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2009 Fold Fundraiser & BBQ



Gail Mangeri



Katie & Family



Scott Rancourt

On August 29th The Fold hosted our annual fund-raising and celebration. Over 200 people attended, including current and a number of previous staff and residents, board members, and many friends and supporters of The Fold. The evening featured testimonies from graduate Katie '04, and her parents, graduate Tom '09, and graduate Erin '09. Our celebration also included special music by Gail Mangeri of Hiram, Ohio. A special challenge was presented by Scott Rancourt '88, a graduate and now serving as a Board Member of The Fold. It was a wonderful time of blessings and inspiration for all. Thank you all for sharing in the many blessings and joys of this special evening, may you be blessed as well. To God be the Glory!



Resident Instructors at The Fold Dinner

Support The Fold With Every On-line Purchase You Make!

If you're like me you may often spend time making purchases from a website. The Fold Family Ministries is listed on Igive.com. This means that every dollar I spend from stores on their website results in a donation to The Fold. They list great stores like LL Bean, Sears, Amazon, Newegg, Staples, Quill and hundreds of others. They also have a search engine that will donate 1 cent for every search. You have to register on the Igive website but they do not send you spam e-mail and will not sell your e-mail address to others. Just say you were referred by Steven Hebert and they will donate \$5 the first time you buy through a store off their website. I think supporting The Fold is a great use of these company's advertising dollars. So, please sign up today!

Steve

Staff Opportunities We are seeking individuals who love the Lord Jesus Christ and desire to share His life with teens and their families. For more information on residential and teaching positions, contact The Fold at **802.626.5620** or fold@thefoldinc.org

We need YOUR help!!! The Fold relies on YOU to spread the word. If you know of hurting or struggling teens & families, please direct them to our website or call Johanna in admissions at **802.626.5620**. If you personally or your church needs resources please contact sarah@thefoldinc.org. Your help may be timely for someone who needs The Fold.

Thank you for all your prayers and support!



The Boys Home doing a service project



Girls Home



Insights from Dr. Fred Tomaselli, President

The Internet Is Changing The Way Families Seek Help

The Internet provides numerous opportunities for individuals and families to save time and energy. For many, it has now become the initial step for things like shopping, travel planning, information gathering for school or personal use, etc. Demographically speaking, the convenience of the web has also created some major changes in the way families seek help for their troubled teens. For example, most, if not all, applicants to The Fold in recent months have indicated they either found us on the Internet or checked out our website after hearing about our ministry.

This is good news in that it saves lots of time and may expedite the application process. However, like so many good things, I have noticed a potentially negative side to this trend. Families we are encountering more frequently have little to no contact with their local church about their child's need for help. It used to be that families struggling with a child would seek help and information from their pastor or youth workers, or a Christian friend. This gave families opportunity to gain much needed encouragement and prayer support. We are learning that this perceived "blessing" of convenience actually tends to isolate hurting families, removing them from their church and Christian friends by making it easier to "keep their problems to themselves."

Hebrews 10:25 says, "not forsaking our own assembling together...but encouraging one another" (read verses 23 and 24 for context). This reference infers much more activity than meeting for a worship service. It literally refers to a "gathering." In this case, it involves accessing one another for the specific purpose of ministry. Let's be ever cautious and vigilant to not allow the convenience of the Internet to rob us of the great privilege and importance of face-to-face ministry with one another in the Body of Christ.

Fred

We have recently welcomed several new residents! The girls and staff have been busy attending events, activities, and their normal daily routine. **Highlights!** The girls had the privilege of attending a special seminar for young women at a neighboring church and Iron Sharpens Iron for Women. They also participated in outdoor sports, shopping trips, fun activities in the area and community, and creative projects. **Volunteering!** Highlighting our opportunities was serving a woman in the community by stacking her wood! (see picture below.) **New!** The Girls Home is proud to have welcomed 2 new Resident Instructors (RI's) Sarah Harris & Alyssa Boyers.



Alyssa and Sarah



The Girls Home doing a service project



The Girls Home Hiking



The Girls after playing in the leaves

What did you do with your summer?

7 different groups; more than 100 individuals chose a summer mission trip to The Fold. What was the outcome? Everyone involved, The Fold staff, teens, and summer visitors were blessed with sweet fellowship and the satisfaction of great accomplishments! We once again express our warmest thank you to all of you who made this summer great! We certainly hope to see many of you back again next year. We also hope that many others will be able to say: "We served at The Fold this summer!" Call us! We would love to have your group serve the Lord by coming to The Fold.

Tim

Boys Home

Along with normal daily routines, the boys and staff were busy attending a number of events and activities in the area. **Highlights!** In August, Tom, one of our teens graduated the program and was joyfully reunited with his family. The boys also participate in outdoor sports, field trips, and much interaction with summer missions teams. **Volunteering!** Among the many opportunities to serve was helping with winter wood supplies for several families in the community. But a major highlight was the opportunity to help build a church in Springfield, Vt. **New!** The Boys Home has welcomed back Arron Zimmerman as staff.



The Boys Home after one of the service project

How about your giving list?

Wow, where has the year gone? I can't believe it is already November! Have you made your Christmas list yet? Is The Fold on it? I hope so. If not please consider us. In fact please take a moment and pray with your family about how to include The Fold. Having been the parent of a troubled teen I know the costs and struggles involved. I have experienced the blessing and joys of those who gave on my behalf. Would you consider a gift to The Fold over and above your regular giving? What better way to share the love of Christ, than to help The Fold minister to struggling teens and their parents who need someone to come alongside them. End of year giving is always important to us, but this year it is especially so. We are facing a critical financial need and are asking for your help. You can make the difference in someone's life this Christmas by supporting one of our families.

Tim