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The

TVC News



The True Vine Center's Grand Opening Event

On September 08, 2008, from 9am-7pm the True Vine Center (TVC) opened, its doors to the public for the first time. The staff spent weeks in preparation of this event. Balloons and streamers were put up amidst the displays; while gift bags, and giveaways lined the tables. The day was filled with excitement and joy. This Newsletter is dedicated to that event. Inside you will find photos of this event and those who attended.

The TVC is a non-profit organization that provides tutoring, mentoring and counseling to residents of Temple Hills, MD and its surrounding areas. It's a place for the entire family.

Save the Date!

TVC's Holiday Party

Dec. 13, 2008

1st. Annual party for enrolled participants, staff, board members, donors, and well wishers.

Spring Fundraiser

Mar - April 2009

Picnic in the Park-Kings Dominion Bus trip. Walk, Run, Skate, Bike for the cause.

Founder's Day Event

April 11, 2009

"Staying the course: it's the law of the harvest" – Theme event TBD





Ribbon cutting ceremony

Here pictured is Elnora Johnson-Nwachukwu and Chidiebere Nwachukwu (left, right) President/Executive Director and Vice President/Health Wellness Director prepare to cut the ribbon and welcome all to The True Vine Center for its grand opening ceremony.

The True Vine Center staff cuts cake

Pictured from left to right is The True Vine Center's staff who were present for the cake cutting ceremony. (Calista Rivera, Enid Thompson, Chidiebere Nwachukwu, Elnora Johnson-Nwachukwu, Henrietta Thorne, Carolyn Abney).



Corporate Sponsor attends grand opening

Rodney Wooten owner of Premier Financial, and benefactor of The True Vine Center stopped by to support the grand opening. (Photo right: Elnora, Rodney, Chidiebere). Rodney has been instrumental in helping to support the mission of The TVC. His office is located in the same office complex. We really appreciate the support of local area businesses such as Rodney's and looking forward to partnering with them in the near future.



Individual Donor

Minister Derrick Miliner, (pictured right with Elnora) stopped by to support The TVC's grand opening and gave a donation to support its mission. Minister Miliner is the Minister of Outreach at Concordia Lutheran Church in Upper Marlboro, MD. He is a veracious supporter of "Outreach" and has agreed to partner with The TVC in its future outreach endeavors. Stay tuned..... Thanks Minister Miliner we appreciate all you do for The True Vine Center.





The TVC Open House Staff

The three people pictured above from left to right (Carolyn Abney/Administrative Director, Henrietta Thorne/Volunteer and Supporter and Calista Rivera/Trustee); spent the weekend "literally" at The TVC preparing for the grand opening. Carolyn used her energy, creative skills, and overall assistance wherever it was needed. For several weeks she tirelessly reported early, stayed late, put up, cleaned up, and supported the Executive Director. Without her assistance and expertise, the grand opening would not have been so successful. Kudos!!! This picture of Henrietta, in the middle was taken while smiling moments after she was relieved from her duty of making the lemonade. LOL She traveled 400 miles to bring books for the resource library and to assist with the final preparations and cleaning. "Dog my Cat" one of her favorite sayings along with her gentle but humorous manner helped to welcome the

entire guest who entered The TVC. Thank you again we really appreciated the contributions, you gave in support of our mission. Calista Rivera, our "Rock of Gibraltar" She commanded the kitchen and refreshments like the galley of any restaurant. Pictured here in her signature red apron, she seamlessly prepared the change in food items and helped throughout the day to welcome visitors and friends. She stayed all day in spite of the hours and miles on the road that was facing them. She also brought books and solicited support from others in her community on behalf of The TVC. Again we cannot thank you enough for all that you do. Our heart felt thanks and sincere gratitude to all who worked to make this day successful. In the event that we left off the names of others who assisted us for the grand opening please accept this big THANK YOU!!!



Baskets and Giveaways

The TVC's goody bag give away ends soon so get yours while supplies last!!!

Baskets by Carolyn, and Elnora were created, wrapped, and supplies purchased in support of The True Vine Center. We still have a few left over so stop by, call or email us to inquire. We

will be giving away a goody bag to the first 25 people who sign up for services in the month of November 2008.* This promotion ends on November 28, 2008 and cannot be used in conjunction with any other current promotion. (* Certain restrictions apply see staff for details.)

Photos of Grand Opening

First Door Prize Winner

Jackie Nolen pictured right won the first door prize. She was excited and elated as she received her gift. Not only did she receive a nice bag but she also found inside the bag there were items she desperately needed. You go Jackie!



Second Door Prize Winner

Vickie Wheatstone pictured left won the second door prize. She too picked a bag mmh! Vickie was impressed with the Center. She took advantage of The Pantry of the Vines items available during the grand opening. As you can see her arms were filled. Don't worry there are still more Pantry of The Vine items; many new and like new things waiting just for you. Why not call the center today; you will be glad you did!!

Arts and Crafts event

Pictured right is Erin Hursey holding a balloon and showing off the picture that she colored while visiting the grand opening. We had activities and gifts for the children too. Balloons in every color, plenty of crayons and other goodies, so many choices so little time to choose.



Third Door Prize Winner

Picture left is Elnora, and Corey Johnson. Corey represented the teens that were in attendance. He was delighted to receive his gift and expressed his approval of The TVC's program and activities. Thank you Corey for attending our grand opening. We hope to see you again soon. See more pictures of winners on the TVC's website.

www.thetruevinecenter.org

Resource Room

Our resource room is stocked full of books and pamphlets ready to be checked out or picked up. If you need more information about a specific health issue give us a call we have certified healthcare professionals as well as counselors, and educators waiting to assist you in confidence. We also have workshops and seminars that may be of interest to you. For more information contact our staff.



Arts & Crafts

Picture left is one of the many displays that were showcased during the grand opening. The theme behind this display created and designed by Elnora was "You're never too old to Knit". All of these items some crochet, knit, embroidered and spinning provided a closer look at the myriad of classes, you can take at The TVC. If you are interested and want to learn how to do any of these crafts and more... perhaps you need a unique handcrafted gift for a significant other, then The True Vine Center is the place to get it. We have friendly and knowledgeable staff waiting to share their skills and love of crafting with you. What are you waiting for why not become a part of The TVC family today give us a call at 301.702.0070

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