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Letter from the Supervisor

Dear Residents,

I, along with a very committed staff, have worked diligently for you for almost 6 years. Everyday we try to effect what we believe needs to be enhanced in our community. What we realized was that it would be much more beneficial to all if we were to ask you where our efforts should go! So, with the assistance of Karen Smith from NiCASA and Kris Anderson from the Lake County Health Department, we have created a community survey. This survey is included on page 2 of this newsletter and is also accessible on our website at www.ziontownship.org. Jan Suthard, Benton Township Supervisor, is also asking Benton Township residents to complete the survey, so that the entire Zion and Benton Community can move forward while keeping in tune with what you (our residents) would like to see happen.

What will happen to this information once we receive it?

Ms. Dawn Lauret, Beach Park resident and student at SIU is dedicating her internship to compiling all of the returned surveys into one list. Everyone's input will be included on this list.

In February 2007, anyone who indicated on the survey that they would like to be involved in the next step of the process will be contacted for a Town Hall Meeting to discuss results and create goals and objectives specific for our community.

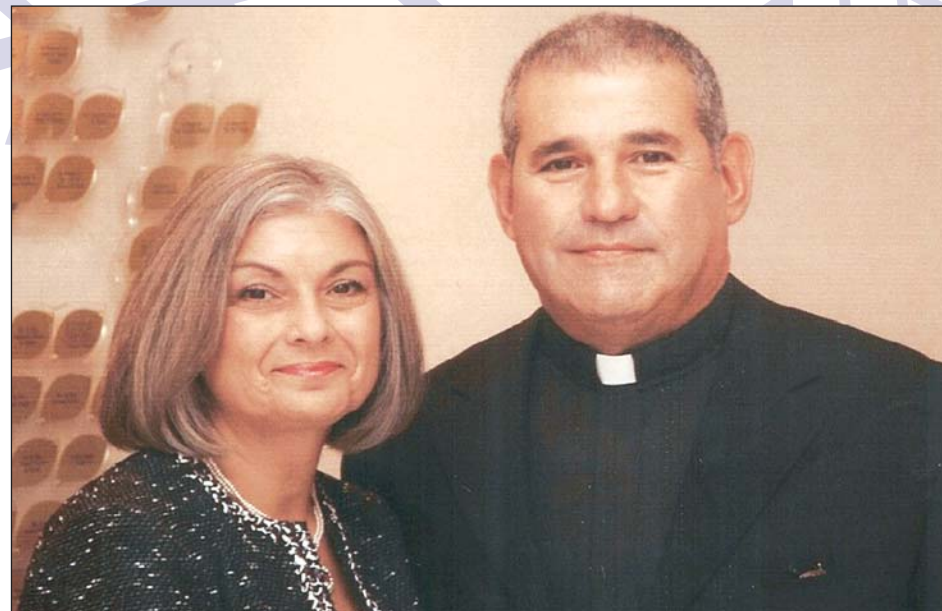
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Faith Food Pantry: An Encounter with Divine Intervention

When Reverend Jessie Wallace founded Faith Food Pantry in the late 1960's, he never envisioned a fire would consume all of their inventory right before Thanksgiving. But, he also did not envision that Mr. John Sfire would see the story on the news and then also read about it in the newspaper. Mr. John Sfire saw the story on the news and then also read about it in the newspaper. Having been brought to his attention twice, he took this as a sign from God and drove with his wife, Bobbi, to Zion to meet with Reverend Wallace. Once they arrived, John wrote Reverend Wallace a check to cover replacement food for about 700 families—about 1/3 of the distribution the food pantry provided at the time. Then, John was given a tour of the pantry. John and Bobbi made a decision that day to commit to feeding the hungry by partnering with Reverend Wallace.

What happened next can only be described as *divine*. By Christmas, a new building was constructed with the help of the City of Zion, and the Sfire's contractors and architect! Faith Food Pantry's operations were enhanced due to John's contacts and business mastery. No one was prouder than Reverend Wallace, who has since passed away knowing that his ministry would indeed continue as long as the Sfire's were involved.

More recent endeavors have blessed the food pantry with being able to establish a database system using laptop computers to enable them to take care of so many in a timelier



Deacon John and Bobbi Sfire. When asked what her biggest reward has been from working at Faith Food Pantry, Bobbi replied that she has met some of the finest people ever in her life there!

manner. The old way would not have kept up with the rising need. Also, Faith Food Pantry became an approved site to apply online for food stamps. It takes about 15 minutes to complete the application, at which time clients know whether or not they are approved. If approved, they will receive their link card and a pin number will be mailed to the applicant.

Faith Food Pantry's biggest challenges recently have been accessing affordable food in the quantity needed because the mission has grown so dramatically in the past 5 years. This rapid increase in need is a result of the different state of the economy since the attacks of September 11, 2001. There have been many layoffs, and with the cost of housing and rising

cost of utilities, transportation and food, families are faced with food being the only place with flexibility in their budget. Realizing this, families more and more are turning to the food pantry for help.

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Dr. Bud Marks of Zion-Benton
Township High School, Al Hill



Zion Township Staff

from the Zion Park District and
Director Nann Blain Hilyard of
Zion-Benton Public Library are all
interested in receiving this feedback
from Zion residents as well.

The City of Zion is doing
an incredible job of attracting
new businesses and upgrading
downtown Zion. Now it is time
to take a closer look at the human
infrastructure of our community.

Get involved in the solution....
complete the survey today!

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Adopt a Family This Holiday Season!

If you are interested
in helping a local family
celebrate Christmas this
season, please contact Zion
Township at 847-872-2811
for more information.

Zion-Benton Community Assessment

1. Why do you choose to live in Zion? _____

2. What do you like about Zion? (strengths)

3. What do you dislike about your community? (weaknesses)

4. What things about Zion could be even better? How? (opportunities)

5. What threatens this communities from getting better? (Threats)

6. What other suggestions do you have? _____

7. Would you like to be involved in coming up with solutions? If so, please
give your name, address, phone number, and email address (if you have one)
on a separate sheet, as the information on this page is confidential.

Thank you for your time!

Please submit this survey to:

Zion Township • 2800 Sheridan Road • Zion, IL 60099

Faith Food Pantry

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But, the most common and
disheartening problem the food pantry
faces in accommodating this growing
need is a lack of help and volunteers.
Bobbi Sfire has said that volunteering
at the food pantry is something that
people have to *want* to do because of the
importance of it. Many volunteers lack
commitment to the mission or only make
time to show up sporadically. Faith Food
Pantry must package and prepare over
400 bags per week. To have it on hand,
this means they need the hands to help
them accomplish this astounding feat!

The pantry's hours of operation are
every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. until
2:00 p.m., and located at 2801 30th Street
about a half block east of Lewis Avenue.
Each family (or individual) can pick up
enough food products to last four to five
days, up to twice per month.

Zion Township is extremely grateful
and indebted to John and Bobbi Sfire
for their tireless dedication to the
residents of Zion and Lake County
in their mission to feed the hungry in
Lake County.

Thank you John and Bobbi!

Faith Food Pantry Needs Your Help!

Recently, Faith Food Pantry agreed to
stay open every Wednesday from 5:00
p.m. until 7:00 p.m. to allow working
families to access the food pantry, but
they are in desperate need of volunteers
to make this possible. Volunteers must be
willing to commit to volunteering at least
one Wednesday per month from 4:30
p.m. until 7:30 p.m. If you are willing to
commit to the food pantry's mission and
fulfill a volunteer position, please contact
Zion Township at 847-872-2811 today!

WARNING!!!

If someone comes to your house
or business claiming they need
money for an emergency, please
contact Zion Police immediately
to assist them. Do NOT give out
money to anyone.

Jobtoberfest A Huge Success!



In cooperation with the City of Zion
Economic Development Office; Zion
Park District; CREW, Inc; Partner's
for an Enriched Community; and Zion
Township; Zion held it's first annual
"Jobtoberfest" on Tuesday, October
24th. This incredible event attracted
over 600 job seekers! Employers and
those seeking employment were equally
pleased and (by popular demand) will be
back again next year. See you there!"

Summer Work Program 2006

Zion Township hired 117 youth ages 14 and 15 this year to participate in the Zion Township Summer Work Program (SWP). There were 102 youths who successfully completed the program. This year, in addition to youths being placed at a variety of organizations throughout the community and the Adopt A Highway project, many work hours were spent at Zion senior citizen's homes painting porches, garages and flower beds; cleaning garages; weeding and raking yards; and planting flowers. This was an opportunity for seniors to receive the extra help in a timely matter. Also, it helped the youth understand the impact of working hard to help members of our community. The youths on the work crew worked 4 days in the community completing assignments. Every Friday, H.O.P.E. Academy presented life skills training, which was held at Grace Missionary Church thanks to Pastor Carlton.

At the Awards dinner, Mr. John Plowman, Supervisor of the Year and Jarris Scott, Employee of the Year were honored. Employees that successfully completed the Summer Work Program were also honored by receiving Certificates of Completion. Each Employee of the Year nominee received 2 Great America tickets in addition to a certificate. Mr. David Northern, Deputy Director of Lake County Housing Authority, our guest speaker for the night shared with the audience his personal struggles in adolescent years and how he overcame those struggles. The celebration also included entertainment. A few of our SWP employees performed a step routine and SWP song. Also, instead of the traditional year-end lock-in party, we celebrated with a fun filled day of activities and a cookout.

Special recognition and thanks go out to our Summer Work Program Work Crew Supervisors, Mr. Mike Williams, Mr. MacArthur (Squiggy) White, Mrs. Michelle Miller, Mr. Edward Dawson and Mr. Delmar Dade, for their dedication, diligent efforts and commitment to the program and Zion's youth.

Six Flags Partnership

Zion Township and Six Flags Great America joined forces to give area youths 15 and older a more readily available opportunity to work at Great America. Interviews for interested youth were held throughout the community and 35 total youths worked at Great America from June 14th through August 27th. These employees were also given the opportunity to take advantage of a transportation program coordinated through Zion Township with Zion-Benton Township High School. Next year, alternative transportation options will be presented to interested youth.



One Summer Work Program work crew helped every Monday to prepare Faith Food Pantry for food distribution, and every Wednesday with food distribution.



Jarris Scott, Employee of the Year (middle), shown accepting his plaque with his father (left) and Zion Township Supervisor Cheri N. Ditzig (right).

Christmas Coop

Since 2003, during the holiday season, Zion Township has constructed a Christmas CO-OP to help reduce the stress, strain and struggles for families that are financially stretched. With the collaboration of many social organizations, churches and schools in the community, the Township generates a master list of the families. Pick up dates and delivery times are calculated to meet the holiday deadline. Our dedicated sponsors and helpers work together to extend the gift of giving to many households throughout the Zion community making many wishes come true for at risk families. For an application, stop by the Zion Township office at 2800 Sheridan Road, or call 847-872-2811.

Urgent! 2007 Summer Job Opportunity

Lake County Workforce Development Who qualifies?

- 14 and 15 year old youth who live in Lake County
- Must meet low-income criteria (free/reduced lunch at school qualifies)

How do I sign up?

An employment hotline will open on February 1, 2007. This hotline will be used to establish a waitlist of potential participants. Positions will be granted on a first come, first serve basis, based on available positions within each community. The hotline phone number is (847) 377-3443. When calling, please be sure to leave these important informational items in order to be considered:

- Name
- Telephone number
- The city you live in
- Age

How will I know if I have been chosen?

Youth chosen for the program will be contacted in April to begin the processing paperwork. Please leave only one message on the hotline system. Youth are strongly encouraged to explore all summer employment options available to them.

Important information:

There are limited positions available in each community, so be sure to plan ahead. Call the Summer Jobs Hotline at (847) 377-3443 beginning on February 1, 2007. Walk-in or mailed in information will also be accepted for waitlist placement.

What do I do if I don't qualify for this program, or am not accepted?

- Contact Zion Township's Summer Work program beginning April 17, 2007
- To qualify, you must be 14 or 15 years old and live in Zion. (Winthrop Harbor and Beach Park residents do not qualify.)
- If you participated in this program last year and were paid through Lake County, you must follow the procedure above to be eligible to be paid through the County again this year. Again, the process has changed, and you MUST go through the procedures above to be paid through Lake County this year

Contact Zion Township at 847-872-2811 for more information on this program.

Zion Township



Senior Center

★ ★ ★ Senior Prom ★ ★ ★



On July 15th the Senior Prom “An Evening With The Stars” was sponsored by CLUES (Community & Law Enforcement United for Every Senior). It was a huge success with over 150 attendees. With the combination of our Masters of Ceremony Mr. Lloyd

De Tienne and the *Country Tradition Band*, everyone laughed and danced the night away into yester years. It was a night of magical moments with no curfew! Do you remember your prom night? Mark your calendar today for next year’s prom on May 19, 2007!

Senior Handyman Program

Zion Township Handyman program is in full swing. With so many seniors that face day-to-day struggles with home maintenance, Zion seniors will be able to rely on the program that can assist them with minor home repairs. Minor repairs are considered any repair completed with hand tools such as a hammer, screwdriver or pliers. In many cases, if additional work is needed, referral resources will be available. This process will help reduce the incidence of scams, exploitation of seniors and poor contractual outcomes. Each qualified senior will receive one (1) hour of free service per year. As we recognize the importance of ensuring our seniors safety in their home, this program will also give our seniors peace of mind. To qualify for the program, you must be a Zion homeowner, at least 65 years old and reside at the address where service is requested. At Zion Township we believe “there’s no place like home.”

Senior Transportation Programs

Half-Price Taxi Fare

Zion seniors who are at least 65 years old can take advantage of the Township’s Half-Price Taxi Fare program for travel within the city limits, 24 hours a day and seven days a week. AST, USA and North Shore Taxi companies provide local taxi services. Contact the Zion Township office at 847-872-2811 to sign up or obtain additional information.

Dial-A-Ride

Zion Township subsidizes the PACE Dial-A-Ride program that provides curb-to-curb services to limited destinations in Gurnee and Waukegan. Service days and times are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call the dispatch number at 1-800-201-6446 at least 24 hours in advance to schedule your trip. Round trip cost is \$1.60.

The PACE Paratransit program (stipulated by the American Disabilities Act) also offers curb-to-

curb service for disabled individuals, six days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except on holidays. To qualify, you must have an ADA certification number. Please contact the ADA Program hotline at 1-312-663-4357 for an application. Round trip cost is \$5.00.

RTA Reduced Bus Fare

Zion Township is an RTA “Key Center.” As an authorized agency, the Township processes applications for reduced-fare bus and Metra train passes. Participants must be at least 65 years old to qualify.

Weekly Grocery Shopping

Thanks to the Zion Park District, curb-to-curb service is provided to Zion senior residents every Friday to and from their local grocery store of choice. Please call the Zion Park District at 847-746-5500 to schedule your trip.

Mark Your Calendar!

AARP Driver Safety Program

Zion Township will host this event at the Zion-Benton Public Library (see below for dates and times). The AARP 55 ALIVE Driver Safety Program is the nation’s first and largest classroom driver improvement course specifically designed for drivers age 50 and older. Program cost is \$10.00 per participant.

February 6 & 7, 2007 – Two-day workshop at the Zion-Benton Public Library from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please contact Benton Township at (847) 746-2100.

April 10 & 11, 2007 – Two-day workshop at the Zion-Benton Public Library from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Please contact Benton Township at (847) 746-2100.

Class size is limited to 35, so be sure to register early!

Zion-Benton Township Senior Resource Day:

April 18, 2007 at Zion Park District Leisure Center

Zion Township



Senior Center

Additional Senior Programs

Prescription Credit

Each year, Zion Township partners with Kmart to provide a \$100.00 prescription credit to 200 seniors in Zion. To qualify, one must be at least 55 years of age with a monthly income of less than \$3,000, or have at least \$100 in prescription costs each month. Eligible seniors may apply at anytime during the year.

911 Emergency Contact

In cooperation with RSVP and CLUES, Zion Township has established the award winning *Anytime, Anywhere*® Emergency Contact program designed so that seniors have the ability to dial 911 for assistance anytime, anywhere. The Township collects old cell phones that are refurbished by Mr. Al Hillberg, and then reissued *free of charge* to interested seniors. These phones work only when a 911 emergency call is made and does not require a service provider. So, there are no associated charges involved.

Zion Township accepts cell phone donations between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Donated phones must include chargers.

Zion Park District Senior Outings

On the third Wednesday of each month, the Zion Park District distributes a list of trips scheduled for the following month at the Senior Meeting. These outings may include plays, trips to the Chicago Botanical Gardens, baseball games, concerts, picnics, and four or five extended tours per year! Contact Zion Park District at 847-746-5500 for additional information, or just attend the weekly Senior Meeting every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. at the Zion Senior Center (27th and Emmaus). You won't want to miss it!

Winter Gas PUMPING Assistance!

As a courtesy to Zion Seniors, the Citgo Gas Station at 2300 Sheridan Road in Zion will pump your gas every Tuesday and Wednesday beginning now through March 1, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. It is easy; just stop at the Township to pick up your card, pull up to a pump, honk your horn and hold this card out your window to show the attendant. The attendant will then pump your gas so that you do not have to suffer outside in freezing winter temperatures.

This card is for pumping of gas only, and does not discount gas charges. Gas will still be charged at full price.

Senior Spelling Bee

Zion's 2nd Annual Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, July 26 at the Shiloh Senior Center in Zion with Benton Township Supervisor Jan Suthard, Cheryl Isom, and Zion Township Supervisor Cheri N. Ditzig (Top row, from left to right). The room was silent with anticipation of each challenger's attempt to defeat the next until the winner finally stood alone. A warm congratulations to the 2006 winners, (bottom row, left to right) Ms. Ann Paulsen of Winthrop Harbor in 1st Place, Mr. Jim Weidner of Zion in 2nd Place, and Ms. Lee Donnenwirth of Zion in 3rd place. All contestants received an award for their participation.



Upcoming Events

Supervisor Visits

Supervisor Cheri Ditzig and Youth and Senior Services Manager, Eunice Bridges, visit seniors the 3rd week of each month at the following locations:
Shiloh Towers: 3rd Tuesday 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Carmel House: 3rd Wednesday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Insurance Questions Answered!

Every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m., Blue Cross Blue Shield Service in the Neighborhood is at the Shiloh Senior Center, 27th Street and Emmaus Ave., to answer medical insurance questions.

Senior Meal Programs

Meals on Wheels—Drive People Happy!

Since 1992, Zion Township has ensured that qualified seniors and shut-ins receive a hot meal five days a week, including holidays, delivered straight to their door. Meals are prepared and packaged fresh in our new containers daily, taking into account each recipient's diet restrictions as ordered by their physician. The trays are recyclable and suited for both microwave and conventional oven reheating. Ms. Sandy Bellman of Sheridan Health and Rehab Center oversees the meal preparation, while Youth and Senior Services Manager Eunice Bridges coordinates routes, solicits volunteers and manages the daily program operations.

The Zion Township Meals on Wheels program is still in need of volunteer delivery drivers. Each route includes up to only 11 stops and takes less than 45 minutes to pick up the thermal containers from Sheridan Health and Rehab Center and deliver them. Volunteers typically deliver just one route per week!

For more information about the Meals on Wheels program or to apply as a volunteer, please contact Eunice at the Township office at (847) 872-2811.

Senior's Luncheon

Zion Township partners with the Zion Park District to host a Senior's Luncheon on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Shiloh Senior Center (27th & Emmaus in Zion). The luncheon is open to all Zion seniors and features entertainment. The Township partners with the Zion Park District by covering the meat cost for the meals. Please contact the Park District at 847-746-5500 for more information.



The Queen Bees of Zion Red Hatters gathered for a fun holiday picture.

Primary Purpose of Township

The primary purpose of Township government is to administer the General Assistance (GA) program. GA is a program that provides vouchers to assist adults with limited resources to achieve self-sufficiency. The Supervisor is charged with overseeing the General Assistance fund where she has sole discretionary control. That being said, the Illinois State Statutes governing GA are extremely rigid with regard to the disbursement of this money. Eligible clients receive a \$225.00 monthly "In-Kind" benefit that is applied toward basic living expenses.

The **Emergency Assistance** (EA) program provides a benefit to Zion Township residents for rent, electricity, natural gas and water. There is no earned income limit, but applicants cannot be receiving money from another cash

assistance program; must be able to demonstrate that an emergent situation has occurred; and must present a shut-off or eviction notice verifying the emergency. The maximum benefit for the EA program is \$350 and benefits can be received only once in an 18-month period. Applicants must also complete a three-hour class on "Personal Finances" in order to satisfy the eligibility requirements.



Mrs. Elena Suaste administers the General Assistance (GA) and Emergency Assistance (EA) programs at the Township, and is available five days a week at 847-872-2811.



At Zion Township we are always in a process of learning. Each employee attends trainings and seminars to improve the quality of service and resources available to our community. As a matter of fact, Zion Township has been recognized five years running as the most trained staff of any township in Illinois. We recently attended an insightful seminar sponsored by CREW, Inc., called Bridges Out of Poverty from the aha! Process, Inc. based on the book by Terie Dreussi Smith, M.A. Ed. & OCPS II and also Ruby K. Payne and Philip DeVol. It helped us gain a different point of view on poverty and the various social and economic classes. We were presented with statistics on what the federal government uses to determine a family's status by using the

total household income. This seminar explained levels of power in each class and how to recognize social cues or 'hidden rules' that govern how we think and interact in society. The Bridges Out of Poverty seminar was truly instrumental in gaining an awareness of obstacles residents may face when searching for a job or dealing with health issues. Most importantly, aside from all the facts and information that was shared with us, we realized while looking around the room that there are so many of us in this community who truly care about giving the best quality service to the people we serve. Together there is no limit to what we can achieve towards the betterment of our community when we work together for one common goal!

Bernell Loggins Success Story

Out of the many clients we assist each year, those who strive to move forward can achieve their goal with the help of Zion Township. We have an excellent team and in the case of Bernell Loggins, it was revealed that many of us made a difference in his life.

Realizing his homelessness and in despair, Bernell made an appointment at Zion Township to ask for assistance. He found himself in a humble state of mind as he realized that all he could do was put his pride aside and let others help him. Unfortunately, Zion Township does not have the funds to be able to shelter the homeless, but that does not mean we turn people away without first striving to find a solution for their troubles. After spending a whole day on the phone and contacting numerous shelters, we helped

Bernell come up with a plan. Bernell knew that all he could do was pray for an opportunity to arise to get him back on track. He felt that in order to rise up again, he could only look forward to his future and what he wanted that to become. After food donations and dress for success clothes from staff member, Ms. Eunice Bridges, Bernell was able to land a job and is no longer homeless. He has come to visit to show his gratitude with a big smile on his face and new shiny nametag on his shirt. We feel blessed to have helped guide Bernell through the steps of becoming self-sufficient and back on the path of life he wanted to be on. Congratulations Bernell for your persistence and motivation to master obstacles that came your way in order to achieve your goals!

Personal Finance 101

Zion Township's *Personal Finance Class*, also known as the "How the Heck do I Budget Something I Don't Have? Class," is a three-hour financial management class required to receive financial assistance from

"I learned that by changing a few things I could save literally hundreds of dollars per month!"

the Emergency Assistance program. The course covers some of the attitudes and beliefs that people may have towards their lives and money management. The course also teaches clients how to use a checkbook and create a spending and action plan.

The responses received from clients regarding this class have been very positive, such as, "This class was a real eye opener. I got a lot out of it." And, "The class gives me an idea as to

"Thank you Zion Township for offering this class, it changed my life!"

where and how to start to budget my money." Clients enter the class feeling stressed and overwhelmed due to their financial troubles but they walk out of the class feeling motivated and eager to put what they learned into action. A test is administered at the beginning of the class to measure the client's present knowledge of money management. The same test is administered at the end of the class to measure the increase in awareness. The tests consist of 30 multiple-choice questions. Clients have improved their test scores significantly from the pre-test to the post-test by an astounding average of 30%. Zion Township is proud to be able to offer such a valuable and comprehensive program to the community.

CREW Begins Anger Management Classes

Statistically, 39% of Americans say they hold anger in or try to hide anger, while 23% confess to having hit someone in anger and 58% of anger episodes include yelling or screaming.

Most people believe that anger is a negative emotion from which no good can come. Many people think that anger



Red Ribbon Week Open House guests Laura Hamilton (left) from Waukegan CDBG and Laraesa Garland (right) from North Chicago CDBG in a discussion with CREW Program Director John Rivers.

should not be expressed and that such feelings are wrong or even sinful.

The CREW program is now offering anger management classes to help identify anger and transform anger into assertiveness, problem solving, conflict resolution and forgiveness. Whether you are court ordered, school ordered, or self-referred we can help. Our course will provide participants with a new perspective on anger and how anger (which is part of the human experience) can be used for good.

Learn how to cope with anger in healthy ways through assertiveness, problem solving, restructured thinking, conflict resolution, empathy skills, forgiveness, stress management and more!

- Instructed by a Certified Anger Management Trainer
- Offered to adults and adolescents
- Individual or group settings
- Individual treatment available immediately
- 12, 26 and 52 week programs available
- Cost is approximately \$40 per group setting and \$60 for

- individual treatment
- Receive a certificate of completion upon successful completion of the program

For more information contact CREW, Inc. at 847-872-2830.

Red Ribbon Week

The CREW program hosted its annual Red Ribbon Week Open House on October 20, 2006 with the theme, "100% Me Drug Free". The Open House featured great food, an opportunity for networking, and our popular chocolate fountain. Like last year, this year was a huge success with over 100 guests in attendance. Guests are from a variety of different organizations, including visitors from the Department of Justice, Adult and Juvenile Probation, Zion City Hall, and Zion and Waukegan residents and community leaders. We hope to see everyone again at CREW's Red Ribbon Week Open House 2007!

CREW's Substance Abuse Treatment Division

Community Resources for Education and Wellness, Inc. (CREW) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization designed to provide education, individualized instruction and training for the purpose of developing or improving self-sufficiency. Therefore, it is our mission to provide a comprehensive treatment modality addressing all issues associated with the individual as well as their interactions with family and other social involvement as may be affected by the abuse of alcohol, controlled (legal) or illegal substances or any combination of these.

Directed by Mr. John Rivers, the Substance Abuse Division of the CREW program provides evaluations, substance abuse counseling and education, and DUI risk programs. Level I and II recovery programs are also offered as well as Intensive Outpatient (IOP) for both Adolescents and Adults. Treatment focuses on education, self-awareness, and relapse prevention skills. CREW

also offer DUI services including DUI Evaluations, Risk Education and any recommended treatment. CREW has also just recently begun offering anger management counseling, a service much needed in the community.

The CREW program is becoming well known as its dedicated staff continues to work diligently to provide substance abuse treatment of high quality at a low cost to the Zion community and surrounding areas. Last year we saw an increase in clients, serving approximately 400 clients. We look forward to a future of continued growth.

For additional information on these or other programs offered, please contact us at 847-872-2830.

Corporate Community Spelling Bee

Thanks to our Corporate Community Spelling Bee Contributors, Sponsors and Officials (especially our Queen Bee sponsor, Cancer Treatment Centers of America, and the Coalition for Healthy Communities), over \$10,000 was raised to support education and wellness programs in the Zion and Benton communities. This event was hosted by Community Resources for Education & Wellness Inc. and the Lake County News-Sun. Our sincere appreciation to everyone who contributed! Bee there next year to challenge our 2006 champions, My Father's Business, on Thursday, November 8, 2007.

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Community Directory

A community directory of resources has been created by the Coalition for Healthy Communities and is now available (free for Zion residents). A special thanks to Midwestern Regional Medical Center and Mr. Neal Tucker for designing the cover, Dwayne Stephens for printing the directory, and Zion Township staff for Spanish translations. Please stop by Zion Township to pick up your copy.

Frequently Dialed Numbers

Zion Township	847-872-2811
CREW, Inc.	847-872-2830
Assessor	847-872-5031
City/Town Clerk	847-746-4014
City of Zion	847-746-4000
Police	847-872-8000
Fire Dept.	847-746-4036
Street Dept.	847-746-4050
Bldg/Zoning	847-746-4016
Water Dept.	847-746-4060
Zion Post Office	847-872-5412
Benton Township	847-746-2100
Zion Park District	847-746-5500
PACE Dial-A-Ride	800-201-6446
Lake County:	
Health Dept.	847-377-8170
Housing Auth.	847-223-1170
Zion Cemetery Plot Info (Doug Stiles)	847-244-0770
Catholic Charities	847-782-4000
Sheridan Health & Reh	847-746-8435
Community Action CAP	847-249-4330
Love INC	847-406-4400

Town Board Meeting Dates

December 19, 2006	Meetings are held at
February 19, 2007	Zion City Hall Chambers
March 19, 2007	at 6:30 p.m.
April 16, 2007	Annual Township
May 21, 2007	Meeting is April 10,
	2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Authorized Passport Agents

Zion Township offers passport services Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., *by appointment only*. You must bring a valid photo identification, a certified birth certificate or evidence of U.S. Citizenship, and two 2 x 4 pictures to your appointment. Cost for age 16 and over is \$97 and under age 16 is \$82. Expedited service is an additional \$60 per application and a 2-way overnight delivery envelope is required. Call 847-872-2811 to schedule an appointment. Cash, check or money order only please!



Zion Township Website!

April of this year marked the final completion of Zion Township's very own website! Please visit us at www.ziontownship.org

A Special Thanks

To Mr. Ed Pilar and Mr. Gibbie Buchholtz for spreading our message by attending and taping Zion Township events!

Heat and Energy Assistance

Need help with your gas or electric bill this winter? Zion Township is now processing applications for LIHEAP (Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program). Contact our office at 847-872-2811 and schedule and appointment with our Case Manager, Ms. Elena Suaste for information regarding this program.



Meals on Wheels—Drive People Happy!

The Zion Township Meals on Wheels program is still in need of volunteer drivers. Currently, there are 30 routes per week, which include up to ten drops per route. It takes less than 45 minutes to pick up the thermal containers from Sheridan Health Care Center and deliver them. Volunteers typically deliver one route per week.

For more information about the Meals on Wheels program or to apply as a volunteer, please contact Eunice at the Township office at (847) 872-2811.

Volunteer Drivers... Thanks for keepin' us rollin'!

Mr. David Williams
Mrs. Jean Fredrickson
Mrs. Patricia Neal
Mrs. Leone Scheve
Mr. Jean Scheve
Ms. Flo Cheek
Ms. Evie Hakeem
Ms. Cissy Moss
Ms. Geneva Ower
Ms. Heida Paschke
Ms. Kathy Printz
Ms. Maiko Shaw
Ms. Bonnie Wolf
Ms. Lois Johnson
Mr. Pete Reinier
Little Ms. Alyssa Lopez
Ms. Jennifer Cunningham
Ms. Debilyn Owens
Ms. Chardné Pearson
Mr. Gil Aranda
Ms. Maggie Trevino
Ms. Gillian Collum
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