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### **Newsletter #3, November 1, 2020**

During October, a number of items have been added to the website. You can read, see, and/or listen to them by going to the website listed above. Or, you can click on the links below to connect to the new additions directly or by sections on the website.

**SHARING IDEAS:** October Question: Do you belong to any hope-filled organization? If so,

- What is the name of the organization?
  - What does it do/What is its Mission?
  - Why do you do it?
1. I am the Executive Director of Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice ([www.wisconsinfaithvoicesforjustice.org](http://www.wisconsinfaithvoicesforjustice.org)) We are a 501c3 interfaith organization dedicated to providing education, resources, and programs to empower clergy, faith leaders, and people of faith to be vocal advocates for social justice in Wisconsin. We have a wide social justice agenda, including health care reform, worker's rights and economic justice, immigrant rights, racial justice, and interfaith community building. To read more click on this link: <https://hopefromthebottomup.com/news/question-october>
  2. I belong to a hope-filled organization called Strong Prison Wives and Families (SPWF). It is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) whose mission is: "to enhance the lives of inmate supporters through programs designed to provide empowerment, education and support, qualities we believe are essential to breaking the cycle of recidivism." To read more go to Hope-Filled organizations on this website.

### **STORIES OF HOPE**

1. I am blessed to work at a non-profit mission, **John XXIII Educational Center**, that brings homework assistance and social emotional learning support to students of color in a low income community. It was a challenge last March to create something out of nothing and switch to virtual lessons, virtual tutoring, and in person social distance tutoring. Our numbers dropped until very recently. We picked up the ball immediately and pressed forward knowing to help even one student was important. To read more, go to <https://hopefromthebottomup.com/stories-hope>

2. "What Its Like to Survive Through Two Pandemics" by Paul Engleman which appeared in the September 2020 issue of Rotary magazine. To read the article go to <https://hopefromthebottomup.com/stories-hope> or click on this link <https://www.rotary.org/en/what-its-like-to-survive-through-two-pandemics>
3. **Love Wisconsin** is a digital storytelling project that celebrates our state, our lives, and our shared future. Our mission is to use storytelling and social media to bring about a more connected, compassionate, and engaged Wisconsin. We believe stories can break down barriers between us, inspire us to get involved, and help us recognize that we're more alike than we are different. To read more go to <https://hopefromthebottomup.com/stories-hope>
4. **Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition:** The Muslim Women's Coalition Builds Bridges of Understanding By Erin Bloodgood From October 2020 Shepherd Express <https://shepherdexpress.com/news/hero-of-the-week/the-muslim-women-s-coalition-builds-bridges-of-understanding/#/questions>

**HOPE FILLED ORGANIZATIONS:** The following Hope-Filled Organizations were added to the website in October. Please click on this link to read about these groups and connect to links with more information about each group. <https://hopefromthebottomup.com/hope-filled-organizations>

- **NETWORK Lobby:** Advocates for Justice, Inspired by Catholic Sisters
- **Wisconsin Faith Voices for Justice:** We are congregations, social justice committees, clergy, religious leaders, supporters, and people of faith. We come from many faith traditions all over the state of Wisconsin.
- **Water Protection Committee of Racine County:** The Watershed Protection Committee of Racine County works collaboratively on a producer led water quality protection project to achieve improved water quality. A video titled "Kiss the Ground" can be accessed thru the website.
- **Visioning a Greater Racine:** A networked-community initiative using a proven VISIONING process with the goal of transforming Racine into a flourishing place we are all proud to call home.
- **Racine Vocational Ministry:** A faith-based nonprofit organization whose services go beyond simple job placement to a holistic approach that cares for and addresses the whole person.
- **SPWF: Strong Prison Wives & Families:** A hope-filled organization called Strong Prison Wives and Families whose mission is: "to enhance the lives of inmate supporters through programs designed to provide empowerment, education and support, qualities we believe are essential to breaking the cycle of recidivism."
- **Milwaukee Muslim Women's Coalition:** MMWC is a local outreach organization dedicated to promoting an accurate understanding of Islam and Muslim women. This is done through presentations, workshops, seminars, panel discussions and other forums.
- **John 23 Educational Center: Mission Statement:** The mission of John XXIII Educational Center is to prepare students to graduate from high school with the skills needed for success in the workforce and higher education; and to strengthen the family to create a supportive home environment.

## QUOTES

### "Keep Good Going"

One of our website readers sent this to me. This is a line from NY Life Insurance company advertising. I am not promoting their products, but I like the theme. Here is a video of one of their commercials built around that theme. <https://www.ispot.tv/ad/ZERJ/new-york-life-super-bowl-2020-love-takes-action#>

## THE ARTS

A new movie and book are recommended by one of our website readers. It is titled The Reunited States You can find out more information about the book and a video preview <https://vimeo.com/460384832>

Here is a link to a 7 minute video about giving hope to men in prison. Lovely and well-done. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVxjuTkWQIE>

## PRAYERS & SPIRITUALITY

### TRY A LITTLE TENDERNESS

By Maria Shriver in Maria Shriver's Sunday Paper

<https://mariashriver.com/sundaypaper/>

Full Article is Attached to this Newsletter

Inspire Hearts & Minds. Move Humanity Forward



#### PRAYER OF THE WEEK BY MARIA SHRIVER

Dear God, please help me bestow tenderness on those around me. May I remember that tenderness isn't weak but courageous. Bestowing it on others is one of the strongest and bravest things I can do. Amen.

**SHARING IDEAS New Question for November: What books and/or articles you have read, and/or videos or movies you have seen, which give you hope?**

Please submit your response through the Sharing Ideas section of the website.

<https://hopefromthebottomup.com/news>

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**Thank You**