



A COMMUNITY THAT WORKS!

THE WELL. community

Congregational Partnerships

How your church can connect with the Well Community

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

- Matthew 9:35-28

As God's people, we are called to serve the "least of these." In Matthew 9:36, we read of Jesus looking upon the crowds and having compassion on them, "*because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*" While Jesus' ministry was broad in scope, his words embrace those suffering from the effects of mental illness. Join us at *the Well*, as we seek to serve this population with as much kindness and generosity as our Lord Jesus.

Ways to Partner:

- Pray regularly for *the Well Community* staff and members (subscribe to our prayer list at Pray@WellCommunity.net)
- Invest in *the Well Community* by including us in your annual church budget
- Receive newsletters from *the Well* and distribute them to your church members
- Provide and serve a fellowship meal following our weekly Thursday night worship service
- Underwrite Bible study or discipleship materials
- Sponsor members attending our biannual community and team-building retreats
- Provide new or gently used business clothing for men and women returning to the work place
- Offer one or more Transitional and/or Supported Employment opportunities for *the Well* to fill with members

We have not stopped praying for you that you may live a life worthy of the Lord: bearing fruit in every good work, being strengthened with all power so that you may have great endurance and patience.

- Excerpts from Colossians 1:9-14

Suggestions for initiating a Partnership:

- Invite a representative or team from *the Well* to make a presentation to your congregation, or to one of its organizations or classes
- Have representatives from your congregation attend a **“Come to the Well” tour** (every 1st & 3rd Wednesday at 11:30am)
- Bring a group to a Thursday night worship service to meet our Community Members and experience our fellowship

Wish List *(updated on August 08, 2011)*

- 1) Flip UltraHD video camcorder
- 2) Rolling Dry-Erase Board on wheels
- 3) Part-time Jobs for our Members
- 4) Hosts for in-home, informational coffees
- 5) Teams to plan & facilitate Saturday socials for Members
- 6) Storage Shed for Jacob’s House (supplies & volunteers)
- 7) Thursday Night Life teams (feeding & serving)
- 8) Membership Database upgrade
- 9) Exterior Patio Seating for Clubhouse
- 10) Community Ambassadors (invite others to tours)

For more information:

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Founded in 2002, *the Well Community* is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that serves adults recovering from serious mental illness. What started as a simple, church outreach to a handful of people has grown into a flourishing, holistic ministry. *the Well’s* philosophy of care, relational interventions, and holistic rehabilitation combine to make a significant impact upon those we are called to serve.