

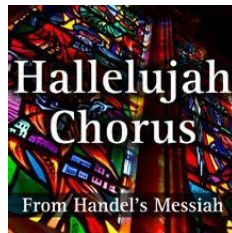


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January 1, 2021 Newsletter

A HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND HOPE-FILLED YEAR TO ALL OF YOU!

During December, 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.



Also, since this is the holiday season, one thing I always find hopeful is a large group coming together to make joyous and hopeful music. Here is a link to such a broad and diverse group doing just that singing the Hallelujah Chorus in a Philadelphia shopping mall. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ohagajJvzhU>

SHARING IDEAS: New Question for January: What would you like to change for the better in your community, school, city, state, country, and the world? Please take a brief survey by clicking on this link: <https://hopefromthebottomup.com/hope-survey-about-future>

Answer to December Question: What are one or two challenges which you think we should work on together to bring positive change to our communities and our country as we enter a new year?

1. Submitted by a woman in Wisconsin: Positive change needs to happen in regards to the Social Injustice & Inequality problems across our country. The BLM movement is working toward this, and we need to continue nonviolent protests and writing letters for changes in legislation, especially in the Law Enforcement areas of every municipality. Eliminate the language of defund the police because it's a turn-off to large groups of people. They mistakenly interpret that as meaning cut funding to the police department, which they think equals less police protection. People need to be educated about how Police Departments and Law Enforcement Policies need to change, in order to support the police department and ultimately protect the vulnerable people in our communities. To read more click on this link: <https://hopefromthebottomup.com/news/possible-positive-changes>

STORIES OF HOPE

Chicago couple canceled their big wedding but used the \$5,000 catering deposit to feed people in need By Lauren Kent, CNN December 06, 2020



To read more go to: <https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2020/12/06/us/wedding-deposit-to-feed-needy-trnd/index.html>

Racine, WI Rotary Club Donates to Camp Anokijig in Little Elkhart Lake



Racine children will again get the chance to experience Camp Anokijig on Little Elkhart Lake near Plymouth next summer, thanks to a donation from the Racine Founders Rotary Foundation. The \$9,500 donation was funded by the proceeds from the club's Vegas Night fundraiser held in February. Over the past six years, the foundation has given the camp over \$45,000 to fund life-changing Anokijig experiences for many Racine area kids and teens through camper scholarships and the teen leadership program. According to executive director Darin Holden, Anokijig served 540 campers and 106 teen leaders during seven COVID-free weeks at camp in 2020. "These funds will help to make sure Anokijig is prepared to meet the unknowns of 2021 while we plan to continue our mission of serving youth and families." Foundation treasurer Frank Sterbin (right), event co-chairman Chad Arents (second from right) and club president-elect Chris Terry (left) presented the check to Holden during the club's Oct. 23 meeting at Racine Country Club.

The Miracle on Ninth Street - UCC's 50 Years of Service to the Community

By [David Luhrssen](#), Nov. 10, 2020



The year 1970 marked a turning point for Latinx Americans. César Chávez's United Farm Workers marched for the rights of migrant workers, and the Chicano Moratorium, which brought 30,000 protestors

to the streets of Los Angeles, focused national attention on discrimination. In Milwaukee, Latinx students occupied the office of UW-Milwaukee's chancellor. More quietly, on the city's South Side, a neighborhood center called The Spot provided a haven where teens could gather. A year later, The Spot took the more authoritative name of United Community Center (UCC) and began a process that shows how great things can grow from humble beginnings... The heart of UCC is its sprawling campus, occupying entire blocks running east-west from South Sixth through South Ninth streets and north-south from West Mineral to West Washington. From a nucleus at 1028 S. Ninth Street, the UCC expanded over the decades like an old growth tree, purchasing properties to make way for a village with preschools, primary and middle schools, a senior center and elder housing, residential treatment for alcohol and drug addiction, an arts center, a restaurant and more. To read the full story click on:

<https://shepherdexpress.com/news/features/the-miracle-on-ninth-street/>



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HOPE FILLED ORGANIZATIONS: The following Hope-Filled Organizations were added to the website in December. 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>



Inspired

GREAT COFFEE. GREATER PURPOSE.

PURPOSE: Inspired is a premium coffee shop, a neighborhood place, located in downtown Lake Geneva, Wisconsin employing people with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities where they are celebrated, job trained, coached and, over time, placed into a fully integrated work setting.

MISSION: Empowering people with disabilities to live with greater purpose and achieve their individual best in a thriving environment.



Read More at this website: <https://www.inspiredcoffee.org/>

Here are two TV news stories about Inspired Coffee:

2 minute video: https://spectrumnews1.com/wi/madison/news/2020/06/25/intellectual-physical-disabilities-special-needs-jobs-inspired-coffee-shop?fbclid=IwAR1CD17Nin3tJHpMa7AFpjc71rRwoUMQgk7XCGCyBFVRSr_q3-iqPGbFM-8#

3 minute video: <https://www.fox6now.com/fox6-wakeup-news/empowering-people-with-disabilities-lake-geneva-is-home-to-a-new-kind-of-coffee-shop>



<https://www.inspirationministries.org/>

Inspiration Ministries (IM) is a place where people with disabilities can grow, work, mature in their faith, and lead productive, joy-filled lives. From its inception almost 70 years ago, IM has focused on enriching the lives of adults with disabilities who call Inspiration Ministries home.

Here is a three minute video about some of the work performed by Inspiration Ministries

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=vimeo+creighton+inspiration+ministries&docid=608051495695417911&mid=E955D3CCF2B1B43DFF07E955D3CCF2B1B43DFF07&view=detail&FORM=VIRE>



<https://braverangels.org/welcome/>

"We are not enemies, but friends. We must not be enemies.
Though passion may have strained, it must not break our bonds of affection.
The mystic chords of memory will yet swell the chorus of the Union, when again touched,
as surely they will be,
by the better angels of our nature."

"The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion."

Abraham Lincoln



Braver Angels brings together Red and Blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America. We welcome people with strong convictions and principles. We believe the best way to achieve a more perfect Union is by being forthright and transparent about our political leanings. In that spirit, we say to our fellow Americans, “Come with your convictions, your willingness to listen, and your readiness to talk with others who disagree with you.” To read more, click on the link above.



Courageous Conversation website <https://courageousconversation.com/about/>

We engage in sustained partnerships featuring training, coaching and consulting with organizations to transform beliefs, behaviors, and results so people of all races can achieve at their highest levels and live their most empowered and powerful lives.

COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION™ is our award-winning protocol for effectively engaging, sustaining and deepening interracial dialogue. Through our Framework for Systemic Racial Equity Transformation, PEG is dedicated to helping individuals and organizations address persistent racial disparities intentionally, explicitly, and comprehensively. To read more, click on the link above.



<https://www.unitedcc.org/>

Mission: *To provide programs to Hispanics and near south side residents of all ages in the areas of education, cultural arts, recreation, community development, and health and human services.*

UCC assists individuals in achieving their potential by focusing on cultural heritage as a means of strengthening personal development and by promoting high academic standards in all of its educational programs.

Supporting Families & Strengthening Traditions Since 1970

United Community Center has been a catalyst for community growth, building, and betterment on Milwaukee’s south side since its founding 50 years ago. What started as a small youth center has grown into an intergenerational safe haven that serves more than 15,000 people each year. UCC serves individuals 6 weeks to 103 years old through educational services, senior support, homebuyer counseling, and much more.

THE FUTURE

As we start a new year, I would like us to focus on the future. To begin a conversation about the future, please take a few minutes to respond to the survey at the beginning of this Newsletter.

Please submit your survey response through the Sharing Ideas section of the website.
<https://hopefromthebottomup.com/hope-survey-about-future>

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If you find this Newsletter to be a positive contribution to promote Hope and positive changes for now and in the future, please consider forwarding this Newsletter to people you think would enjoy it and who may want to share their hopeful stories and programs for future Newsletters.

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