

MID-VALLEY fellowship

releasing the power of hope

*Hope does not
disappoint us,
because God has
poured out his love
into our hearts
by the Holy Spirit,
whom he has given us.*

Romans 5:5

November 2008



Cultivating Hope

by Leah Greene, Board Member

As many of you know, Saturday, October 25th, was the night of our long-awaited Benefit Dinner. We enjoyed a wonderful night of fellowship at Springhill Country Club and the evening was a great success. Almost 100 people were in attendance! We're so thankful for all who came to hear about the vision, purpose, and ministry of Mid-Valley Fellowship to cultivate hope in our community. The evening began smoothly with everyone finding their tables and having drinks served. After dinner and dessert, the program began. Duan Walker, our Executive Director, and Flip Anderson, one of our Board Members, were joined on stage by Rob Buhl, Associate Pastor of North Albany Community Church. Duan and Flip gave information that answered questions on everyone's minds. The three conversed about cultivating hope, the church and its response, the process of change, and reflections on giving. These topics were each supported with video segments from those closely involved with the ministry and those serving the community.

We were excited to have a mix of people at this event — those who know Mid-Valley Fellowship well, and those who hadn't heard much about the ministry before coming. Before the evening began, I was speaking with someone who knew very little about the ministry or what to expect from the evening. At the end of the night, I spoke to this person again and her response was so encouraging. She said that during the program she actually felt like standing up to cheer and shout "YES" in agreement and confirmation. And although it was probably appropriate that she didn't, just the idea made me smile. To know that the evening communicated Christ's message of hope and how vital this ministry is to our communities, was incredible.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make this evening go smoothly. Without the many leadership donors and volunteers, the evening would not have happened. So thank you again for your willingness to serve and for the heart you have for Mid-Valley Fellowship. A list of our leadership donors and volunteers, along with more pictures, is included on the next page.

Even if you were unable to attend the Benefit Dinner, you can still be a part of cultivating hope in our community. There are three simple ways to make a donation:

- 1) In-Person:** Contact us by phone or e-mail to visit us or have someone meet you for coffee/lunch
- 2) Mail:** Use the enclosed response card and envelope to mail your gift (check or credit card)
- 3) Online:** Visit www.midvalleyfellowship.org to make a donation online using your credit card





For More Pictures/Videos from the Benefit Dinner, Visit:
www.midvalleyfellowship.org/benefit

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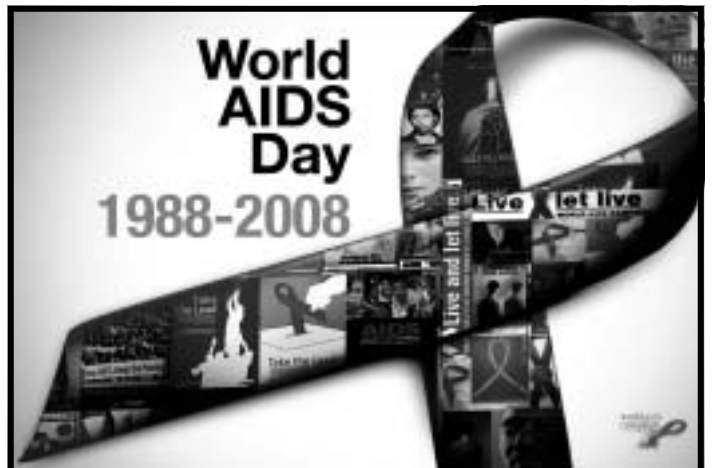
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The First of December is World AIDS Day, a day when individuals and organizations from around the world come together to bring attention to the global AIDS epidemic. 2008 marks the 20th anniversary of World AIDS Day. While much has been done since 1988, there is still much more to be done. Please join us in praying on December 1st and contemplating what part you might play in reflecting God's heart to those impacted by HIV/AIDS.

*Have you ever wondered
what's inside this door?*

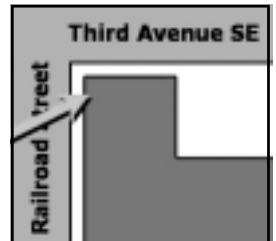


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fellowship
Open House

Wednesday, November 19th, 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Explore Mid-Valley Fellowship
Share some food and conversation
Celebrate the new office space completion

Mid-Valley Fellowship is located inside the Willamette Community Church building at 420 Third Avenue SE, Albany, through the entrance at the corner of Third and Railroad (as pictured at the right).



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