

Beginning Experience of Omaha

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Beginning Experience Weekend

April 16-18
A Weekend Away For A Lifetime Of Change

Archdiocesan Retreat Center
3330 North 60 Street
Omaha

Plan NOW to attend the Celebration Mass at 3:15.

Following Mass everyone is invited to continue fellowship at dinner (Dutch treat of course) at the Village Inn, North of 90th and Maple Street

If you know someone who would benefit from the BE weekend please invite them to consider attending the weekend. More information and an application is available at www.beginningexperienceofomaha.org

A Prayer for Beginning Experience

Lord, please send us the people that need Beginning Experience and the people that Beginning Experience needs.

Volunteerism

Volunteering is the practice of people working on behalf of others without being motivated by financial or material gain. Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity, intended to promote good or improve human quality of life. Altruism is unselfish concern for the welfare of others.

True volunteerism comes from the heart. Volunteers must believe in the benefits that will come from their actions in order to give fully of themselves for any cause. The joy of seeing how actions affect those who benefit from the acts is the greatest reward.

In our busy world, it is so easy to make excuses. We are all busy with jobs, families, friends, church and other social activities. It isn't always easy or convenient to give up a Saturday to help train new team member, or Sunday afternoon or an evening to attend a meeting. It can be even more difficult to spend Friday night through Sunday afternoon helping with a weekend.

We give thanks for those who do so graciously give of their time and especially for those who bring food to help with the weekend meals, who help with registration, or carry in bags for the weekend participants. They are the glue that gives support to our ministry. We also give thanks to those who give monetary gifts for the scholarship fund or team needs. Each person who assists in any way is helping the Ministry to grow. Our ministry is so blessed by you all.

It takes time to volunteer, but it takes such a small amount of time when you look at the number of hours in a day. And the rewards? For me, the biggest reward is the good feeling I get from knowing that by sharing my loss and my journey through grief, I may have touched one life, that I have helped another person to see that there is still a life to be lived.

If it were not for people who are willing to volunteer, the Beginning Experience Ministry could not exist. This ministry thrives because of the team members and alumni who give so generously of their time, talent, and treasure. This giving spirit allows the ministry to continue to reach out to those who are grieving the loss of a marriage. What do you have to share?

Jennifer Nelsen

You are invited to the
Soup &

Pie Supper

**Tuesday, April 13,
St. James Parish
Center, 4710 North 90
Street.**

Soup & Pie at 6:30 followed by speaker extraordinaire Mary Maxwell. Mary will present a witty take on Volunteerism and getting older.

BE Memorial Scholarship Fund

A BE Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established to help participants who need some financial help with the cost of attending the BE weekend.

Funds Raised

The Omaha BE team appreciates the holiday donation from a former team member and the following memorials given in memory of . . .

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Sr. Cynthia's mother, who passed away in August of 2009

Betty Long, a former team member passed away in December of 2009

Rich Limbeck's mother, who passed away in December 2009

Scott Limbeck, son of Rich and Donna Limbeck, who tragically passed away on February 7, 2010





A MESSAGE FROM
DONNA AND RICH
LIMBECK

Please let all the BE community know how much their love and support and prayers have meant to Rich and I and our family. We can definitely feel God's presence. Thanks for all the food that they supplied, money they gave for the luncheon, and the thoughtful memorial donations. You all mean so much to us. May God bless you always!

Love, Rich and Donna

2010 Beginning Experience Weekend Dates

April 16-18 Archdiocese Retreat Center—Omaha

July 23-25 St. Benedict Center—Schuyler

November 12-14 Archdiocese Retreat Center—Omaha



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Thursdays—

April 22 through May 27

St. Mary's in Bellevue
903 West Mission
Go to the back of the school where parking is available.
(Enter through the door marked Dominican Center)

THE THEME OF THIS NEWSLETTER IS **VOLUNTEERISM.**

First, it is about the BE Soup and Pie Supper, please consider coming to that event to help support the BE ministry. The speaker will be very entertaining and it will be much more fun if you are there.

Second, it is about how, as alumni of the BE Weekend, your support is needed to help the current BE Team continue to provide the much needed healing for those are beginning a journey we have all taken..

Needed: People to help with one of the three meals on the weekend and choir members for the closing Mass.

Here's how you can help:



Put on your chef's hat and volunteer to cook an item (recipes will be provide, if you like) for one of the meals. Put on your apron and come to the Retreat Center to help prepare and serve one of the three meals needed for the weekend. If you are interested in helping with meals contact Pat Seier at paseier@archomaha.org. It's simple, make a salad or dessert, lend a helping hand. IT IS FUN.



Choir members for the BE Weekend Closing Mass. If you are interested in being part of the BE Choir of Angels, well maybe not Angels, please call or email Colette Robinson at 402-721-2397 [please leave a message if there is no answer, with your name and availability, if there is no answer] or robinbudco@hotmail.com to sign up. Come at 3:00 for a quick overview of the Mass and SING!!!! Colette plays the organ at St. Patrick's in Fremont and is a current team member.

The names below are former Team Members we need address for.

If you have any information please call or email Pat Seier at 402-557-5514 or paseier@archomaha.org

BERANEK	LORI	HOILE	BETTY	ROMANO	STACY & JOHN
BERTACINI	TERRY	HUFF	DIANA	SAUNDERS	JEAN
BIXENMANN	DONNA	HURLBERT	TAMMY	SHANNO	YVETTE
BROOKS	AMBER	JACOBSEN	LINDA	SHERMAN	CINDY
CHRISTENSEN	LESLIE	JANSSEN	JERRY	SHONKA	TOM
CLAYTON-MURPHY	JOYCE	JOHNSTON	CARLA	SIEBKEN-GREENLEE	PHYLLIS
CLEASBY	MARY	KLEIN	WALT	SMIDT	TRACY
CUSTER	JANET	LASSEK-BARTLE	ROENE	SMITH	DEB
DABERKOW	WES	MEESTER	COLETTE	SORENSEN	CAROL
DAVIS	ERIC	MERIT	MARILYN	STRANGE	ANN
DREDLA	LEANN	MEYER	BERNICE	THARP	SHERRYL
EILERTS	BILL	MOCK-MEYER	DENISE	THOMPSON	MIKE
ENCISCO	JUAN	MOHR	BILL	TRUE	BARBARA
EVANS	MARLENE	MULLER	CAROL	VOLOVSEK	DARLENE
EWERDT	JANICE	OLSON	BEVERLY	WAMPLER	ANNETTE
FEHRINGER	SARAH	OLSON	DELORES	WATSON	D KAY
FLIAR	RHONDA	OVERTON	JOAN	WEINS	JOHN
GILMORE	PAT	PENDLEY	LEROY	WELMAN	STACY & ALAN
GRIM	BARBARA	PETERSON	LINDA	WESTERLIN	LINDY
GRIMIT	LARRY	RICHARDSON	JEANNE	WILKINSON	JOAN
GROTHUES	GERRY	ROLLO	LLOYD	WRIGHT	JEANNETTE
HENDERSON	LINDA				