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P.O. Box 3482
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Tutors Needed!

If you would like to impact a child's life by tutoring, feel free to call (434) 970-2077 or (434) 970-2016 or email Volunteer@charlottesvilleabundantlife.org to sign up.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We want to take this opportunity to give you an update on our financial status. The Lord has blessed us over our 14 years in many ways with wonderful staff, volunteers and financial resources but like many churches and non-profit organizations, our income for the first seven months of the year has run behind the needs of our programs and we face greater needs as we look to the remainder of 2010. In June the large government grant that paid 75% of the cost of our elementary school tutoring program for three years ended so the program will be smaller for the coming school year. Please pray for guidance for our board and executive director as they seek other means of support and ways to reduce our costs while maintaining the most important parts of the ministry. If you are able, please consider whether the Lord would have you send a gift now and/or within the next few months to support our work. Contact us if you have any questions about this. Thank you. \$

Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries

NEWS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

August 2010

“Robbie Says Hello...”

By: Susan Prindle

The Board of Directors for CALM is very pleased to introduce our new Operations Officer, Robbie Laughton, to our friends and partners. This is a new position that we have been praying about for several years. It is a full-time position and replaces the part-time position Lindsay Finnegan has had for the last two years. Robbie will become Rydell's right-hand man and a number of things Rydell has handled in the past will pass over to Robbie in the coming months freeing Rydell to focus more attention in the areas of property, program and financial development.



The Lord's leading in bringing Robbie to CALM is clear to all involved. He comes with

over 30 years experience in leadership positions in local government, private business, non-profit organizations and with his church. He recently retired from the position of Director of Parks and Recreation for Chowan County/Edenton, North Carolina and moved to Charlottesville. He and his wife Mary Kay, who works at UVA, live in Johnson Village. They have 3 grown children – a daughter who lives in New York, a son in Chicago and a son in NC. Robbie and Mary Kay have attended several of our partnering churches and look forward to finding their own church home.

Please introduce yourself and welcome Robbie when you see him at events or have the opportunity to meet him in the community. Robbie and Rydell ask for our prayers as they develop their working relationship with the tasks the Lord has given them and as they oversee CALM's move into its fifteenth year of service to Prospect and greater Charlottesville community. \$

“Lindsay Says Goodbye.”

By: Dylan Rosenthal

Lindsay Carolyn Quinn arrived at Abundant Life in the summer of 2002 fresh out of U.Va. with a degree in Urban Planning; she leaves us eight years later as Lindsay Quinn Finnegan, expectant mother. In the time in between, her job titles have changed many times: from AmeriCorps VISTA and Walker Tutoring Coordinator, to Program Manager and Johnson Tutoring Coordinator, to Program Manager and Executive Assistant. She has written and managed multiple grants, led us through a strategic planning process, and served as an IG, LQ Jr., and LQ Sr. leader, sticking with one group of girls as they aged from adolescence to adulthood.

She's been a fixture in the Prospect Avenue neighborhood, residing in the “Manor House” from 2003-2008, and received the ministry's highest honor, the Beloved Community Award, at this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration. Among her many accomplishments, she is most proud of creating a Strategic Planning how-to manual, her work with girls in the bible/life skills programs (including sending some to CitiKidz and Kids Across America camps), and sticking around through the many ups, downs, and transitions. Of the oldest girls she has worked with, many are now in college and/or working, including LaQuinta, an ODU student on staff with CALM this summer as an AmeriCorps State member. \$

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What Did YOU Do This Summer? Check out what WE did!

Jane Sammer Camp

The week of June 14-18th Abundant Life put on a camp for Johnson elementary school kids to have something fun and constructive to do after school ended and before other summer camps started.

About 40 kids came to Johnson and to Blue Ridge Commons Community Center daily from 9-4 to make fun crafts, play games, and learn about cultures, geography, and animals in our world. Kids and leaders enjoyed a culminating field trip to Mint Springs Lake on the 18th to kick off the rest of the summer and celebrate a great week of camp.



Teens At Work

Working in partnership with the local Boys and Girls Club, earlier this summer CALM was able to offer a job and life skills program for 15 kids, ages 13 and 14. These teens spent about 5 weeks together learning job skills and about what it means to serve and work, along with thinking about goals and dreams for the rest of their lives. The kids had the chance to get some hands on service experience by organizing a successful community yard sale on July 10th, at Portico Church. The teens also got dirty at a local farm, checked out awesome food at the Local Food Hub warehouse, and served children at the Barrett Early Learning Center.

Girls' Sammer Program

CALM had the pleasure of working with 10 middle school girls this summer at Blue Ridge Commons. They met every morning and worked on a different project each day. The girls made mosaics, sewed purses, cooked healthy and fresh meals, played basketball at John Paul Jones Arena, worked in the Buford garden and created and

updated a blog with all of our weekly activities! Both the leaders and the students had a blast and learned some new skills! They can't wait to do it again next summer!

Camp Wabanna

At the end of July, Richard and Dylan took six rising 8th and 9th graders to Camp Wabanna, a Christian outdoor adventure camp on the Chesapeake Bay in Maryland. The boys spent a week sailing, canoeing, kayaking, tubing, swinging, and climbing, while learning more about Jesus and the life he calls us to. The boys had such a great time, some said they wished they could stay there all summer! A special thanks to Vita Nova, who helped us raise over \$325 by donating drinks for the boys to sell on the Downtown Mall, and Camp Wabanna, who gave us a big group discount.

Boys' Sammer Program

For 5 weeks, 12 rising 5th-7th grade boys participated in the 5/8 Club summer program, co-coordinated by Richard Feero and Dylan Rosenthal. On Mondays- Wednesdays, the boys met at Trinity Presbyterian Church for breakfast, Bible study, math and reading blocks, organized sports, a service project, lunch, and free time. On Thursdays, those with good attendance and behavior throughout the week went to a local pool or lake. Highlights included a week-long basketball camp with UVA players at John Paul Jones Arena courtesy of Athletes in Action (a Christian fellowship at UVA), taking the boys to a nursing home every week to visit residents, and the end-of-program trip to Central Park Funland in Fredericksburg.

Citikidz

For the second year in a row, a group of teen girls from Abundant Life spent a week at Citikidz Camp in rural



Joneisha, Carleesha, Alaijah, Deveny, Lanasia, Destinee, and Wesli gearing up for a week at Citikidz camp. (Not pictured Dieira)

Pennsylvania! As their website says, "Our ministry is an exciting adventure of building Christian character through competitive athletics." What an understatement!! Girls climbed a rock wall, jumped from a telephone pole, canoed, and jet skied in addition to playing basketball and jogging all over the hilly terrain! Much time also was spent in Bible study, prayer, stepping, cheering, and making new friends.

Agast Sammer Camp

The week of August 2nd-6th marked the end of summer programming for Abundant Life, and the anticipation of fall programs starting with summer camp. In addition to CALM staff, 15 high school and college-aged counselors spent the week with the 40 rising 1st-4th graders who participated in the fun-filled camp program that was comprised of a morning academic portion and an exciting afternoon, including an optional Bible time modeled after MTV's CRIBS and the book "My Heart Christ's Home" by Robert Munger. Each afternoon the

Ladies of Quality Reunion: On July 28th Rachel, Jarnelle, Ashley, Andrina and Catherine, previous Ladies of Qualities members, met with Founder Ms. Ward and past leader, Ms. Rebecca, at Ruby Tuesday to share about their lives and reminisce about old times.



children watched as Jesus visited a different room in the home of a celebrity and learned what it looked like for Christ to enter into every part of their lives. The week culminated with a much-anticipated reward trip to King's Dominion. Thanks to everyone including over 15 volunteers who gave their time to make this week possible and to Camp Director Meredith Howard!

Young Life

Anthony Paige and Lonnie Morse, 2 boys from CALM's programs, and 25 other CHS students took the long trip to Lake Saranac, NY for a week of tubing, parasailing, canoeing, good food, and time with friends. The CHS boys really bonded as a group and had a great time joking, laughing, and being together (even winning the camp-wide volleyball tournament!). Even more exciting was the opportunity the kids had to hear the story of Jesus Christ and what it means to have a relationship with him. Good questions were asked, great conversation was had and lives were changed.

Father's Day Festival

On Saturday, June 19th this year's 4th annual Father's Day Festival kicked off with a 5k run/walk at UVa with over 70 runners. The festival then moved downtown with a worship service and a Bent Theatre performance at the Haven, a silent auction at Fellini's, children's activities at Lee Park and a Poetry Jam and music at Rapture. Over 300 participants and volunteers of all ages came out to the event. §

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