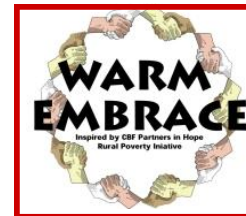


Warm Embrace, Inc.

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("All my relations"-in Lakota)

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it....1 Corinthians 12:26



May 14, 2007

Come to and/or help with The Warm Embrace 3rd Annual Fundraiser **The "WE Liberty Area Rummage Sale"** this Friday and Saturday! (8-4)



WE Volunteers work at the Liberty rummage sale organizing donations while shoppers browse.

Every Spring Warm Embrace, Inc. rallies support from its partners to support our annual fundraiser for summer construction projects on The Cheyenne River Sioux Reservation. WE Partner, Second Baptist Church led by Missions Coordinator Mike Lassiter, in Liberty, Missouri graciously allows us to use their church parking lot on busy Lightburne Street off of the historic square to host a rummage sale. The first year, WE and Second Baptist Church raised \$1,100 to help build a healing/prayer garden at The Upper Cheyenne UCC church in Bridger, South Dakota. Last year, WE and many volunteers raised \$2,200 to help fund the building of half of a basketball court at the same Bridger UCC church. Second Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Hamilton and Leawood Baptist Church helped raise the funds and completed this project in 2006.

This summer, we hope to increase our sales even more so that we can help fund this summer's projects WE partners are planning which include completion of the other half of the basketball court. The total supply

costs of the half court reached close to \$5,000. Leawood Baptist Church in partnership with First Baptist Church-Peculiar has volunteered to complete the court this June. Other summer project plans include home repair in Cherry Creek by First Baptist Church Hamilton and in Bridger by Second Baptist Church, Leawood Baptist Church and First Baptist Church Peculiar. Country Club Christian Church plans on working with youth projects, organic gardens, home repair, etc. in Eagle Butte and Red Scaffold. Village Presbyterian Church in partnership with Cornerstone Baptist Church will be building a much needed pow-wow grounds in Red Scaffold. Mid-American Indian Fellowships will be conducting health consultations and assisting with animal healthcare.

The sale is this weekend, (Friday & Saturday) May 18th and 19th during the Liberty Spring on The Square festivities. *If you or your group would like to donate high quality items or make monetary donations to help our fundraiser reach our goals, we would greatly appreciate your support. Please consider also donating items of value that may be sold/auctioned such as working vehicles or business products or services if you are a business owner. We will be having a "Sorting & Pricing Party" at Second Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, at 7:00 if you can come help out or anytime on Thursday. Volunteers are greatly needed. Also, please come by and shop when we are open! We would love to see you!*



Come and Meet our Partnering Lakota leaders from S. Dakota



Pastor Byron & Toni Buffalo of Eagle Butte, SD

We are excited to announce that Pastor Byron Buffalo and his wife, Toni will be attending the WE Rummage sale on Friday afternoon and Second Baptist Church will be hosting a cookout in their honor. This will be Byron and Toni's second visit to Liberty to visit with their Missouri and Kansas partners to share with others about their people and the hopes and dreams for the future. They teach about their culture, sing, and practice traditional dances. Byron grew up in Bridger, the grandson of a survivor of Wounded Knee and is the UCC minister of two churches on the Cheyenne River Reservation. He pastors churches in Bridger and Frasier, South Dakota driving the round trip distance between the churches each week. A great deal of his time is also spent at wakes and funerals for his people. He is a recovering alcoholic and hasn't had a drink for nearly 13 years. His wife Toni currently works in the school system in Eagle Butte and spends the rest of her time working with Byron in their ministry. Byron and Toni bring so much energy and hope to their people and to those outside of the reservation and continue to develop relationships with groups that want to help make Lakota dreams a reality. They will also be attending the Leawood Baptist Church "Dreamcatcher Golf Tournament" (see additional page) on Saturday evening and be at First Baptist Church Hamilton, Missouri on Thursday evening at 6:30. We hope you can meet them.

Items can be mailed or delivered to Warm Embrace, Inc. c/o Second Baptist Church, 309 E. Franklin, Liberty, MO. 64068. For more information, you can contact Dana Thompson at thompsonda@umkc.edu or call the church office at (816)781-2824.