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*Connecting and uniting churches, organizations and individuals in working together  
to break down barriers of poverty, race and despair in the name Jesus Christ.*

## 4 Point Plan – Project URGE, Inc. by Garry Manuel, Director *Planning & Engaging to Impact Neighborhoods*

Approximately 80% of the ministries and organizations affiliated with Project URGE are located along the “poverty crescent”. We’ve divided that route into four targeted areas. The ministries and organizations are being asked to plan and collaborate together on impacting their neighborhood by:

- Determining what services, ministries and assets are already in place within the area, comprised of pre-existing Project URGE relationships
- Assess the strengths and weaknesses
- Reach out to those in the area, not presently in the Project URGE “family”, who are willing to provide a supportive element in this collaborative effort
- Engage others who have ministries/organizations that have the capacity to reach a particular area addressing a specific need or expertise
- Implementing the plans to transform neighborhoods

In the Fall of 2005 we drafted an outline for the plan, which focused primarily upon strengthening the relationships we had been cultivating for a number of years within Project URGE, then, reaching out to forge additional strategic cooperation. After attending a CCDA (Christian Community Development Association) Conference in Indianapolis, we folded many of these ideas and methods into the “4 Point Plan”. Those workshops were offered by leaders (some with over twenty years experience) who have been tenacious and successful in reversing trends of racism and poverty in cities such as Chicago, Dallas, Baltimore, Miami and etc.

Our hope is to engage churches in the process by linking specific expertise (now seated in the congregations) to the areas of need, along with more volunteers and financial support as these projects develop.

In this way the planning and action for these initiatives stem from those living, working and serving in those areas, but we seek to find people who can also provide some missing features. I’ll compare it to cooking a meal – all the main ingredients are present; however, you may need a bigger oven, or some extra ingredients to fortify the dish, or some extra spices (in someone else’s cupboard) to make it taste better. But the outcome is planned from the recipe and satisfying.

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### **Project URGE Affiliates:**

- \**Rochester Family Mission*
- \**Outreach Temple (COGICU)*
- \**Adopt-a-Class (School #17)*
- \**Mercy Residential*
- \**CFC Homeless & Housing*
- \**Touching & Agreeing Faith Ministries, Inc.*
- \**Community Lutheran Ministry*
- \**Grace Community Village, Inc.*
- \**Center for Christian Social Ministry (Roberts Wesleyan College)*
- \**Kidz Kafe’*
- \**His Branches*
- \**Nevaeh*
- \**Moms In Touch*
- \**Comfort In Crisis*
- \**Foodlink*
- \**Friends Helping Friends*
- \**Teen Challenge and more...*

### **Project URGE: 4 Point Plan – Impacting Neighborhoods – Farm Markets – Transitioning the Homeless**

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### **Farm Markets**

In conjunction with *Foodlink* we hope to establish farm markets in the 4 areas in order to 1) make available nutritional foods to more of the under-resourced neighborhoods, 2) create new jobs, 3) create a hub where people in the neighborhood can receive important information (i.e. health, education, spiritual needs) and 4) at the same time support farmers in the area (some who are also struggling).

### **Homeless Transition**

Additionally, Ruth Fisher and Lisa Lewis from Homeless and Housing (CFC) are drafting a plan to help with transitional housing for the homeless. This suggestion grew from our February meeting, sprouting from an article published in *Christianity Today's* February issue called, "Bridge to a Place Called Home".

In a nutshell, the plan would have churches sponsor a homeless person or family for about

a year, to provide decent transitional housing, while mentors and/or case managers would provide training, counseling and education to assist in the process. The fact remains that people who are typically in crisis or repeatedly returning to shelters need more time and familiarity with positive models than the usual 15-30 day stay. There needs to be a more holistic approach to changing people's circumstances.

### **The Promise within the 4 Points**

The promise of this collaboration in the 4 Point Plan is unprecedented. It will become a reality when 1) people are involved, contributing and committed to planning and action, 2) the church responds to the call, 3) city and county government work in harmony with these efforts and begin to remove perceived barriers in these targeted areas and 4) that prayer continually surrounds all these areas of activities.

God does **not** bless lip service, but will respond to the **faithful**.



Williamson REACH

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Lesley De Long, Director  
of Grace Community  
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### ***Teens Are Making a Difference by Volunteering in the City!***

- ❖ **30 Hour Famine** - 7 Churches with 150 Youth & Adults Serve from churches in Fairport, Macedon and Penfield (cross-denominational)
- ❖ **Williamson REACH** volunteers will be back in action April 28<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **30 Hour Famine** – Youth and adults from Perinton Presbyterian

### **Community Service Impacts the Giver and Receiver**

Service opportunities have generated returns for all involved. One of the focal points for Project URGE has been to create awareness of the needs, which in turn, opens the door to serving. Many times an experience plants a seed which can grow for a lifetime. The hope is that growth will in turn produce more seeds, which will produce a greater return.

A variety of tasks are fulfilled, through both the REACH program and the 30 Hour Famine efforts, which include: sorting clothing, organizing crafts for summer camp, painting, cleaning, reading to children and unpacking food.

The groups have served at Rochester Family Mission, Women's Place, Outreach Temple (Home Mission),

Sanctuary House, Grace Community Village, Mercy Residential, Eastern Service Workers Association, Francis Center, Community Lutheran Ministries and Foodlink.

"They were valuable experiences for all of the kids and adults as well" said Sue Turiano. "They were wonderful! This was the first time that we experienced this and were totally shocked and amazed by their willingness to work steadily and efficiently for what seemed like forever. Also, the parent that was with them was very supportive and encouraging. I must say that I had no idea that they would get as much done as they did!" Lesley DeLong (Grace C.V.).

***Touching and Agreeing Faith Ministries – He Is Risen***

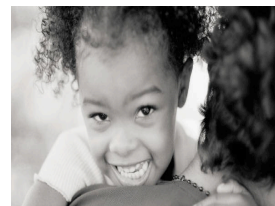
Have you noticed that the days are getting longer? A sure sign that spring is just about to be sprung. When I think of Spring I automatically think of Easter. That is a connection, I am pretty sure, many others also make. To think of spring makes us think of new life. The trees, flowers, grass and etc. that looked so dead during the winter now come to life. The sap, that lay dormant, begins to flow and green leaves and colorful flowers appear. Our spirits are lifted as we anticipate the coming of long days filled with sunshine, warm weather and all the associated activities. Easter is also about new life. The Messiah had been crucified, died and was buried. On that eventful morning, over 2000 years ago, He, who was dead, was raised to “New” life. The sap of life once again ran through His veins and color was in His cheeks. He lived! Because He lived, those who believed on Him would live also. Oh, how the spirits of the believers must have soared as they anticipated being with their Savior and Lord once again. We all know how the story played out; all the events that occurred and the words that were spoken during His time with the believers before He went to be with the Father. Before ascending to the Father, Jesus gave believers a promise. He was going to send the Holy Spirit to empower them to walk in the fullness of

new life in Him. As they did so, they would bring others to Him so that they too could move from death into new life. Today that promise is still in effect. We, as Spirit filled believers, endowed with power are still to reach out to the lost with the message of salvation (new life). As I rehearse the mission of Project URGE and see the impact this group makes in the lives of so many, our spirits are lifted. I have been encouraged to step out on faith because of the “Sap” that flows from this organization. The “Sap” has caused those dreams we once thought impossible (dead) to come alive and bear fruit (flowers) for the kingdom. I dare say not only TAFM’S, but many others also. By yielding yourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit, you become instruments of the risen Savior and open the door for the lost to see Jesus in action and seek new life in Him for themselves.

So we exhort you, Garry and Project URGE members, be encouraged. Be not weary in well doing, for you shall continue to reap if you don’t give up. Let your “Sap” flow. Continue to walk in “Newness” of life in Christ so that you may draw others unto Him. When you feel as it will always be winter, remember Easter and the message of “Life” that it holds. He is risen! And He lives in and thru YOU! Be blessed,

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***ROCHESTER FAMILY MISSION LOOKS TO SUMMER MINISTRY***

Holiday time is a busy time at Rochester Family Mission, but it is far from quiet in the summer months. July 5<sup>th</sup>–August 10<sup>th</sup> will be Summer Day Camp time. At least 50 children are expected to be involved in Healthy Families/Healthy Neighborhood Summer Camp. It’s an exciting time of Bible stories, puppet ministry, field trips, swimming, and crafts. RFM has been blessed to have various teen ministry teams come in to work with the children. It’s a life changing experience for the children and the teens as well. We invite you to be involved in this important outreach by praying and by giving your financial support (it costs \$100 a child for the six weeks of camp). Youth leaders and parents: you may be looking for a summer ministry project for your teens. How about “urban missions”? **Call 436-7523** for further information.

**Summer is coming and ministry is happening at RFM!**

## ***Outreach Temple – soup kitchen & food pantry***

By Missionary Eva Irene Daughtery, Director

**1 John 3:18**

***“Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.”***

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### **Outreach Temple, (COGICU):**

For more information please feel free to call Eva Irene at home 328-0390, or 746-1351 (cell) or Paulette at 436-2516.. You may also call the church 254-3820 and leave a message.

Outreach Temple Church of God in Christ United - 218 Murray Street  
Rochester, New York 14606  
Bishop Rufus McGee Pastor  
Missionary Eva Daughtery , Director  
Mother Paulette Morris Assistant  
Mission Director

The Mission Department of Outreach Temple has been in operation for about 9 years. We serve a hot meal every Saturday from 12 noon until 2pm. This meal is served to any in need of food. These are people primarily from the Murray, Ames St. and Lyell Ave. area, as well as other neighborhoods in close proximity. From time to time we deliver a hot meal to Sanctuary House, a women-children's shelter in our area.

We serve about 450 people monthly. This includes any one who desires to have a hot, well-balanced meal. Some are homeless or on very low incomes. Our Food Pantry gives out food every Friday to people in the same area. We give them enough food for about three complete meals.

We serve about 155 households monthly. We also give food to families throughout the City of Rochester on a one-time basis. These people are referred to us by other agencies, such as Life line, Family Mission etc. These are emergencies.

We serve them, then refer them to a pantry in their area. Our endeavor is to reach the people in need in our community and let them know there is some one who cares. We not only feed them naturally, but also feed them spiritually. We have Missionaries and a Minister on hand if they would like prayer or just needing the encouragement that God loves them, as we do. We also pass out informational flyers that will direct them to places where their individual needs can be met. We have one on one conversations with those simply needing someone to talk with.

We are blessed to have people from other churches in the city and suburban areas that come to help us prepare meals, serve, give out food, etc. We get bread, cake, donuts etc. from Tops, in Canandaigua, which is delivered to us every Saturday by a Project URGE team, consisting primarily of those from Crosswinds Wesleyan Church. We get the bulk of our food from Foodlink; however, they do not give items such as paper products, eggs, milk, condiments etc. Our church is very small so we depend on donations of these items as well as monetary donations from our friends, and family churches. We are always in need of financial assistance, as well as people to help cook, serve, and transport and give out food.

### ***Project URGE partners with Foodlink to bring fresh, local farm product to your church!***



**Nutritional Food Coming!**

Beginning this summer, Project URGE affiliates and churches will have the opportunity to host a produce stand for your own congregation. This is a great way to bring the community together in fellowship while providing fresh, locally grown produce. It can also offer an empowering project for your youth group to learn entrepreneurial business skills and gain work experience.

Foodlink will provide the produce for sale through its existing food transportation system and network of farm contacts eager to sell locally. For questions or to get involved, please call **Jack Montague at (585) 328-3380 x500** or email [\*\*farminfo@foodlinkny.org\*\*](mailto:farminfo@foodlinkny.org)



## Rochester Teen Challenge



Exciting things are happening at the center. We have 4 students that have recently completed the Induction phase here at Rochester, and have advanced to the second phase in Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania. We have also received 4 new students here at the center this month.

2 of our students have made recent rededications to Christ. One of our students received prayer and received a healing. Another student testified that he has felt a release from God that he is now totally free from drug addiction, and can just focus on building his relationship with the Lord. Our newest student was presented with the gospel, and is considering making a decision to serve the Lord. We thank God for the miraculous transformation in the lives of these students.

We are networking with the Rochester Urban Center and Candle House Teen Challenge once again for street outreach. We are planning on 5 outreach weeks over this Spring and Summer. There are many people who have great needs in their lives. We plan to take the love of Jesus to the city streets to those who need to hear about him. Jesus has given the command to go out, and compel people to come into His kingdom. We have been doing some improvements to our center to better serve our students on our North wing. Four bathrooms were upgraded with new showers, new tile and paint. We have also been going room to room and doing cosmetic repairs. We do have an unexpected special need. We had a sewer line that collapsed, and also a supply line that needed replacement. The total cost for this was \$2,650.00. If you would like to help us with a special gift to help cover this cost, it would be greatly appreciated.

This month we have 3 special holidays: Mother's day on May 14<sup>th</sup>, Armed Forces Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>, and Memorial Day on the last Monday of the month. We give a special tribute to all mothers this month, to all who serve in our armed services, and to the memory of all who have given the supreme sacrifice of themselves in service, and defense of this country! We want to thank you personally for standing with us here at the center. We so greatly appreciate your continued partnership as we minister to the needs of the students here at Teen Challenge. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James L. West". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rev. James L. West  
Executive Director

Teen Challenge is available to speak and minister at your church, youth group, or to do a presentation at local schools or recreation centers. Please call us at 325-7123 to schedule a ministry team. **Moving? Teen Challenge can help!** You rent the truck, and we load and unload it. Competitively priced! Call Teen Challenge to help you move, and help change a life! Call 325-7123. **Reminder:** Our Spring Banquet will be on Thursday evening, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Diplomat Party House, beginning at 6:00PM. Our special guest speaker will be the Rev. John Castellani, CEO of Teen Challenge Training Center, Inc. Our students will be sharing in song and testimony as well. Tickets are \$18.00 each. RSVP only by May 14<sup>th</sup>. No tickets at the door. Please call (585) 325-7123.

**Current Needs:** Cleaning Products - Laundry Soap - Bed Sheets - Pillow Cases - Towels - Wash Cloths - Soap - Shampoo - Deodorant - Tooth Paste - Dish Soap - Bleach - Pine Sol - Sponsors

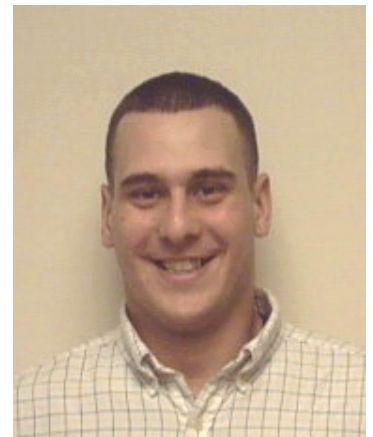
## ***Rochester Teen Challenge Student Testimonies***



Hi, my name is John. I am 28. I have been using drugs since I was 16. Because of my pride, I thought I was strong enough to just stop on my own, but I was wrong. I fought a losing battle for many years. About a year ago my mother hung a beautiful picture of Jesus over my bed, and told me she put it there so He could watch over me. Now it didn't matter whether or not I was high or sober, I was always staring at this picture. I had even picked up a Bible a couple of times and read it. Well, one day when I was at my worst I got on my knees and prayed for God to help me. About a week later my sister asked if I wanted to go to church with

her and I told her "no." As she was leaving God spoke to me, and told me I should go. So I chased her down the driveway and went. When I got there it was like the service was written for me. By the end of it I was ready to turn my life over to God. I was saved that night, and the next day I had made the decision to come to Teen Challenge. I have been clean for two and a half months now, and I am considering going to Bible college when I complete Teen Challenge.

Hi, my name is Rick. I'm 25 and from Rochester. I was raised by both parents until I was 10, when they divorced. I became very angry about it. To deal with my anger I became abusive to myself, and others. I started using drugs around the age of 13. By the time I was 16 I used pot every day, and started using cocaine. It progressed over the years. By the time I was 20, I was married with a child, but also completely addicted to drugs and alcohol.



By age 21 I had separated from my wife. I came to Teen Challenge. I went through the entire program and graduated. God did many things in my life. He restored my relationship with my family. After completing the program, I didn't put into practice what I had learned. Within a few months I fell away from God. I started using drugs again, and ended up worse off. I went through a divorce, and had a very poor relationship with my daughter. It took a couple of years, but the pain was unbearable at the end. God brought me back to Teen Challenge in December. God has delivered me from not just drug addiction, but also suicide and sexual addictions. He has released me from my anger, and is showing me what He wants me to do. The relationship with my daughter is slowly being restored. God is calling me to attend Bible college this fall. I thank God for Teen Challenge because without it I would never have met God, or have been restored to His kingdom. I am learning new ways to go through this temporary life through God's Word.

## ***Coatlink - 2005 Report***

by Fred Stresing



Coatlink is an annual event, so have your church or organization start planning now for collection in October!

If your church would like to take part in next year's Coatlink effort, start planning now by contacting:

**Fred Stresing @ [fstresing@frontiernet.net](mailto:fstresing@frontiernet.net) or calling 585-229-4898**

Coatlink proceeds await pick-up at Crosswinds Wesleyan Church

On Saturday, Dec. 3rd, 6 volunteers sorted, bagged and delivered 34 bags of coats (about 360 coats), gloves, towels and blankets to several locations throughout the Project Urge family, including Francis Center's men's homeless shelter, Eastern Service Workers boutique, for low-income workers and their families, Grace Community Village's community shop, where low-income families can shop for used items, Mercy Residential Services teen mother live-in location and Women's Place, a mothers and childrens homeless shelter. In addition, new items will be provided to Catholic Family Services for homeless Christmas programs as we have done in the past.

Coats were graciously provided by Fairport Evangelical Church, Crosswinds Wesleyan, New Covenant Fellowship and the Outreach Temple (COGICU). In addition, the Lutheran community of the Rochester Area provided coats directly to Community Lutheran Ministries for distribution in the Joseph Ave. neighborhood. Additionally, the Canandaigua Baptist Church was involved in a later Coatlink drive.

## ***SOUTHWEST FEST, A TIME OF CELEBRATION AND OUTREACH***

It's not too soon to be thinking of the sixth annual southwest Fest. It will be held at the Madison School of Excellence field, 200 Genesee Street, Saturday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>, 11 am – 3 pm. This continues to be great time for **Rochester Family Mission** volunteers and staff as we join other neighborhood collaboratives in friendship and support to our southwest families.

Last year 907 new book bags filled with school supplies were given to needy neighborhood children. The need grows each year so we invite you to help us in this outreach to our neighbors. We need **lots** of new book bags, wide ruled notebook paper, crayons, colored pencils, rulers, glue sticks, and erasers. (Monetary donations are gladly received. Mark "Southwest Fest" on the memo line of your check). We need those who can volunteer their time at the Fest: manning the games, helping with refreshments. It truly is a celebration with Christian entertainment, free hotdogs and drink, cotton candy, games, giveaways, etc.

***"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me..." (Mark 9:37)***



## ***Friends Helping Friends News:***

### **“Delays, Setbacks, Progress and Successes.”**

As many people already know, the purchase of our new food distribution warehouse at 333 Child Street (507-509 Jay Street) has been delayed. Since the property is a foreclosure property, we're having difficulties with the current owner's creditors. Friends Helping Friends had coordinated with the two creditors FHF to purchase the building and anticipated closing on the purchase of the facility in early December. However, immediately before the purchase of the property, our lawyer found out that yet another creditor had placed a judgment on the property. Thus, the first creditor has had to foreclose on the property to remove the existing judgments obtain a clean title and then sell the property to Friends Helping Friends. Even though this delay has been frustrating, we like the location of the property, the size and layout of the facility, as well as the good condition and the price. We decided that we were willing to wait for the right building. In addition, we've had more time to work on the other projects on our agenda. Friends Helping Friends appreciates the flexibility of Dave Delano at M&T Bank and Raylene Clark-Gomes of the Institute of Community Economics. In addition, we'd also like to thank our legal counsel for handling the negotiations & closing of the purchase, Joe Lentini & Rudy LePore.

### **The Bikes for Youth Mentoring Program**



Friends Helping Friends originally began working with Second Life Bikes, a small family-run bicycle program coordinated by local bicycle philanthropist, Ray Fitzgerald. After Mr. Fitzgerald moved to Florida in September, Friends Helping Friends has decided to bring the same bicycle mentorship program “in-house.” Coordinating this bicycle repair program in-house will prevent hassles associated with partnering with another organization and will use the expertise of FHF's Board of Directors. A retiree, Mr. Dan Lill, the program coordinator, will use his youth development background as a teacher at the Rochester School for the Deaf and his recent experience working at St. Joseph's House's bike clinic. The dissolution of the partnership between Second Life Bikes and FHF has caused considerable delays. We're just finishing the needed renovations for 226-230 Hudson Avenue and will be orienting mentors in mid-April.

**“PICKING UP THE PIECES,”** the strategic plan that Mayor Johnson and the Greater Rochester Community developed called for the creation of *Safe Havens for Challenged Youth* to address youth alienation. “These havens should ... provide a supportive environment where the youth can learn and access needed services, develop relationships, and find opportunities and strategies to be productive and successful.”

If you haven't already considered it, consider learning about bicycle repair and youth work and be a mentor in FHF's “Bikes for Youth Mentoring Program.” Friends Helping Friends is working to have youth development and bicycle repair trainers available. Even if you haven't worked with kids or have little bicycle repair skills, all you have to do is be willing to learn! The BYMP will provide training in bicycle repair, as well as counseling in youthwork for mentors that are willing to commit to one year of mentoring. Colin Powell, among others, have heralded mentoring as a cost-efficient and effective way of changing behaviors, especially among kids with incarcerated parents or youth that are involved in the criminal justice system.



### ***Friends Helping Friends presents Hunger Banquet - Fundraising Dinner***

Friends Helping Friends will be performing Oxfam, America's "Hunger Banquet" on Saturday April 22nd at Salem United Church of Christ at 60 Bittner Street. Doors open @ 5:30pm and the program will start at

6pm. The Hunger Banquet is a dinner presentation that demonstrates the inequalities of resources throughout the world with a dramatic performance. This banquet is a family-oriented event; kids are welcome.

In addition to a performance you won't soon forget, come listen to dynamic speakers (Patrick Trevor from

Anthony L. Jordan Health Center, Rajesh Barnabas from Charles Settlement House, Charles Kellum from Poor People United and Garry Manuel from Project URGE) and eat a delicious meal. \$20 suggested donation w/sliding scale (\$10 – or less for low-income people or students). Support Friends Helping Friends as we move into our new Child Street warehouse!

Please RSVP! Phone: (585) 546-5162;  
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### **ESWA PREPARES TO MOVE INTO NEW OFFICE CENTRAL; LAUNCHES SPRING EXPANSION CAMPAIGN**

#### ***New Office Central***

Eastern Service Workers Association (ESWA) is excited to announce that construction on our new Office Central, at the corner of First and Bay Street, is virtually complete. The new building is located next door to our current office at 244 Bay Street, and will give us twice as much space to be able to expand our self-help efforts on behalf of our membership of low-income workers and their families.

We plan to move into the new building within the next two weeks and to hold a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony and Open House in late May. (Date TBA).

#### ***Spring Expansion Campaign***

At the same time, we are launching our Spring Expansion Campaign. Low-income workers face terrible debt this spring from winter heating bills. Coupled with rising costs for other essentials such as food and gasoline, many families are at risk of utility shut-offs, eviction notices, or will not be able to afford food with sufficient protein and calories to maintain an adequate diet.

We will be holding our annual ***Spring Into Action Brunch*** to bring together our members and their families and others from the community to celebrate the beginning of spring as a time of renewal and hope. The event provides a hot, nutritious meal to families and features an Easter Egg Hunt and games and activities for children. It will be held on **Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. at The Aquinas Institute at 1127 Dewey Avenue in Rochester.** Please join us.

#### ***Canvass Volunteers Needed***

We especially need more volunteers to join our twice a week membership canvasses this spring. On the canvass, teams of ESWA members and volunteers go house to house in low-income neighborhoods. Through this process we make the all-important face-to-face contact with those most in need of self-help organization. We get the word out about our free of charge 11-point Benefit Program, which meets the survival needs of our members, and the ability for self-help through collective action in neighborhoods where the need for organization is greatest.

Canvasses go out twice a week: Saturdays from 10:30-3:30 p.m. and Tuesdays from 12:30-5:30 p.m. (Both preceded by an orientation for first time volunteers which begins 1/2 hour prior to the canvass.)

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Canvassers go out in teams of two or three, with new volunteers paired up with an experienced canvasser. The entire canvass is lead by an experienced organizer.

#### *Dental Benefit Needs Volunteers*

We also have an urgent need right now for volunteer dentists and others to help expand our non-emergency dental benefit. In February, in conjunction with the Seventh District Dental Society, we conducted "Give Families A Smile" Day at Monroe Community College. More than 50 adults and children received a free dental cleaning and examination. The Dental Society is providing dentists to do the follow-up care needed by the children. However, we need more dentists to do the follow-up for the adults.

If you are a dentist and can participate or want more information, or if you know a dentist you can help us approach to participate, please contact us right away. We are also looking for volunteers to work on enlisting more dentists to participate on an ongoing basis, including specialists, and to be advocates and drivers within our dental benefit.

Please contact ESWA at **(585) 654-9640** to find out about these and other activities you can participate in or for more information. Ask for Mark. Together we can make a difference! *Thank you in advance.*

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### ***FIELD OF MIRACLES – August 18-20<sup>th</sup> at Frontier Field***

**Joshua Revolution** in cooperation with many churches in the Greater Rochester Region is hosting a three day transformational youth event geared to reach thousands of young people and adults with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. ***The Field of Miracles*** is coming to Frontier Field August 18-20<sup>th</sup> and is completely free to the public.

The music will offer great ethnic diversity by artists such as Ricardo Sanchez, Truce (Nicky Cruz Outreach), Jason Upton, Jonathan Maracle and the Jessie Goodman Band. These groups will bring a strong anointed sound of praise and worship to the City of Rochester.

Also, coming to the Field of Miracles is evangelist Nicky Cruz. He has traveled across the world telling his transformation story of how Jesus took a notorious New York City gang leader and converted him into a new man. Nicky has now preached the gospel to over 60 million people and seen thousands saved and delivered by the blood of Jesus. Nicky and his outreach team called Truce have gone into the hardest and most drug infested cities in the world to share the love of Jesus. Nicky has a gift of relating to young people that few others possess.

Truce as well as other missions groups will hit the streets of the Greater Rochester area in the weeks leading up to the event ministering to people and presenting the message of Christ. They will go into some of the toughest neighborhoods in Rochester and invite everyone to come to Frontier Stadium on August 18-20<sup>th</sup>.

Also coming to the Field of Miracles is speaker and writer Becky Tirabasi. Becky is touring college campuses across America calling for 40 days of prayer and fasting for revival to come to America. Becky was recently at Roberts Wesleyan College speaking on prayer and calling that campus to pray for revival. Becky shares her powerful story of how God delivered her from a life of alcohol and immorality and transformed her heart and life.

National assembly speaker and preacher Reggie Dabbs is coming to the Field of Miracles as well. Reggie's ministry is sure to touch many young people as he shares his story of being born to a prostitute, although her pregnancy was unplanned she choose not to abort his life. Reggie is one of the most sought out youth communicators in America.

We will need the help of many people to make the Field of Miracles a reality. Ushers, safety, altar, prayer, transportation and administration are areas of need. We are also asking people and churches to Step to the Plate by making a financial contribution in support of this event.

There was a famous line from the movie Field of Miracles that said "If you build it, he will come." The Field of Miracles is an event that is being built with the mindset that there is going to be a Divine visitation at this event and all who attend are going to be forever changed by the power of God. The challenge to all is to "Just Believe," and bring as many of your friends and family who need the Lord. Something wonderful is going to happen at Frontier Field on August 18-20. **Don't miss it!**

For more information on this completely **free** event call **Joshua Revolution** today at 1.888.415.KIDS / 716.284.8173 OR visit the Joshua Revolution web site for this event at **FieldOfMiracles.org**

## **World Vision's - 30 Hour Famine**

More than 180 youth and adults gathered on Friday night, March 3<sup>rd</sup> to help fight hunger and poverty around the world. The youth and adults are from the Fairport, Penfield, Macedon and Pittsford communities representing 8 area churches. These churches included: Church of the Resurrection, St. John of Rochester and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic, Penfield Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran, Fairport and Penfield Untied Methodist Churches. On Saturday morning that same number of youth and adults served at Rochester area ministries and agencies. They included Asbury Dining Center and Asbury Storehouse; Cameron Ministries; the three Catholic Family Center Shelters (Women's Place, Francis Center and Sanctuary House); Foodlink; Friends Helping friends; Grace Community Village; House of Mercy; Mercy Residential; Outreach Temple; Rochester Family Mission; Teen Challenge and St. Peter and Paul's Clothing Closet. As always, when we serve, we the participants take away as much or more, spiritually speaking, than we have given. All of the churches together raised over \$16,000, and counting, for World Vision. It was a wonderful weekend of giving and receiving!!

World Vision is a charter member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. An audited financial statement is available from World Vision by calling 1-800-7-FAMINE.

Check out their website at [www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org)

## ***Parenthood: Journey of a Lifetime – Reaching Out to At-Risk Families***

Raising children in today's world is challenging. These challenges are especially critical and overwhelming for parents trapped in poverty and lacking supportive parental systems. This seminar provides knowledge about critical issues facing at-risk families and addresses ways to approach those issues. It is sponsored by the Homeless and Housing Services Department of Catholic Family Center, in collaboration with Church of the Transfiguration. The keynote speaker will be the Honorable Anthony Sciolino, Monroe County Family Court Judge and Deacon at the Church of the Transfiguration.

**Date:** Wednesday, April 26, 2006

**Time:** Registration & exhibits: 6:30 pm

Seminar: 7 – 9 PM

**Place:** Church of the Transfiguration – 50 W. Bloomfield Rd. in Pittsford

**RSVP:** Ruth Fischer 423-5950 x202 or email, [rfischer@cfcrochester.org](mailto:rfischer@cfcrochester.org) or  
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### **\*\*\*Project URGE NEXT scheduled meetings:**

May 21 (Sunday) – 4 PM at Outreach Temple – 218 Murray St. – just off Lyell Ave., Rochester

June 16 (Friday) – 7 PM at Walnut Hill Community Church – 359 W. Bloomfield Rd., Pittsford

for further information call (585) 223-8340 or email [ProUrge@aol.com](mailto:ProUrge@aol.com)

\*The Prayer warriors team requests corporate prayer the day prior to each meeting.

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