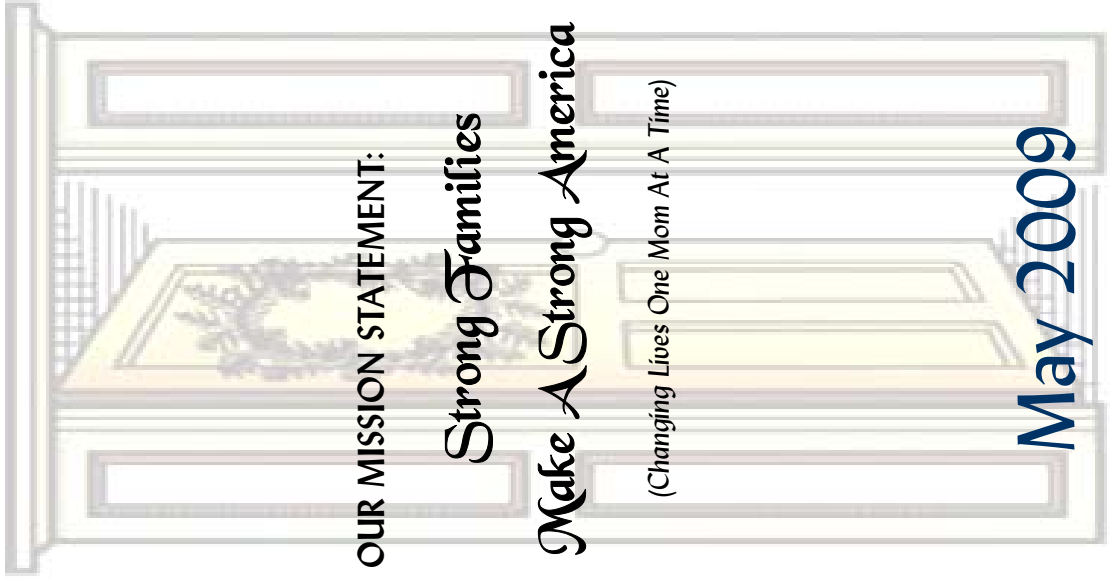


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CHILDREN ARE A GIFT FROM GOD, A HERITAGE FROM THE LORD

The below was sent to me via e-mail. I wanted all of our Single Moms and all of our Supporters Moms to read this if you haven't already seen it. **HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!!!!** Love, Lynda

A NEWBORN'S CONVERSATION WITH GOD

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?" God said, "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy." God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?" God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?" and God replied, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?" God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you any more." God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

And God said, "You will simply call her, **MOM.**"



INTRODUCING HEATHER ROUBA MRS. OKLAHOMA 2009

Heather Rouba is the new Mrs. Oklahoma 2009. She is married to Yury Rouba, and they are residents of Edmond, Oklahoma. Not only was Heather crowned the new Mrs. Oklahoma America but she also won Mrs. Photogenic, the Interview Award, the Community Service Award, and the Career Achievement Award.



Heather received her bachelor's degree in fine arts from the University of Central Oklahoma where she was awarded the Presidential Leadership Scholarship and the Award of Excellence in Design, with a major in Interior Design and minor in Art History. She is fluent in Spanish.

Heather's platform is Strengthening Marriage and Family and believes in volunteering to give of her gifts and talents that she has been blessed with. In a time when the foundation of our nation is being threatened, Heather chose to stand for Faith and Family. She believes these two pillars will secure the future success of America.

Heather is extraordinarily versatile, articulate and hard-working, so we at Bethel Foundation feel honored that she has chosen to give of her time and talents to help the mission of Bethel Foundation "One Mom At A Time".

ARE YOU TRYING TO FIT INTO OLD WINESKINS?

By Linda Ranson Jacobs

One spring day I was walking in my neighborhood. As I rounded the curve I noticed a little girl that looked to be about 5 years of age, playing outside while her mom was working in the yard. When I came back around the next time the little girl was dragging out a large tub. As I passed by her house she began to pull out the garden hose.

The next time around the block, the hose was in the bucket, water was spilling out over the sides and the little girl was nowhere to be seen. In just a moment she came running out of the house and had on what appeared to be last year's swimsuit. Evidently she had grown quite a lot over the winter. She gleefully jumped in the tub of water. She tried to sit down in the tub. She stood, got out of the tub and walked around looking at it. With a look of determination she took a running jump and headed for the water again. No matter how hard she tried, she no longer fit in that small tub.

The little girl with her too little swim suit and the tub she could no longer fit into reminded me of a lot of adults that have experienced a change in their lives. Some adults continue to try and go back and fit into their old life. Maybe you have experienced a crisis such as divorce and you just can't quite accept how your life has turned out. So you try to go back and fit into a life that no longer fits.

In Matthew 9:17 it says, "Neither do men pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst, the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved." Jesus brings a "newness" to our life. He doesn't want us to try and fit into our old life. He wants us to pour ourselves into a new and better life with Him.

Each experience we have in life grows us and matures our life with Christ. People we meet become part of our living history. Attitudes change, trust levels change. Friends come and go. Hopefully our faith walk grows to the point we can't fit into old wineskins.

"I live by faith in the son of God, who loved and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20b



BIG SKY BREAD HAS PARTNERED WITH BETHEL

Yes, it's true! For some of the **BEST HOMEMADE BREAD IN OKC**, Bethel Foundation has freezers full of this wonderful tasting bread for you Single Mothers! All you need to do is come to our office located at the Quail Ridge Towers at 11212 N. May Avenue, Suite #110, Monday thru Thursday 9am to 6pm. Bring a current photo id, complete two simple forms of paper work, and let us take your picture. The bread is FREE.

We also have non-perishable food items as well if you catch yourself in between paydays. Also, take time to visit our closet with many wonderful quality clothes for your children and yourself.





DIAMONDS CONFERENCE A BLESSING TO SINGLE MOTHERS

On Saturday, April 25, 2009 Bethel Foundation had its first Educational Conference along with a free luncheon and numerous door prizes to let Single Mothers know what is available to help them with their journey of trying to create a better life for themselves and their children. Each mother present received a Conference Book packed full of information that allowed them to take notes of Conference Presenters and information about other agencies in town that can benefit Single Mothers in areas that Bethel Foundation does not serve.

As a direct result of this conference Bethel Foundation has been invited to duplicate the conference and present to the Single Mothers at Hillside Community Correction Center formerly the old Mabel Bassett Correction Facility located at 3300 Martin Luther King Blvd. Warden Ruby Jones said this would be valuable and much needed information for the Single Mothers getting ready to go back into society. They need to know what is available to them and what agencies are available to support them as they move forward with their life. Bethel Foundation will be there on Friday, August 21st, 2009 to help educate and direct these single mothers.

BUILD YOUR BODY AND BETHEL, TOO!

Ladies, take time to design your beautiful body and build the body of Bethel Foundation as well!

Emilykaye Mitchelson, Arbonne Independent Consultant, offers a Special Discount to you and a Donation to Bethel Foundation. Mention offer code: "BETHEL" when you contact Emilykaye at (405) 659-5114 or by email at elminspire@sbcglobal.net. Also, take time to visit her web-site at www.emilykaye.myarbonne.com.



Moms line up to check-in for the April 25th Conference.



Above, one excited Mom shows off her fabulous door prize.

Dr. Melissa Hackman presented "What Your Personality Says About You"

MEGAN JOY CORKREY TOP 10 AMERICAN IDOL COMING TO OKC

We reported in our April Newsletter that Megan Joy had chosen Bethel Foundation as her cause since she is also a Single Mother. After our newsletter went out Lynda Powell personally spoke with Megan Joy and learned she will tour with American Idol from June thru September. We are now in the process of designing a t-shirt that Megan has requested so she can wear it while touring this summer. **The world will see Megan and the cause that she believes in — Bethel Foundation.**



Once Megan is finished with her contract and touring obligations she will be coming to OKC for our Official Kick-Off as she becomes a "Spokesperson" for Bethel Foundation at an exciting event that we will announce as it all comes together. We are looking for people that want to get involved with our planning committee for this exciting event that will take place later this year in Oklahoma City. We will need many volunteers and people that want to be a part of this event and to help a worthwhile cause. Call the office at 286-3700 and ask for Lynda to learn more about this opportunity of having fun and giving back.

KIDS ROCK CAMP Free Health and Nutrition Camp

Highlights of Camp Activities:

- ◆ Age-appropriate hands-on meal preparation - Eat what you learn how to prepare and then take home groceries everyday along with recipes to share with Mom
- ◆ Special activities with Kids Fit Program and YMCA
- ◆ OKC Fire Department to teach you about Fire Safety and Prevention
- ◆ OKC Police Department to teach you about what to do when home alone
- ◆ Red Cross to teach about basic CPR (Each child will receive a free First Aid kit to take home.)
- ◆ Clown visitation with specially made balloons for each child
- ◆ Moon Bounce for a Fun Time
- ◆ Create a "Special Scrapbook"
- ◆ ZooMobile to visit on camp site
- ◆ Souvenir pictures for each child
- ◆ Special event on Friday - Each child will take home a **New Back Pack** filled with school supplies to help with going back to school in the fall.



Registration is Open for Kids Rock Camp 2009!

This summer we will have two camps as the demand has been huge, with our first camp just 30 days out. We still have some slots left but they are filling up, so if your child is going into the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade they can attend camp FREE! Each camp is limited to 30 campers and then we will have a waiting list.

No repeat campers as this is an "Educational Camp."

Dates: June 8-12, 2009 & July 27-31, 2009

Location: Gymnasium at Britton Christian Church
922 NW 91st St., Oklahoma City, OK

Coordinator: Nancy Malone

Contact: 286-3700 or
nmalone@bethelfoundationusa.com



RAB'S RAB'S CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY CLUB HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYS & GIRLS!

If you are a Single Mother and you would like to register your child for the Rab Rab's Children's Birthday Club, then please call the office at 286-3700 and we will send you a Membership Form to complete. We need advance notice regarding upcoming birthdays so please register and keep us updated when your phone number changes so your child won't miss out. The Birthday Club will have available for your child on their birthday: **Balloons ~ Cake ~ Gift**



Trevor Morse, turning 11 years old, was so excited to receive his favorite birthday cake, balloons and gift card to Game Stop.

Here's **Meocessa Harris** joining the Birthday Club on May 2nd, when she received a full-sized chocolate cake, balloons and a gift certificate to Oo-la-la. She turned 14 years old. Our teenagers are certainly enjoying the Birthday Club just as much as our little guys and girls!



May Birthdays

- May 2 Meocessa Harris
- May 3 Justin Sanders
- May 22 Jayden Sanders
- May 27 Cierra A. Cobb-Walls
- May 29 Macie Marlaina Jacobson



MEET BETHEL FOUNDATION'S NEWEST VOLUNTEER

Josh Berglan responded to a need that Bethel Foundation had, in helping us keep the lawns looking nice as we continue to work on homes that are empty and to help some of the mothers with their lawns.

Josh is Vice-President of Medical Specialty Supply of Oklahoma, Inc. located at 13654 S. Western in Oklahoma City. Josh has been working in this business for 16 years, since he was 14 years old. They can design custom seating, custom power and manual wheelchairs, support surfaces, cushions and diabetic shoes and more. When Josh contacted us to say he wanted to volunteer with the lawns we were curious, knowing that his schedule must be very full and hectic owning a business. He said he had a heart for Single Mothers having been raised by a Single Mother and this was a way that he could give back and get out of the office all at the same time. *Josh's Heart is as big as His smile!*

Give Josh a call at 692-7756 and **WELCOME HIM ON BOARD!!!**



DAUGHTER OF SINGLE MOTHER NEEDS HELP TRAVELING TO COLLEGE

Katie Steele, the daughter of one of our mothers, Lindie Steele, will be graduating this May with the Class of 2009 from Classen School of Advanced Studies. Katie was a Visual Arts Major and has worked diligently for 7 years. She has held a job since her sophomore year and has met every challenge at school and life head on. Katie's father died when her mother was 26 years old so she grew up with a Single Mother that never remarried and turned to God to be the father to the fatherless.

When Lindie saw our article about Harvard offering full scholarships she called to tell us the good news about her daughter and to see if there was any help available to them. Lindie went on to tell us about encouraging her daughter to apply to four colleges that seemed absolutely surreal to her, since after all, she was a low income single mother household. As all parents we want the best for our children so the daughter went for it and then Mom started worrying about whether she had set her daughter up for failure...but then she decided to just pray and ask for God's will in her daughter Katie's life. As it turned out Katie was **ACCEPTED** into **DARTMOUTH** for the fall of 2009. Katie's scholarship package covers her expenses except for \$2,800, of which Katie plans to earn as much as she possibly can this summer, working as a hostess at a local restaurant. She will also be in a work study program on campus.

This **DREAM** coming true may seem like the end of the road to getting there, but there is of course more work to be done, which starts with actually getting Katie to New Hampshire! They believe the only need left will be the transportation of getting Katie to Dartmouth, which will require approximately \$500.00.

Bethel has a scholarship fund to help all our students with their college expenses. If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please send your check payable to Bethel Foundation and indicate on the corner of the check that it is for scholarships. If you feel led to give for this cause then please realize that anything can be helpful and can bless this student and many others. If you want to know more about this program, please call Lynda at the office, 286-3700.



CHEER & POM CAMP

Pre-K thru 6th Grade
3 DAYS OF FUN!

Camp Includes:

- Poms
- Camp T-shirt
- Crafts
- Daily Devotionals
- Camp Award

Special Event

June 25 5:00pm
Camper Performance
Awards & Bake Sale

June 23-25 1pm-4pm



Learn Cheers, Chants
and A Dance!



All instruction is separated by age. Scholarships are available for the camp. Call Lynda at 286-3700 to learn more about this Fun Camp this summer.

Henderson Hills Baptist Church Gym