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III CORD FOUNDATION ANNUAL FUNDRAISER "LIFTING UP TOMORROW'S YOUTH"

On Saturday, March 24, 2007, III Cord Foundation hosted its annual fundraising event; this year's theme was "Lifting Up Tomorrow's Youth". The focus of the activities highlighted the agency's exciting programs and activities that promote our youth, Youth Entrepreneurship Program, and the Individual Development Account (IDA) Program.

The event hosted 60 attendees and included personal reflections from several speakers including: Dr. David Kasali of Congo Initiative and Lt. Joseph Johnson, United States Navy; recently returned from serving with the Marines in Iraq.

Prizes, donated by Ms. Monica Scott and Rick & Maria Eastman, were auctioned off, with the proceeds going to support agency activities. Donors gave an impressive \$3,385.00. These funds will promote services for at-risk youth and their families, both here in the Phoenix area and in Africa.

The Board of Directors would like to thank all of the individuals who supported our event this year, and we hope you will join us in 2008.

If you would like to contribute to our mission of Lifting Up Tomorrow's Youth, please send your tax-deductible donation, to III Cord Foundation, PO Box 16032, Phoenix, AZ 85011-6032.



Dr. David Kasali, Congo Initiative



Lt. Joseph Johnson, US Navy

VCC & TONTO RIM CHRISTIAN CAMP

Over President's Day weekend, Valley Christian Centers, Inc., and Tonto Rim Christian Camp joined together to provide a life-changing experience for 40 students at the Tonto Rim Christian Camp Winter Retreat.

All of the students were on the full camper scholarship from Tonto Rim Christian Camp Sponsors. The students came from Transformation Ministries and/or American Baptist Churches to participate in camper activities such as skiing, snowboarding and tubing. This experience was very exciting because several of these teenagers had never seen snow before!

Musical artist Michael John Stanley led the worship and spoke. He also invited the students to "Give Their Pain to God" by writing down their single most painful experience on an index card, sharing it with the group, then throwing the card into the fire.

Issues such as parental divorce, parental drug use/dealing, parents in prison, and death were discussed and released to our Lord and Savior. Through the exercise, the group mourned together and 5 students committed their life to Christ that evening. Every student left the fireside with a feeling of hope and support.

For more information, please contact *Tonto Rim Christian Camp, HC2 Box 95P, Payson, AZ 85541*—
 Phone: (928) 478-4630 www.tontorimcamp.com

Prayer Requests

Bishop John Lokwango

Robin Blue
Ministries & family

Pastor Jonathan Logan &
family

Pvt. Randy Murnighan*
& family

Lt Joseph Johnson
& family

*Currently in Iraq

**Please keep the III
Cord Foundation Board
of Directors, ministry
partners, and staff in
your prayers**

We Want to Serve With You

The III Cord Foundation Board of Directors is seeking more opportunities to make a positive impact in the community. We want to serve by your side.

If you are interested in joining the Board, or volunteering with us, please contact Chairman, Rev. Tracey L. Goodner at (602) 589-5500.

WANT TO OWN YOUR OWN BUSINESS OR EXPAND YOUR HOBBY INTO A MONEY MAKING ENTERPRISE?

If so, here's an opportunity: The III Cord Foundation, Youth Entrepreneurship Program is accepting applications for its June's session.

The YEP targets youth and young adults ages 16 to 25, for the second term to be held June 18-28, 2007.

This program will be held Monday - Friday 9am - 12pm and/or 2pm - 5pm. Training will be provided in the areas of Entrepreneurship and Business Plan Development.

Classes will be held at IIICF offices at 1310 West Hadley, Phoenix, Arizona 85007.

Upon training completion, a limited number of participants will be placed with local employers, and/or will qualify to participate in a \$1,000.00 matching grant program.

Transform your idea into a business reality!

Applications are due June 15, 2007. To obtain additional information please contact our office at 602-589-5500 or by email at iiicordfoundation@yahoo.com.

This program is provided free of charge under a grant from Federal Home Bank Board and Arrowhead Bank.

LETTERS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

An email conversation between Beth Khakasa of MAR Women's Group and IIICF Chairman & Founder, Rev. Tracey L. Goodner.

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2007
Hello Pastor Goodner,

We appreciate your blessed support to Mar Women's Group. Today the workers are cementing the floor of the house. I shall send all the documents together (photographs and financial records). The women are busy planting and weeding crops including the peanuts. Each member was given 25 kilograms of peanuts to plant this season.

Thank you very much and may God bless you.
Beth

Dear Pastor Beth:
We praise God for you, and for the work that the Lord has blessed you to shepherd. We here on the board of directors at III Cord Foundation can not wait to see the progress of your organization through the photographs and reports that you are sending.

We pray the Lord's abundant blessings and peace upon you and upon the board, staff, volunteers and those who are blessed by the ministry of the MAR Women's Group, under your leadership.
Yours for the Kingdom,

The Rev. Tracey L. Goodner, Chairman B.O.D.
PS: Please keep my dear friends Pastor Jonathan and Christine Logan in your prayers. His father died on Sunday morning and his Bishop here in

Arizona, Bishop Anderson's wife died last Saturday.

Date: Tue, 1 May 2007
Dear Rev Tracey Goodner,

Thank you very much for your communication. It is true, pictures and reports are not enough but the most touching thing is successful stories of how God's people are holistically transformed through the support we give them.

I have heard with sorrow about the loss that occurred to the families of our brethren Pastor Jonathan and Christine, and Bishop Anderson. Send my condolences to them. Thank you for informing me. I shall always remember them in prayers that God may console and comfort them.

God bless you!!
Beth

Monday, May 7, 2007
Dear Rev. Goodner,

Love and greetings to you and my dear sister Christine. We are thankful to God for you and the entire family of the III Cord Foundation, for the prayers and support that you have extended to Smile Africa Ministries, we are never the same.

The Lord has brought in many hands, as you may have read in our News letter, I am still learning how to present News letters, and sometimes I end up with very long letters. We paid for the land, had it surveyed and fenced. Recently some gentlemen from Australia came to

look at the land, they are going to drill a bore-hole, and enable us to have flush toilets. All of this has been made possible with the help of sister Patsy (Salvation Army). God has used her in many ways to help the widows and orphans at Smile Africa. Sister Rachel of Hope 4Kids and the Team have done tremendous work too. I will reflect everything in the next quarterly report.

We are working on having a field worker in order to help with monitoring the support we have given to the widows, they need follow up, to keep steady in their progress.

We anxiously look forward to your visit this year, and please do keep us updated.

We plan to have a graduation of seven students, and they will have items that they have made displayed.

We believe that we will have a machine for each of them.

We also plan not to have any speakers apart from you and the Team. The L.C. of the area will speak to give us permission to hold the gathering. In your first visit to Smile Africa, it was important to invite Government Officials, so that you get a picture of our working relationship with them, and also for them to meet you and know where God has made the provision for our activities and premise.

The students will be awarded certificates. You will also be able to visit the land and offer a thanks giving prayer to God for it. We have always prayed, but we stood on that land with Dr. Taylor and his wife and the driver, and we prayed, it will be wonderful to again stand on the same ground giving thanks.

Once more, thank you for your love, prayers and encouragement.

Your Sister in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Ruth Kahawa
SMILE AFRICA MINISTRIES(SAM)

Date: Tuesday, May 1, 2007

Dear Dr Taylor,

Choice greetings to you in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I have attached a report on the expenditure of the funds advanced towards the chicken project. We have had some set backs such as the rise in the value of the Uganda shilling vis a vis the US dollar from 1800 Uganda shillings per dollar to 1700 Uganda shillings per dollar a drop of about 100 shilling and this translated to 1930 US dollars is a loss of close to 200,000/= from the original budget, this has been compounded by a rise in the prices of building materials. We have had to adjust our projections as explained in the report.

Thank you for your tireless effort to better other people around the World.

Yours in Christ, "Pastor George Stephen Epielu Echoku

Date: Monday, May 7, 2007

Praise the name of Jesus,

The Lord been so good to us and faithful is He. He has blessed us with a beautiful baby Mercy Shanis Rugaju so humbly and calm just as her mother is.

"She resembles her mother a lot only her forehead and lips are mine. Thank you for standing in prayer with us. Attached is her picture and the Mum's "picture.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 06/03 | 4:00pm | Faith Family Community Church 3rd Anniversary 7901 E. Sweetwater, Scottsdale 85260 |
| 06/15 | 12:00pm | Community Empowerment Meeting The Home of Rev. Tracey L. Goodner |
| 06/17 | 1:00pm | III Cord Foundation Board Meeting The Home of Rev. Tracey L. Goodner |
| 06/18-28 | 9:00am | Youth Entrepreneurship Summer Session 1310W. Hadley, Phoenix 85007 |

VCC Annual Block Party

Valley Christian Centers, Inc. celebrated 87 years of service in the community with their 4th Annual Block Party. It was a day filled with entertainment, information, and Christ-centered fun.

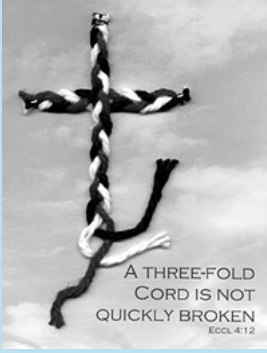
The City of Phoenix, Phoenix Revitalization Corporation, III Cord Foundation, Ebony House, First New Life, 3-e LLC and God Chaser were on board to share in the event. PRAISE REPORT: Two people gave their lives to Christ.

IIICF Accepting Funding Applications

III Cord Foundation is now accepting applications for funding from nonprofit, faith and community based groups.

Our current funding priorities are children, families and other at-risk populations. The average program grant is between \$2,000- \$3,000 over a one year period.

Interest groups will need to submit a letter of intent to the Foundation by August 31, 2007. In this letter please identify the primary objectives, target population, brief agency history, and expected outcomes. Funded organizations are expected to leverage our funds by a \$1: \$5. For additional information, visit our website www.iiicord.org, email



THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE FUND NEEDS YOUR HELP

Increase Funding for 9 Million Uninsured Children

Your call can help ensure increased funding in the budget to provide health care to the more than nine million uninsured children. If you don't call, it won't happen.

Please call your legislator's toll-free and tell them Congress must provide enough funding in the budget to provide the more than nine million uninsured children with the health care they need. Time is of the essence. The House and Senate Budget Committees are now creating the spending outline that will determine whether the budget pie is big enough to provide adequate funding for our children.

You can make a difference in just a few minutes! Here's how:

Step 1: Call 1-800-459-1887* and ask the Capitol Switchboard operator to connect you to your Member of Congress' office.

Step 2: Make 3 calls: One to your Representative and two to your Senators. Deliver this message to the staffer that answers the phone:

Please work to pass a budget resolution that includes sufficient funding to provide health and mental health coverage for the more than nine million uninsured children and significant increases for other pressing children's needs that have been neglected for years. Our nation needs these investments — we don't need billions in tax cuts for the wealthy.

Step 3: Help spread the word! Thank you for taking the time to be a voice for the more than nine million uninsured children!

Want to learn more about the crisis of the more than nine million uninsured children in America? Please visit www.childrensdefense.org

HELP WANTED

It is our mission to empower members of our community. Please tell us of employment opportunities in your area.

Send job information to:
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or fax to (602) 589-5005

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AVAILABLE FEDERAL GRANTS

Mentoring Children of Prisoners "The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Mentoring Children of Prisoners (MCP) program.

This program supports the creation and maintenance of one-on-one mentoring relationships between children of incarcerated parents, and caring, supportive adult mentors. The intent of this program is to support the establishment or expansion and operation of mentoring programs, using a network of public and private community entities, in areas with substantial numbers of children of incarcerated parents.

The MCP program is designed to be a community-based mentoring program in which children and youth ages 4 to 18 are appropriately matched with an adult mentor, who has been screened and trained, for a one-on-one (one mentor/one youth), friendship-oriented (non curriculum-based) mentoring relationship.

WHO: Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply. "WHEN: Applications are due June 4, 2007 "AWARD AMOUNT: 1-103 awards of up to \$100,000 per budget period "CONTACT: Courtney Workman at FYSB@dixongroup.com "FULL ANNOUNCEMENT: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/grants/open/HHS-2007-ACF-ACYF-CV-0029.html>

Runaway and Homeless Youth: Street Outreach Program "The Administration for Children and Families' (ACF) Administration on Children, Youth and Families' (ACYF) Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) is accepting applications for the Street Outreach Program (SOP). SOP is one of the programs authorized by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, 42 USC sections 5701 through 5752 to address runaway and homeless youth problems.

SOP's purpose is to conduct outreach services designed to build relationships between grantee staff and street youth. A range of education, intervention, and prevention services are offered to youth who are at risk of being subjected to sexual abuse or exploitation. The goal of these efforts is to help young people leave the streets and assist in moving and adjusting to a safe and appropriate living arrangement.

WHO: Faith-based and community organizations are eligible to apply. "WHEN: Applications are due June 4, 2007 "AWARD AMOUNT: 40-80 awards totaling \$7,900,000