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Could YOU be a mentor?

The story of Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1:16-17; 4:14-15) is an example of mentoring. The remarkable friendship between the two women is one of contrasts. They were women of different backgrounds [one was a Gentile and the other a Hebrew] and different generations [one was at the prime of her life and the other aging beyond childbearing age]. They illustrate the unique joys found in the caring relationships women can have with one another as their lives and hearts are knit together in mutual affection and commitment.

- Mentoring, like discipleship, is an act of selfless love.
- Mentoring happens, when out of God's command of love and service, one woman offers her personal and professional support and 'know-how' to counsel and guide another woman needing or seeking support.
- Mentoring occurs when one woman values the life of another woman, despite her racial, cultural, social class or denomination.
- Christ-centered women realize that many of God's women have been wounded and are in great need of healing.

Barbara Williams-Skinner

One of the most satisfying opportunities at JOH / CWJC is mentoring. Each of our participants is assigned a mentor. Mentors are the heart and soul of our ministry. This relationship helps the participants reach the goals they set for themselves and provides them the support they need to make real and lasting changes in their lives.

Join us in **November** to learn more about mentoring! Attending the training will help you to discover how you can help another woman in need. You may decide that God is calling you to this ministry and join our mentoring team OR you may use your mentoring skills with other women with whom you have developed a friendship.

"Just as iron sharpens iron, friends sharpen the minds of each other."

Proverbs 27:17

Contact Becky Jones at bjones@journeycwjc.org for training dates and locations.



Serving the Lord through JOH / CWJC of Loudon County

Our lives are impacted many times by events over which we have no control. I've recently found this statement to be true with serious health issues involving my family. These issues have changed our lives. During these past weeks, I've come to rely more heavily on God's grace and mercy. Family and friends have provided the support I've needed to get through many long, sad days. I am so blessed to have family and friends on whom I can call.

Time after time many of the ladies whom God has sent to CWJC have told me that they do not have a relationship with family members. Events impacting the family have caused rifts in the relationship to the extent that there is no contact. Many times the ladies have found out the hard way that so-called "friends" only seek friendship to gain something with the women being betrayed in the name of friendship.

When I was introduced to Christian Women's Job Corps several years ago, my first thought was, "God, are you sure you want me to become involved with this organization?" Then, I began to play games with God by rationalizing that I could give some time and money and that would be all I would need to do. A once in a lifetime opportunity came my way 4½ years ago when I went to work with *A Hand Up For Women* in Knoxville as the administrative assistant. The first day I realized that God was not going to allow me to just give some time and money. He wanted me to get to know the women and become involved. Homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction, and domestic violence were no longer words I associated with someone I never met. Those words quickly became faces of women I met. They were lonely; their hearts were broken; they needed someone to love them as they were without judgment. That's what CWJC does – we provide a place that's safe where the women can realize that there is someone out there who will love them.

Someone asked me to sum up what CWJC has brought to my life. I've had the great privilege to see God's work every day as lives have been changed. I once heard a very wise person say that, "Life is a journey, not a destination."

Gaynelle Russell



When I was first approached about serving on the JOH/CWJC board position I was reluctant. But when I began to pray about it the Lord kept bringing me to passages about love in the Bible.

I don't think of myself as a person with a lot to give to others. However, there have been times in my life I have been able to witness to the lost and help people in need. I guess the way the Lord looks at my meager contributions is that they were from my heart and out of love, therefore an acceptable offering to the Lord.

If we look at Psalm 51:1-3, it tells us of David's grief after his adultery with Bathsheba. He pleads to God for forgiveness and mercy ACCORDING to God's UNFAILING LOVE. We all make mistakes when we're left to our own devices but with prayer and reading God's word and a repentant heart, He will be faithful to FORGIVE us. HE loves us in spite of ourselves!

He is willing to pick us up, dust us off and put us back on the right path. How thankful we should be to serve such a Loving and Merciful God who is willing to give us our second, third and ongoing chances when we make mistakes.

In Proverbs 3:1-6 the Bible speaks of God's faithfulness to those who call upon His name. He speaks of the benefits of Wisdom and living your life in the presence of a Wise and Loving God. May the Lord lead each of us as we endeavor to organize and help women in the mission of JOH / CWJC of Loudon County.

Please keep me in your prayers. May we all be found to be faithful servants in the Lord's work.

Stella Lee

Mend a Broken Heart

*Let your light so shine before man, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
Matthew 5:16*

There are many women in Loudon County with broken lives and broken spirits. Everywhere they turn, others are there to put them down. Many look sad. Their work, or lack of, weighs them down. Family relationships may not be good. Their health or a family member's health may be poor – there is sadness because they can no longer be energetic and independent.

What can be done in the midst of people who are broken-hearted? Instead of ignoring their sadness or merely saying a kind word we can offer them a HAND UP not a hand out. We can listen when women want to talk about their hurts. We can show we care in tangible ways by prayerfully utilizing our time and money.

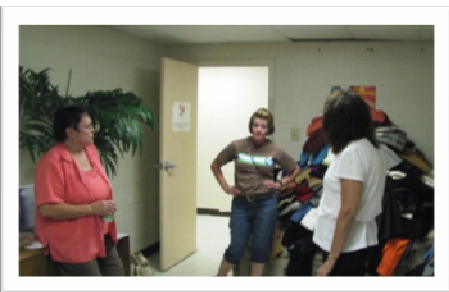
YOU can help mend a broken heart by becoming a part of **JOH / CWJC**. You can demonstrate 'God loves you' by volunteering. If you are looking for a ministry right here in Loudon County contact us by e-mail [bjones@journeycwjc.com] or telephone 865 816-0125 and let us know you want to help!

JOH / CWJC of Loudon County has a community-based Board of Directors, 501(c)(3) non-profit status. We are unlike any other job corps program, because it is not just a program, it is a ministry. This ministry is made possible by individual volunteers and churches who provide financial and prayer support and who donate many volunteer hours.

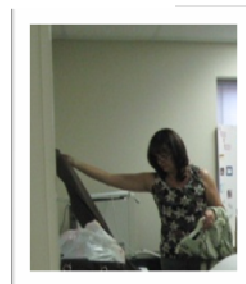
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Church group volunteers paint our classroom



Sorting out the clothes closet



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What does the CWJC Logo mean?

It is the symbol of a Hand Up - Not a Hand Out!

Plant = growth and enrichment

Red = warmth, caring, nurturing

Green = growth, newness, vitality

Two hands growing – mentor & protégé

Journey of Hope / CWJC of Loudon County is a ministry that changes the lives of women spiritually, emotionally, physically, economically, and socially.

We provide life skills/job skills classes for women who are ready to make a change in their life. We provide a mentor for every woman who enrolls in our program. Bible study is a major factor in everything that we do. Every woman is given the opportunity to accept Jesus as her Savior. We provide all materials to program participants free of charge.

Mentor Training – November – Two morning sessions.

Please call to reserve your spot!

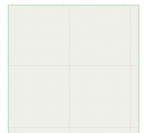


No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted. ~ Aesop



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