

FYI

- Check out our wish list on line - www.thewomensconnection.org, so you can be a part of TWC.
- The Elder Alumni Family Walk held during May donated \$500 to benefit TWC programs. We are most grateful.
- In 2010, 159 volunteers provided 3001 hours of service. The market value of our volunteer time in 2010 was \$64,101.
- The Women's Connection is most grateful to those individuals and families who have made a gift to TWC through their estate plans with planned giving. Create your legacy at TWC. Consult your tax agent. Thank you.



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Our Mission
We are a neighborhood center providing support for change by educating, empowering, and enriching women and girls.

- Our Priorities**
- ❖ To be a welcoming place
 - ❖ To connect women and children with available resources
 - ❖ To provide educational and personal growth opportunities that respond to community needs
 - ❖ To initiate and promote collaborative programs and services within the community

Coming Events



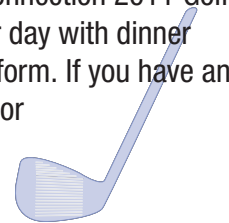
Mom 'n Me Fun in The Sun Party – August 6, 2011

Put on your sundress and sunglasses, and join us for The Women's Connection's 1st Annual "Mom 'n Me, Fun in the Sun Party"!

What a perfect event for girls of all ages to attend with their mom, grandma, aunt, or other special woman in their life! Be pampered at one of the glam stations, walk in the Parade of Fashions, enjoy a delicious lunch, make your own treat at our snow cone station, shop at our sweets shop, win some great prizes when you spin the "Wheel of Wow", bid on our Silent Auction, or take a chance on one of our great Raffle Prizes!! Thanks to Bonnie Hueneman and Mary Brigham for co-chairing this special event and to Seton High School for generously donating the use of their facilities. Enclosed in this newsletter is a reservation form. If you have any questions please contact Aimee Shinkle at (513) 471-4673 ext. 13 or ashinkle@thewomensconnection.org.

2011 Golf Outing – September 23, 2011

Calling all golfers! Get a foursome together, swing your clubs, and support a great organization! Join us at **Aston Oaks Golf Club** for The Women's Connection 2011 Golf Outing. We'll begin with a shotgun start at 1:00, and complete your day with dinner immediately following! Enclosed in this newsletter is a reservation form. If you have any questions please contact Aimee Shinkle at (513) 471-4673 ext. 13 or ashinkle@thewomensconnection.org.



Meet Gabriel Gibson



Meet **Gabriel Gibson**, an eighth grade student at Rees E Price who is a member of the Price Hill Youth Council and a participant at The Women's Connection. "She is an exemplary young woman. I learn so much from her. She is a pleasure to have in Girl's Life," said Jori Cotton, girls program coordinator. Gabriel is on the Honor Roll at school, loves animals, trivia and sci-fi. She has shown strong leadership at the Youth Council.

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Staff Comings and Goings



Mariana Lamping - Summer Intern

My name is Mariana Alessandra Lamping. I am an

intern at The Women's Connection serving as the Girl's Program Assistant until mid-August. I am from Ayacucho, Peru but have been living in the US for eight years. I am fluent in English and Spanish. I attend the College of Mount Saint Joseph, where I am studying to become a social worker. Having the opportunity to work with the staff of The Women's Connection this summer will be of benefit to me in my studies and to the girls and women I meet. I am grateful for the opportunity.

Liz Imhoff

As I look back on my time at TWC

working with the women of Price Hill, I am extremely grateful for all the opportunities this job has given me. I have met many wonderful women, have had the chance to work again on the "West Side", and am constantly amazed by the dedication and hard work of the women who come to the center to overcome hardships and enrich their own lives and the lives of their families. I will miss working with The Women's Connection, and thank you again for the chance to represent such a wonderful organization. *Gratefully, Liz*

Corrie van Amerongen

After I had accepted my position as the Hispanic Outreach Specialist a mere 10 months ago, I would have never guessed that I would be writing this letter today. My interview for TWC was so inspiring. The employee passion and devotion at TWC were so eye-opening; I knew I had to seize the opportunity to work there.

Even more inspiring were the Hispanic women and men I worked with on a daily basis. Organizing the Las Hispanas group allowed me to get close to the participants and understand better their challenges of living in a foreign country with many odds against them. My small contributions of helping someone receive a passport or fill out an application for food stamps helped make their day just a little bit easier (a motto I soon grew to adopt!) Thanks to the participants and the gracious staff at TWC, I have decided to go into the social work profession and pursue a master's degree in social work at The Ohio State University in the fall. This was a bittersweet decision for me, as I have loved my time at TWC. I would like to thank the staff and the board for giving me the chance to work at The Women's Connection and for helping me realize my life's calling. Thanks and ¡Gracias por todo! *Warmly, Corrie*

Making a Difference



Lateya Wood-Daniel and Linda Keller

The Women's Connection rejoiced in a milestone in two participant's lives. "In November 2010 I began to seek your services. Ms. Linda Keller helped me to obtain my dream of becoming an LPN. I had completed 15 long months of schooling without missing a

single day. I graduated, but due to economic hardship and unemployment, I could not pay licensure testing fees. No matter where I looked, I couldn't find help with this last important step to my new career. After much work, Ms. Linda helped me request a special grant for my needs. I was blessed to receive financial help to pay for the exam, get required fingerprinting and purchase appropriate testing materials. I passed the exam!!!! As of 4/15/11 I am an LPN at Terrace View Gardens. Anything is possible if you work hard enough and be persistent about making a positive change for yourself and your family." *Lateya Wood-Daniel*

MARY MASSONG

Mary first came to TWC in the winter of 2007 to attend a job search workshop. She had recently lost her housekeeping job of 16 years. Caring for her beloved father until his death, and despite many significant physical and cognitive challenges, Mary found herself alone. After taking a fall on the ice which required surgery, hospital bills were not covered for her. Mary was not equipped to navigate these bills on her own. Anxiety was starting to be a major concern as well. She turned to TWC again for assistance. Mary was referred to BVR and IKRON for continued support in finding work, to Legal Aid for support in filing appeals for her disability claim, and to several other organizations to get help with her vision and dental needs. TWC also worked with Mary to complete applications for public assistance through Ohio Benefits Bank. She also got involved in our Scrapbooking program and was able to preserve some special memories of her beloved parent. In February 2011, Mary worked with the social worker to look at her options for Medicaid and to choose a plan that would be accepted by almost all the doctors she had seen in the past. As of May 2011 Mary is happy to announce that she has a part-time job, has received/renewed her food stamps, enrolled in lifeline telephone services in order to reduce the cost of her phone bill, has been able to nearly eliminate the health care debt, has been successfully enrolled in Medicaid for the disabled, and is receiving some cash assistance to help her support herself. Mary is feeling more confident in her own ability to navigate issues in her life.

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1st row, 1 to r: Jack Emmett, Howard Bloemker, Bill Rellar. 2nd row, 1 to r: Mike Meese, Pat Emmett, Tom Koenig. Not pictured: Paul Motz, Bob Coil, Gail Harmeling and Dave Allen.

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Katie Hoelscher, SC
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