



OPEN M

A Ministry of Faith, Health and Hope

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Fall Fest-Fall into Starlit Fashions Luncheon, Silent/Oral Auction, Authentic Movie Star Fashions!

When: Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 11-2p.m.
Where: Todaro's Party Center



Tickets are just \$35 per person – and just \$30 per person if you make your purchase before September 18. Tickets MUST be purchased in advance. Registration deadline is October 14. Tables of 8, 9, or 10 are available.

This year's Fall into Starlit Fashions will be a sensational afternoon filled with delicious food, exciting auctions, breathtaking movie star fashions and lots of star-studded surprises.

We'll spotlight a dramatic display of authentic costumes worn by some of the biggest legends in Hollywood. The glitz and glam will be the talk of the town! Bring your friends, dress the part and walk the red carpet like a Star!

Here is a list of celebrity outfits that will be part of the exhibit: Lana Turner, Phyllis Diller, Carol Burnett, Cher, Lucille Ball, Liza Minnelli, Bob Hope, Liberace, Carol Channing, Ethel Merman, Gloria Swanson, Bette Davis, Marilyn Monroe, Mae West, Julie Andrews and more! The exhibit is being provided from the personal collection of Richard John of Hood and Hoover in Stow.

Proceeds go to support the mission and programs of OPEN M.

Ways to Get Involved:

- Donate a NEW silent auction item
- Become a corporate sponsor
- Attend the event
- Dress up like a famous movie star between the 1930s and 1970s

Call 330-434-0110, Ext. 404 or e-mail Projects@openm.org to get your tickets today!



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Volunteer of the Month: John Davis



OPEN M is so fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who give of their time and talents to make a huge impact on the lives of those we serve and the operation of our organization. One of those dedicated people is John Davis. Often times you will find him at OPEN M events using his photographic talent to capture lasting images of our mission.

John Davis and Richard Korenz are the co-owners of Akron Commercial Color Lab at 850 S. Main Street, Akron, and both are dedicated volunteers to OPEN M. John finds he enjoys mixing his passion and life's work with giving back to OPEN M through photography. Mr. Davis became involved with

OPEN M in 1989 as a member of the Akron Board of Trade, co-chairing their charity auction committee, which raises funds for community charities.

Since then, John has been involved with our board of trustees having been the finance committee chair, treasurer, board president, and is currently serving as treasurer again! Mr. Davis is also a member of the Church Committee of Hope at OPEN M, which reaches out to our covenant churches and spreads the word of what is happening at OPEN M and expresses appreciation to church ministers and pastors through the Pastor's Appreciation Breakfast.

John has been an officer with both the South Akron Board of Trade and the Kenmore Kiwanis Club. He and his family are members of the St. Andrews Catholic Church in Norton. He has two daughters whom he is very proud of, Sabrina (13), an 8th grader at The National Inventor's Hall of Fame School, and Ariel, 20, a junior at The University of Akron studying psychology and is fluent in Japanese and Spanish. He enjoys outdoor activities like camping, hiking, and bicycling and finds John 15:16 as a favorite Bible verse: *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit - fruit that will last."* Through John's photo images of all we do here at OPEN M, and his dedication and involvement with our board, he certainly is living up to that verse. **Thank you John for all you do to inspire others to become a part of OPEN M.**

Pastor's Appreciation Breakfast

Please join us on Tuesday, October 4, at 9:30 a.m. for our second annual Pastor's Appreciation Breakfast. Invite your pastor, youth pastor, church representatives or anyone from the church who would like to get to know OPEN M better. This is a relaxed breakfast filled with fellowship, getting to tour the OPEN M building and meeting the staff and churches who make OPEN M possible. We just want to thank you for being a light in your community and for OPEN M! The event is free to attend however; you must reserve your spot by e-mailing Resources@openm.org or call 330-434-0110, Ext. 402. We hope you can attend!

2011 Annual OPEN M Golf Outing was a big success

A swing and a hole in one for this year's 11th Annual OPEN M Golf Outing! What a wonderful day filled with fun, laughter and golf. We had a full outing this year! Golfers got to enjoy coffee from Burger King and donuts from StowNut Donuts in the morning as they registered. Then they were off! You can still hear the jokes from the "Put it on" hole #11 where people had to put on a luau skirt and coconut bra to hit at the advantage hole. In addition, you can feel the tension from hole #17 the grand prize hole as all 114 golfers gave it their all to win the 2011 Ford Escape from Klaben Auto.

Golfers were welcomed back just in time before the rain came in with a luau themed dinner provided by Old Carolina Barbecue.

A Shades of Steel drummer played island music to make us all feel like we were in the Caribbean. There was also a pick-and-choose raffle with 14 amazing gifts and door prizes! Everyone really enjoyed this great event!

Thank you to all the wonderful sponsors, golfers, and volunteers that made the golf outing possible! Also a big thank you to the golf outing committee: Jennifer Hamey, Rick Korenz, Colleen McMahon, Karen Monbeck, Lin Reichelt, Tiffany Stahl, Tom Stephan and Denise Wells. This year, an estimated \$21,000 was raised through the OPEN M golf outing to go towards the OPEN M Free Health Clinic, serving the uninsured of Summit County! Way to go!

List of Winners

Longest Drive-Men: Brandon Kenney

Longest Drive-Women: Pam Nelson

3rd Shot closest to the pin: Dale Murphy

Longest Put-All: Paul Rose

Low Gross-Overall: Fred Ambach, Danny Malek, Eli Karam, Jim Babcock

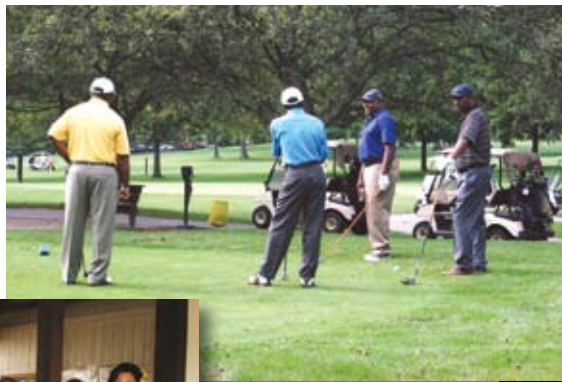
Low Net-Overall: Jim Parry, Stu Parry, Lou Ritenour, Bruce Bailey

Low Gross-Mixed Teams: Beth McMillen, Cathy Harless, Pam Nelson, Gerry Sexton

Low Net-Mixed Teams: Steve Verbeck, Elaine Verbeck, Vic Bellau, Jim Bellau

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**Dr. Dave Custodio, Paul Custodio, Dale Murphy, Chir Moore
Beth McMillen, Cathy Harless, Pam Nelson, Gerry Sexton**



After Summer Networking Extravaganza

OPEN M is hosting its 3rd Annual Networking Extravaganza on Wednesday, September 28, 2011, from 5 to 7 p.m. at OPEN M. This is a great event for area businesses to join and network with other businessmen and women. We have invited the following Chambers of Commerce: Fairlawn Area Chamber of Commerce, Stow-Munroe Falls Chamber of Commerce, Cuyahoga Falls Chamber of Commerce, and South Summit Chamber of Commerce, Akron Boards of Trade, the Mayors Association and more.

Enjoy delicious food samplings from several area establishments including: Beef O Brady's, Cakes by Karin, Chick-fil-A, Longhorn Steakhouse, Robek's, West End Blenz and many more! We are expecting around 200 people to come through the doors of OPEN M during this event.

The event is free however; we ask you to bring a canned food item for our Food Pantry, over the counter medication for the Free Health Clinic, or a monetary donation to the overall mission of OPEN M. Please R.S.V.P. to projects@openm.org.



OPEN M Celebrates our Fourth Annual National Night Out

National Night Out (NNO) is a nationwide event celebrated on the first Tuesday in August across the entire United States. NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. This year OPEN M collaborated with the City of Akron and Perry Clark and Truly Reaching You (T.R.Y.) Ministries.

Typically, NNO is celebrated at agencies that host a picnic-like atmosphere which include free hotdogs and hamburgers. This year, OPEN M expanded our menu to include the above, as well as fruit juices, Gatorade, bottled water, fudge pops, potato chips, pretzels and fresh popped popcorn. In collaborating with The Chapel in Akron [using] their wonderful food wagon we were able to served over 500 hundred hotdogs and 300 hamburgers. Attendance was approximately 600 men, women and children.

T.R.Y. Ministries provided wonderful door prizes. The prizes ranged from new kitchen faucets to new-mirrored fixtures for the bathroom and everything in between! T.R.Y. Ministries also



Kudo's Corner

distributed over 200 book bags filled with school supplies to the delight of the children and parents.

The activities were a big hit with all age groups in attendance; we had a basketball shoot around with a new pair of sneakers as the prize, and a putt-putt golf course. For entertainment, we had gospel rappers and praise dancers show us their talents. Uncle Sam (Norm Schmidt) delighted the crowd with his presence as did the clown (our own Dan Bricker) working the crowd with his antics. The children were extremely delighted with his gymnastics!



Our event started with Invocation by Steve Wewer of T.R.Y. Ministries and Pastor Mark Ford. We ended with a Benediction by Pastor Tom Gerstenlaur. We were honored to have Akron's chief of police; James Nice and Lieutenant Charles Brown stop by to 'rally' the crowd. We are already looking forward to our 2012 event in which we will not only collaborate with the Mayor's office and T.R.Y. Ministries but hope to include Summa Health Systems as well. Stay tuned!



- **Thank you to groups who did hot lunch in August**
- **All the volunteers who gave of their time to help at this year's golf outing**
- **Golf Outing sponsors and golfers**
- **Stow Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to borrow their decorations**
- **Burger King (Graham Road Stow) and StowNut Donut & Diner (Graham Road Stow) for the donation of coffee and donuts for our golf outing**
- **The 2011 Golf Committee (Lin Reichelt, Denise Wells, Rick Korenz, Karen Monbeck, Jennifer Hamey, Colleen McMahon, Tom Stephan, and Tiffany Stahl) for their hard work and dedication in planning and executing the golf outing**
- **John Davis for capturing priceless photos at our golf outing**
- **Tom Stephan for Emceeding the golf outing**
- **Zack and Kayden Teffeteller and Lin Reichelt for stuffing gift bags for golfers and putting together golfer gift**
- **Stow Munroe Falls High School Cheerleaders for serving hot lunch to over 280 people!**



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Healthy Eating Lunch Seminar Subject: Nutrition, Disease Prevention, Stress Management and Exercise

I have great news! On October 4, 2011, the Employee Awareness Association and OPEN M, will be hosting "Employee Health Awareness Day" at OPEN M. A doctor is coming to our location to give an informative presentation on living a healthier lifestyle.

The presenter will be lecturing on the latest updates on nutrition, disease prevention from the inside out, exercise, and stress reduction. The presentation will start at 2 p.m. and will last approximately 45 minutes. There will be a question and answer

session for 15 minutes following the presentation.

In addition, there will be a free Subway sandwich provided to everyone who attends. If you are interested in learning how to lead a healthier lifestyle and would enjoy a free lunch provided by Subway then please R.S.V.P. to Projects@openm.org to confirm your spot. Please do this as soon as possible to make sure you don't miss out on this exciting free opportunity!

R.S.V.P. to Projects@openm.org By September 27.

Camp L.E.A.R.N: 2011

OPEN M saw a transformation in July as our building turned into Camp L.E.A.R.N. 100 campers who ranged from getting ready for kindergarten to entering seventh grade descended for four fun filled weeks. During this time campers had the opportunity to go to such places as the Akron Zoo, Trinity Horse Farm, Chucky Cheese, Fun-n-Stuff, Bethlehem Caves, Midway Bowling, and Rockies Skating.



In addition to fun field trips, campers participated in academic and leadership opportunities. The youngest campers worked on getting ready to

go to school and practicing for the new school year. The oldest campers explored who they are and who they want to be. This included looking at who they are to other people, exploring self-affirmations, and finding words that describe them in the present and future. They wrapped up camp by piecing together all their explorations to create a self-quilt and writing an "I am" poem using what they had discovered about themselves.

The campers also got to enjoy a healthy breakfast, lunch, and a snack every day. Thanks to our wonderful sponsors, and a few covenant churches all of the campers left camp with a backpack full of supplies for the coming school year. Camp was made possible through the wonderful donations of all of our sponsors and the hard work of the staff and volunteers.



Christmas for the Love of Children

We are still looking for individuals to help volunteer with the Christmas for the Love of Children program this year. Without our volunteers, we are not able to help 300 families with Christmas gifts and food. Santa always needs a little help from his elves to make Christmas happen! Please consider being an elf for Christmas this holiday season. If you are interested in helping with this wonderful program, e-mail resources@openm.org or call at 330-434-0110, Ext. 402!

Hot Lunch Headlines

September

Mon. Sept. 19
Hudson United
Methodist

Fri. Sept. 23
UMC Macedonia

Thurs. Sept. 29
Green Valley UMC

Tues. Sept. 20
Peninsula UMC

Mon. Sept. 26
UMC Stow

Fri. Sept. 30
Summit County
Prosecutors Office

Wed. Sept. 21
Sigma Theta Tau

Tues. Sept. 27
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Thurs. Sept. 22
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Wed. Sept. 28
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IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday, September 10, 9 a.m.
Membership Meeting,

Tuesday, September 13, 5:30 p.m.
Getting Ahead Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
After Summer Networking Extravaganza

Tuesday, October 4, 9:30 a.m.
Pastor's Appreciation Breakfast

Tuesday, October 4, 2 p.m.
Healthy Lunch Seminar

Saturday, October 8, 9 a.m.
Membership Meeting

Saturday, October 22, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Fall Fest

Bridges Out of Poverty workshops



Throughout the year, OPEN M works with the Bridges Out of Poverty Steering committee to plan Bridges Out of Poverty workshops for the community. On August 10, 35 individuals sat in OPEN M's multi-purpose room to hear Hannah Nitz and Doug Denton present the workshop.

The Bridges Out of Poverty workshop was designed to speak to those who work with individuals in poverty. Poverty is not only a real issue within our nation, but specifically within Summit County. We have hundreds of entities that either serve

or work with those individuals, and may struggle in effectively reaching them. In every setting, it is important to understand the obstacles experienced by individuals in generational poverty, and how to best eliminate those obstacles without compromising our service and standards.

As the creators of Bridges state, "If you didn't grow up in poverty, you may be unaware of the 'hidden rules' that govern many aspects of life for the poor. People in poverty are often in survival mode, and support systems taken for granted in middle class and wealth are largely nonexistent." If you work with, employ, or serve individuals who are in poverty, it is crucial to understand their challenges and strengths to help work with them to create opportunities and resources that can translate in actual success.

In 2011 so far, OPEN M has helped train 139 individuals in the full 6 hour workshop. Is attending one of these workshops something you would be interested in? We have two coming up **Saturday, November 5, and Thursday, November 10**. Call our Family Development Specialist Hannah Nitz at 330-434-0110, Ext. 403, to get more information on these workshops.