

March 2010 Newsletter Center for Grieving Children

*Boys and Girls
Clubs of the Fox
Valley*

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Peer Support Meeting is set for Tuesday, 3-16-10

6: 00 - 8:15 pm

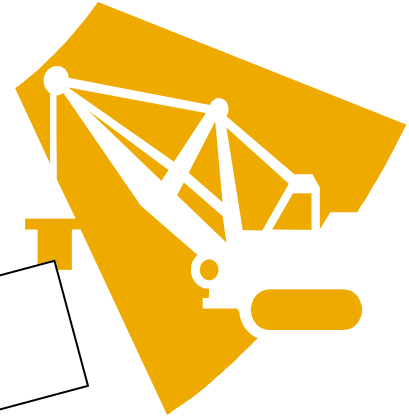
Program Topic: **The Face We Show
Feelings on the Inside/Outside**

Activity: **Mask-making**

Menu: **Baked Chicken, cheesy potatoes,
vegetable and beverage**

CGC UNDER CONSTRUCTION

With 55 participants at our February meeting (78 with volunteers) we have outgrown the group room. We will be making some accommodations AND squeezing where we can for the next three months as we wait for our new space which will be ready before June. See you at the March family night!



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Will Bloedow, a passionately involved member of the community, has been serving on the Advisory Board of the Center for Grieving Children (CGC) since its conception in 2004. He also serves on the Board of Trustees for the Appleton Public Library and has been a member of the Crisis Response Team for the school district since 1982. Will describes his early life as dominated by grief; he grew up surrounded by death and difficult points of separation. This is what brought him to volunteer at the CGC. Here, he is given a perfect opportunity to help children and their families, particularly those whom are challenged with life-altering issues. Will utilizes his skills of outreach to provide the assistance to the Center. Being an avid enthusiast of education, he supports the Center through designated donations towards education for the director and volunteers of CGC, on issues related to children's grief and loss. Will was born in Minnesota and attended

St. Olaf College where he studied history and religion. He went on to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, where he attained his Master of Divinity. He presently lives with his wife in Appleton, where they have resided for the past 36 years. He enjoys walking, reading, and maintaining a hobby of collecting pens. However, what brings him the greatest satisfaction is having the opportunity to give back to the community. In particular, he is fulfilled by the chance to help give the children at CGC a little sense of hope, something that will travel with them for the rest of their lives. So much is to be said about Will Bloedow; although we must stop here, do not hesitate to find him at the Center or in the community where he will gladly captivate you with an interesting conversation.

Interviewed by Jared Frazier, M3C Intern

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CGC has 10 new Volunteers:
6 new Program Support and 4 new Facilitators, Ready to GO!

FVTC to Offer Starting Point

Starting Point, a workshop for female single parents and displaced homemakers at FVTC-Appleton, is announcing its next 2 workshops. The workshops will run at FVTC-Appleton. **Our spring EVENING workshop runs from 4:30-8:30 pm on Mondays and Thursdays from March 22-April 8. Our spring DAYTIME workshop runs 9 a.m. to noon on Mondays and Wednesdays from April 19-May 12.**

Pre-registration is required, however, the workshop is free and all materials are provided. It addresses career planning, stress management, assertiveness, goal setting, decision making, and more. **Please call 735-5696 to schedule an appointment** with Kara, Margie, or Sandi. FVTC also offers 1:1 services for female and male single parents in transition and appointments can be scheduled by calling above.

Parent Connection **FREE** Increase Parenting Skills Workshop attend one or all

February 9 Your Child's Temperament
February 23 Positive Discipline Parent
March 9 Safety 101

February 16 A New Take on Fatherhood
March 2 Ages and Stages of Your Child
March 16 Anger Management

TIME: 6:15 - 7:45 p.m. (Tuesdays)

COST: **FREE** when registered in advance

CHILD CARE: Free for Infant-9 years (4 day advance notice needed)

HOST SITE: First United Methodist Church*325 E. Franklin St, Appleton

REGISTER: TIPS Hotline at (920) 540-7380

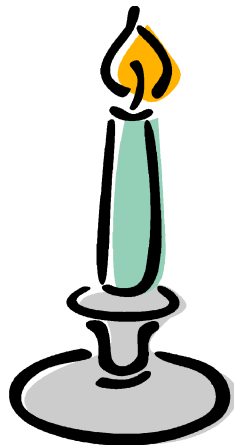
Register for as many sessions that interest you.

We Remember....

These dates in March.....

Birthdays:
Heather Z. 3/9/76

Died:
Gillian H. 3/28/08



Beginnings and Endings

In real life stories don't end
There is always another page
To be written or read
Even when one person dies
The story goes on through
Their loved ones lives
The present mixes with the past
And another chapter begins
Some things stay the same
Some things take on new meaning
Some things live on through those left
To keep them alive.

By
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