

Newsletter

Christian Women's Job Corps

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Ponderings From Pam

A LEGACY OF CHANGE...

In April, 2003, a small group of people began talking about the possibility of a Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) site in Waco, Texas. As I look back at the last 14 years, the prominent word that comes to mind is **"Change."** Of the many definitions given in the dictionary for that word, the one that most applies to CWJC is **"to become different, or make something or somebody different."**

The first evident change was in me. After being a stay-at-home mom for 20 years, becoming the executive director of a non-profit ministry was not even on my radar. However, God took this willing vessel and used me to produce many more changes. He opened the door for people in our community to experience change as they volunteered for the first time and discovered that you can receive a blessing in the midst of donating your time to help others.

The women who participated in our program experienced numerous changes:

- Finding hope in the future rather than despair and depression
- Being in a healthy relationship rather than in an abusive relationship
- Respecting herself rather than believing the ridicule and criticism from others
- Earning a GED rather than being a high school dropout
- Securing a job that paid the bills rather than a minimum wage job
- Completing an associate's or bachelor's degree after the CWJC program
- Becoming a contributing member of our community rather than depending on government subsidies

Those are only a few of the changes we've witnessed. Our Board of Directors decided this year we should celebrate **"A Legacy of Change."** The theme will carry over to our Baskets of Hope fundraiser. At the event, you will have an opportunity to hear from some of our participants, volunteers, and others in our community about changes they have experienced through their involvement with CWJC. We'll also share exciting changes we'll be making in the future. I hope you'll make plans to join us on September 26, at Woodway First Baptist Church, at 6:30 p.m.

Always grateful. . .
 Pam



Being a part of CWJC brings joy to all as is evidenced by the smiles on both participants' and volunteers' faces. We're so thankful that God is using this ministry to reach many women in McLennan County.

TESTIMONIALS

"I was in a domestic violent situation. I was living in a hotel with my husband (ex-husband now). I came to CWJC to find work. They helped me get a place to stay and connected me to people who helped me get back in school. They also got me connected to the job I have now. I want to work in accounting and go back to school for that. They just basically were a lighthouse during a dark time in my life."

Lois Johnson (Graduate)

"At the volunteer training, I was impressed that CWJC said that they do not take government funds because they refuse to water down the Gospel. People are led to Christ by hearing the full truth from people who unashamedly love the Lord. Hearing that made me realize that I was needed; both to volunteer and financially support CWJC."

Alexis Priddy (Donor and Volunteer)

The reason I love to volunteer at Christian Women's Job Corp is the joy that I get from helping another woman through a hard time in her life. I like to take what the Lord has taught me and be able to pass on this life-changing help to another sister in Christ. It is a gift that God has given us to lift each other up and build up the faith in another person. It's a way of taking the Bible and putting hands and feet to it and walking out the calling of God in my life so God can use me to bless someone else... It's pouring out HIS love to others. That's why I volunteer at C.W.J.C..

Sue Trepinski (Board Member and Teacher)

BASKETS OF HOPE 2016



SAVE THE DATE !

Baskets of Hope
DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION
September 26, 2017
6:00 pm
Woodway First Baptist Church