



OneCity Newsletter

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The OneCity Family

OneCity News

Thoughts From Mark

I've redefined the popular real estate term "curb appeal" to represent the pleasure that washes over me the moment my tires hit my driveway after being away. I love returning to my home base. My family is a safe haven for me...they are the people I belong with and with whom I'm most connected. However, while the family unit represents belonging and safety for many, some have to seek alternative ways to fill that sense of belonging. **OneCity** creates unique opportunities to develop authentic connection with others.

In the movie "Freedom Writers", I'm reminded of a scene that captures this broader definition of "family" and how we can experience it. A Latino high school student shares with his classmates that he and his mother had been evicted over the summer and how it had been one of the worst times of his life. Despite this set-back, however, he tells them how his hope had been renewed when summer came to an end and he was finally back "home" with his friends at school. What's truly remarkable is that the previous year, this class had been a chaotic, unsafe place with rival gang members mocking,

Party For A Purpose!

Like you need a reason!

Who doesn't like a party? How about a party that is not only fun, but supports a great cause too?!

If you said "Sign me up!" then you'll want to join us for the annual **Party for a Purpose**, hosted by Brad and Colleen Johansen and benefiting OneCity. Held each spring, it's a casual, lively event that brings people together for great food, drink, live music, dancing and live and silent auctions.

Come party with us!

When: Friday, April 8th, 2011

Where: The Manor House in Mason
7440 South Mason Montgomery Road

Party Time: 7:30 - Midnight

Cost: \$65 per ticket or \$50 per ticket when you purchase 2 or more

Included w/ ticket purchase: unlimited food and drinks, and of course, entertainment provided by **Soul Pocket!**

To purchase tickets, visit

<http://www.onecity.org/partyforapurpose.aspx>

Buy your tickets early! We are expecting to sell out and tickets may not be available at the door.

ridiculing and literally trying to hurt each other. But through transforming experiences and relationships that developed in and outside class, they had grown to become a cohesive "family" by challenging the barriers keeping them apart.

OneCity offers a similar inclusive and authentic family to all who jump in and participate-whether volunteer or program participant. We extend warmth, acceptance, love and life-changing relationships because that's what Jesus invites us to do. "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who *belong* to the family of believers." (Galatians 6:10).

We're so grateful you're a part of our OneCity family...we hope it feels like home to you! To those who are checking us out, welcome! We invite you to experience the "curb appeal" that draws you in to the unconditional acceptance and love of Jesus.



OneCity Pro-Am Event

The 7th Annual OneCity Pro-Am Golf Outing hosted by Brad Johansen and Steve Flesch will take place at the Triple Crown Country Club in Northern KY, June 26-27th, 2011. This Pro-Am fundraiser is the only event in the Tri-State region to include PGA tour professionals!

Sponsorship packages are now available. Please visit www.bradjohansengolf.com



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OneCity's many initiatives provide opportunities across the city for people to cultivate connection, support and a sense of belonging. Two program participants from our MomsHope program (caring women providing guidance, friendship and support to single moms and their families in poverty) explain below how much the OneCity/MomsHope program relationships have meant to them:

Dear MomsHope Family,

Since being introduced to the MomsHope program, I have been able to experience joy again. I have peace of mind that I am not alone in the challenges of being a single mom. MomsHope has given my family resources when we had none. The staff has believed in me and loved me and my family when I didn't believe in myself or feel lovable...when I thought all hope was lost. The one-on-one contact has inspired me and given me hope. Before being a part of MomsHope, I was extremely depressed, lonely and in a pit of despair, but today I am encouraged that God has plans for my family. MomsHope has been there for us when we needed it most, and has completely changed my outlook on life! We're so blessed to be a part of this wonderful program!

Jennifer

Dear OneCity,

I think that MomsHope is one of the most amazing programs available to single mothers. I have so enjoyed getting to know Jennifer, (my mentee), and seeing the strength and beauty she possesses in the midst of life's difficulties. To be a part of her growth and healing process has been very meaningful to me. Watching Jennifer overcome obstacles, and grow in her faith and self-confidence is exciting. Mentoring both challenges me and helps me understand myself better. Thank you for this amazing opportunity!

Rosie

Thank you for the relationships that have been built and for being a part of
One New City, Two Lives At A Time!

OneCity Needs

- **Furniture**

The OneCity office is in need of a high-quality, used conference room table.

If you can help, please contact onecityinfo@onecity.org

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Program Researchers**
- **Web Designers**
- **Graphic Designers**
- **TeamWorks Job Coaches**

To learn more, please contact onecityinfo@onecity.org

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