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P.O. Box 3482
Charlottesville, VA 22903

Upcoming Events continued...

Volunteers Needed!
Summer Camp!
 July 26-31

Spring Store
 May 8

ESL Family Nights
 May 7th, 14th, and 21st
 Childcare for 5:15-7:30 pm

Contact:
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 (434) 970-2077

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- SPRING PROGRAMS**
- Elevate
 - Buford Tutoring
 - Walker Tutoring
 - CHS Tutoring
 - Johnson Tutoring
 - Ladies of Quality Jr
 - Ladies of Quality Sr
 - Intelligent Girls Club
 - 5/8 Club
 - (Middle and H.S. Guys)
 - Fri. Afternoon Bible Club (6-9 year olds)
 - Individual Development
 - Accounts (IDA)
 - Senior Solutions
 - Hispanic Outreach

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NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

April 2009

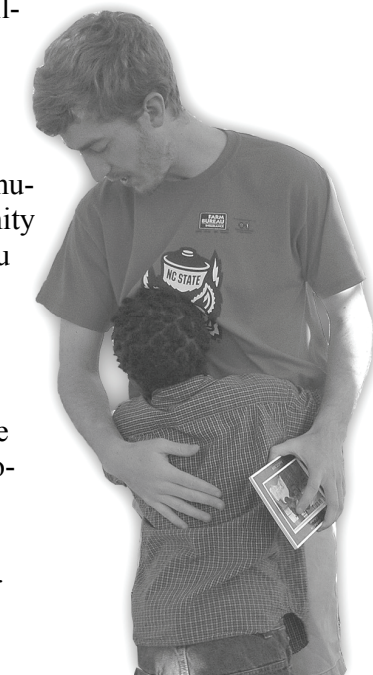
Thank you Abundant Life Volunteer! By Mary Wilson

It was all hands on deck as Abundant Life got ready to say thank you to the volunteers who make it possible for us to serve the neighborhood. With cooking and cleaning, decorating and music, the staff rolled up their sleeves to bless those who have blessed us. Looking back over this past year, we are filled with gratitude as we think of the number of lives we have had the privilege to touch through tutoring and clubs. This would not be possible without volunteers: our Abundant Life volunteers. So how do you say thank you to someone who commits to tutor a child, lead a club, or prepare a meal? Here at Abundant Life, we feed you chocolate cake!

On Friday, April 17, our front porch on Prospect was the site for the annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Volunteers, staff and board members mingled in the warm sunshine to share a meal, dessert, and musical entertainment. We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful afternoon. Tables were arranged in the front yard, streamers hung from the porch, and flowers were scattered all over. Inside, the walls were covered with photos of volunteers.

This school year, more than 200 volunteers have served the Abundant Life community. Most of our volunteers are UVA students, but we also have folks from the greater

community who have a desire to serve God by loving our children. What do they get back in return? A meal, a photo as remembrance and lots and lots of hugs from children who over time have come to love their tutors as their tutors love them. As we honored several volunteers who have served for many years and are perhaps graduating and going on to other communities, our hope is that they take with them a love of community and a desire to serve wherever God places them. Perhaps you know the verse "cast your bread upon the waters." Well, we like to say "cast your bread upon the waters and it will come back chocolate cake!" As our tutors have stepped out into a very different community than most of them have previously experienced – they have had challenges, but mostly they have had good experiences; the "chocolate cake" of our sharing together throughout the year. Come join our community, be a tutor, a mentor, a smile for someone who just wants to know you care. We'll feed you next year, same time, same place. . . the cake's on us!



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The Spirit in LQ Senior by Sarah Ponton

LQ Senior is a club for high school girls who live in or have lived in CALM's target neighborhood. Each week approximately 12 girls and 2 leaders gather to share dinner, Bible study and conversation. Most of the girls are not Christian, but are very open to learning more about Christ. Do you remember the gentleman in Mark 9:24 who says he believes, but asks Jesus to help him overcome his unbelief? Many of our girls relate to this man. They do believe God exists, but cannot fathom the resurrection of Jesus, or many of his other miracles for that matter.

As leaders it is hard not to play the Holy Spirit. In all honesty, we just want to push the Bible into each girl, however, we know that is not our job. We ache because they ache. Each week we learn more and more that girls today are judged based on detestable and vile things. Many struggle with identity and trust issues.

We are eager for them to find the *ONLY* True Friend, the One who will never fail them, the One who will never let them down. If only they would realize that Christ not only died for them, but that he lived for them and was raised by The Father so they could know Him forever.



In today's world, Christians often pray for salvation for their friends and family, but those without Christ need more than salvation. They need a true friend. Will you pray for these girls? They are so hurt, they are so broken, and they need a real friend.

In December, we read the *The Christmas Story* to the girls. Shockingly, part way through, a teen blurted out, "So you

mean to tell me we celebrate Christmas because it is Jesus' birthday?" Can you believe there was no sarcasm in her voice? This was a genuine epiphany for the girl.

Brethren, we need your prayers. Christ has been taken out of the world to such an extent we cannot even comprehend. These girls get about an hour and half to hear The Gospel and see it in the lives of the leaders (and sometimes we do a poor job showing His glory). What do you suppose fills the other 166 and one half hours of their week? Friends, we are eager to hear about mission fields overseas, but don't forget there are plenty of overcrowded fields here in Charlottesville as well. "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" Mark 9:37.

Additionally, each girl is invited to attend tutoring during their lunch break at CHS on Thursdays. Seven girls consistently attend with only 3 tutors available to help them.

If you can help with this crop of girls as a tutor, as a leader for LQ, as a guest speaker, as a prayer warrior, as a mentor... if you have a place for a retreat or field trip, or a desire to bake a meal for ANY of CALM's clubs, please call a staff member at 970-2077 or 970-2016.

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For your generous
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On March 26th, Abundant Life hosted a Poetry Jam at Bel Rio in honor of Vaughn Yountz who won 2009's Beloved Community Award. For a respected basketball coach, volunteer, poet, mentor, and friend...



Bernard Hankins

Abundant Life
If one door closes another door has to open
Dreams stay afloat while some miracle workers are chosen
They breathe like you and me, but with a different goal in mind,
To uplift the community with smiles and sunshine
this is a part of a **plan already in motion**
it took a lot of love, care, lots of prayer and abundant life's devotion
to achieve a masterpiece where personalities flow like water in the ocean
no need for makeshift feelings everything comes from the soul
It started with a web of ideas that ran across many minds
grasping new people by the heart, and building families one at a time
one hand, one road, where the possibilities are endless
developing young minds with creativity plus initiative
I would give anything to be around or be a witness to this journey above ground
that prospect ave and abundant life ministries would look like 10 years from now
We're finally bridging the gap
where families are getting more than just a pat on the back
They receive completion, support, and guidance with plenty of helping hands
It's not about self-preservation but about the extended family that abundant has.
By Vaughn Yountz
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Vaughn Yountz



Brooke van der Linde

Upcoming Events...

Father's Day Festival

Food, refreshments, local bands,
arts and crafts, inflatable games
for children, and a Silent Auction!

June 20th

12-8 PM
991 5th St. SW

Donations Needed!

To donate any items for the silent auction
such as paintings, antiques, or UVA sports
tickets, valued between \$50-\$200, or funds
for the event, contact:

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