



Mother to Mother BiWeekly Newsletter 12-24-2009

Linda Meyer, Executive Director

December Board Meeting

Darcy Scharff, founder of Mother to Mother, has decided to step down as President of the board and focus her efforts on training our phone volunteers. We thank Darcy for her hard work, dedication, and tireless effort serving as board president since 1995. Many great things have happened with her leadership! Welcome to Stephanie Morgan, our incoming President! Stephanie currently serves on the board of directors and as a phone volunteer. Last year, she was chair of the silent auction at our Mother's Day event. Stephanie has always been a strong supporter of Mother to Mother, we look forward to working with her in 2010.

Donations

Last week we sent out over 500 letters asking for donations, to date, we have received \$200. During this busy holiday season, please consider making a contribution to help sustain our efforts. We became a nonprofit organization in 2001, with your financial help, we have been able to carry out our mission of supporting moms during pregnancy and postpartum. If you wish, you can donate through Paypal on our website. Thanks for your loyal support!

Walk for Recovery

Earlier this year, several members of MTM participated in "Walk for Recovery". The walk was quite a success and we were able to raise vital funds for MTM. Recently, we received a letter from the Executive Director, Steve Curran, stating that the walk will now focus on depression only and has been renamed The Walk. More information can be found on their new website www.thewalk.org. This was a great fundraiser for Mother to Mother, we are happy that we can continue to benefit from their new mission and focus.

Angela Borisch Staples, Director of Volunteers

Thank You:

~ Allison Becker for her first prenatal presentation!

Volunteer Opportunities:

~ We are looking for someone to assist Linda by checking the office's answering machine on the weekends. Over the course of one weekend you can expect to call in around 5-7 times. If a woman calls wanting to be matched with a phone volunteer you would call her back and get her information. Otherwise, all messages are simply forwarded to Linda via email. This is a low-key opportunity and can only be done by someone that has completed the Phone Volunteer Training.

As you have probably heard, our Mother's Day Event is right around the corner and we're looking for volunteers to help in the following capacities. Please consider joining in on the fun and excitement of supporting MTM!

- ~ Help us secure a central location (Mid County area - Kirkwood/Webster Groves/Etc) that can hold 100-150 people at no/low-cost
- ~ Join as a general committee member to help with all major decisions
- ~ Donate a completed basket and/or auction items (new/unused)
- ~ Donate a cake or sugary sweetness for our cake auction
- ~ Host a group of friends/family as a Table Captain
- ~ Speak at the event about your experience with PPAD

If you would like to help please contact me at ARBStaples@gmail.com or (636) 220-9669 ~ Angela Borisch Staples

E-Scrip

The holiday's are right around the corner. Remember when purchasing holiday treats to swipe your Escrip Card to earn money for Mother to Mother at participating grocers. Also check out e-scrip's website www.escrip.com to find out other locations that participate in this program! If you haven't signed up for e-scrip do it today!

Greenraising

Mother to Mother will be participating in a really great fundraiser called Greenraising. It is a great way to both make money for Mother to Mother and to make a positive impact on our world! Greenraising sells a large variety of eco-friendly products and 25% of the sales go straight to Mother to Mother.

The attached documents contain the information on how to access the website and make purchases so that it benefits Mother to Mother.

Then SPREAD THE WORD! It would be great if you could use the information letter as a template to email out to your friends and family. The more people we let know about this great opportunity, the more it will benefit Mother to Mother! If you have any questions please dont hesitate to contact me. Thanks everyone!

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Happy Holidays!

Darcy and Linda

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