

Faith Mission REFUGE WICHITA FALLS

Faith Delivers

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This newsletter focuses on the women of Faith Refuge. I hope you enjoy reading their stories. Don't miss Fashion Night Out on September 24, 50% of which funds our Career Academy as well as scholarships for graduates of our New Beginnings Program at Faith Refuge. 50% benefits education programs of North Texas Area United Way partners (Faith Refuge is not a United Way partner).
Warm regards, Steve Sparks

It Started With a Conversation...

God gave me a heart for women, and as a result I opened Tangles Salon. As my friend and client, Johnelle, shared struggles that ladies from her jail ministry had experienced, I wondered how I might help these women. When a friend in Chicago talked about helping women with scholarships I reflected again on the ones in our community. I shared all these ideas with celebrity stylist Brendan Cannon, adding that I had always wanted to bring a first-rate fashion show to our community. The inspiration for Fashion Night Out came from all of these conversations.



Hoping to see you at Fashion Night Out, Robin Cook



There are women stuck on the streets of Wichita Falls and in the county jail whose pit of darkness is so deep they will never be able to overcome without our developing a rescue strategy. As a jail chaplain, I get to know their hearts and to see their value as children of God. Faith Refuge was brought to our community when these women told their life stories and touched our hearts with their desperate cries for help. Faith Refuge gives women opportunities they never had before. Thank you for helping us provide a pathway to new life for hurting and discouraged women.

For His glory, Johnelle Donnell

Training Today... For A Better Tomorrow

Faith Refuge Career Academy

This April, six wonderful ladies became one step closer to making their dreams come true. By choosing to participate in The Faith Refuge Career Academy, these women faced 12 weeks of intense study and preparation for today's job market. Upon completion, most already had jobs in the community and they all had a sense for the importance of giving back. The decision to take this time to better their lives was tough and took courage to remain dedicated to the program. Faith Refuge is proud to call these fantastic women our fifth Career Academy Graduates!



(L-R) Lisa Wester, Academy Director, Miranda, Kristie, Lodema, Sall, Amanada, and Tami



As one class heads on to reach their dreams, another class takes their seats! Theresa, one of our newest Career Academy students, is telling her story in an anger management class while Chelsea listens on in support. One of the goals of the Career Academy is for participants like Theresa and Chelsea to learn how to better handle emotions as part of preparing themselves for the future. Please join us for the Career Academy graduation on July 30 at 5:30 at Faith Refuge, 710 E. Hatton Rd., Wichita Falls, TX. Space is limited. RSVP 940-322-4673.

Career Academy Business Partners

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For more client stories, photos, and to donate online visit faithmissionwf.org



Faith Refuge... An endeavor to serve women and children

Joni, pictured here with her youngest daughter, Julie, is about to complete the New Beginnings Program along with the Career Academy at Faith Refuge. After years of struggling with addiction, she and her children drifted between friends' homes until they found themselves at the Refuge. After completing our programs, Joni plans to reinstate her nurses aid license and become self-sufficient. We cannot wait to see where the Lord leads Joni and her children!



In Honor of

- Johnelle Donnell
- Pat Donnell
- Jenifer Estes
- Floral Heights Dads
- Vicky Payne
- T.Sgt. Matthew Rogers
- Lance & Angela Spragins

In Memory of

- Wanda G. Brown
- Ronnie Drullinger, Jr.
- Bobbie Flatt
- Morris Mercer
- Don Peterson
- E.E. Lancaster Family

Calling Women Everywhere!

Are you looking for a new start in life?
Faith Refuge Career Academy welcomes all women!
Apply for the Next Career Academy starting August 24.
For more information and how to apply please visit <http://faithmissionwf.org/about/faith-refuge-career-academy/> or call
Lisa Wester, Academy Director, at (940) 322-4673

Save the date



Fashion Night Out will be September 24 at the Kemp at the Forum. Tickets go on sale August 24 at local participating boutiques: Gabby's, Miks, Sewn, The Shoe Closet, and Tangles Salon.

Don't miss out! Call Robin Cook at 940-767-4600 or Jennie Lilley at 940-704-6976 before July 24 to sponsor this enjoyable and fun event!

a little faith goes a long way...

Help Team Faith Spokesmen in the 2015 HH100 endurance ride as they cycle to raise money for our cause. T-shirts (L & XL) are on sale now to spur our riders along on the sidelines! Other sizes may be ordered. Pick yours up today at Faith Mission!



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Vern Huffines... A Legacy of Volunteering and Giving

As Faith Mission says goodbye to Vern Huffines as our Chairman of the Board, we would like to pay tribute to this gentle man and share his thoughts with you. "Just witnessing the way this amazing community opens up their hearts to allow God to minister to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those less fortunate is wonderful. I see with my own eyes the New Creation that the apostle Paul speaks of in 2 Corinthians 5:17 transforming lives in Faith Mission and Faith Refuge." During his involvement on the Board, Vern served on the Capital Campaign Committee for Faith Refuge and led the organization to adopt a three-year strategic plan. He is a mentor to our CEO, Steve Sparks, and is part of the Faith Mission family. As a special send-off, all of our friends are invited to donate in honor of Vern this year as he rides in the HH100 endurance ride as part of Team Faith Spokesmen.



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- Faith Refuge, 710 E. Hatton Rd., Wichita Falls, TX 940-322-4673
- Faith Resale, 4502 Old Jacksboro Hwy., WF, 940-766-0705 (to schedule a pick-up of large items)
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