

Wax, Heartbeats and a Pig...

by Jared Marcus

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pig Those three words typically do not go together, but they will this September at The Post. We are super excited about what September holds both for our organization as well as our students. In addition to some new programs, we have a couple events planned that are sure to be a lot of fun.

September 3rd Have you ever walked through a wax museum before and as you begin looking around and begin taking in all the distinct smells, you can begin to see yourself in that very scene? Whether it's an old war scene or a scene from a haunted house, both provide you with a very accurate representation of what is going on at that time. Join us Friday night September 3rd for a guided tour through our facility and observe our students in their environment participating in their programs. As we have refined our mission and lined up our programs to ensure mission oriented results, please join us for a special night and an exciting adventure.

Post Picnic

On Sunday September 12th, The Post will be hosting its second annual 'Post Picnic'. The event is hosted at a private residence making for a very intimate and beautiful evening. There will be live music, a program presentation, silent auction items and mouth-watering barbecue. 100% of the proceeds go directly to The Post and help provide continuing service to our students. Tickets are \$30 per person or \$200 a table (8). Please RSVP to Jared Marcus at 574-534-7678.

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Blessing Others

by Kari

"I'll follow you into the arms of the broken/ I'll follow you into the world/ Meet the needs for the poor and the needy, God./ I'll follow you into the world/ When I was dead/ You gave me life/ How could I not give it away so freely?"

No idea who sings this song or what it's called, or even if I quoted the lyrics correctly, but I do love that song. It's a song I carry with me as I become more and more involved with the POST. Actually, involved is the wrong word; I think it's more like addicted. I love these POST kids. I love being allowed into their lives. I love that they're starting to trust me and to remember my name! But honestly, I'm unworthy of where God has led me.



Kari and students playing Take One

Even though their stories break my heart, I really can't relate. I am overwhelmed by love and support every day of my life; I think they're just overwhelmed by life. The things I survive on - security, support, God's love- are just words to them. It's frustrating to love them all so much knowing that I've been equipped for anything and everything, and they've been trained to believe that they're bound for failure.

Doing What He Wants by Londa Kauffman, Program Coordinator

So, I'm new here, kind of. I am the new program coordinator at The Post, however, I started volunteering here in October 2009. One day I drove past this place and I was like "The Post, what is that?" I got home and I looked it up online and immediately thought "that is a place that I need to be involved at". I have a passion for youth and really always have. God has given me many opportunities to work with youth and I have learned so much from those opportunities and the kids I have worked with. I began volunteering at The Post and it was amazing! I thoroughly enjoyed coming in on Tuesdays and an occasional Friday and just being around these kids - they are so much fun and they are so open. I can remember being at our first leadership meeting where we all answered some questions about ourselves and one of the questions was, "What is your dream job?" Instantly I thought, to work at a place like this where kids come on a voluntary basis and are not forced to come. See, I worked at Bashor Children's Home before this for 3 and half years and loved it, however, I had always wanted to work with youth who would voluntarily participate in programs that could benefit them. Think about, it's easier to change one's heart and mind if you decide to make that change as opposed to someone telling you that you need to

change. When the program coordinator position opened up, I was so pumped about it and approached Jared with my interest. God was in control of the situation from the get go and taught me a lot of patience through the entire interview process. During the interview, Jared asked me to continue to pray, but if I wanted to accept the position, it was being offered. I knew right then, I had prayed and knew that God wanted me here. I feel so blessed to have the opportunity to work not only for an amazingly God centered agency, but to also work with some of the coolest kids in this area. The transition was not as smooth as I thought it would be, there were definitely nights that were rough, where the kids pushed limits to see just how far I could be pushed, but through that transition has come strong relationships with some of our core kids. I left The Post on Wednesday after work one night and just looked up at the building and thanked God that I get to work here and be a part of the awesome stuff that's going on here. I cannot wait for the fall and for the programs we have worked on so hard and prayed so much about!! I know in my heart that God is going to take us to a level of affecting lives that we probably don't even understand. All we need to do is be His instrument and His tool in that process. This place is His and we want to strive everyday to do what He would have us do, not that we are perfect, but we are constantly asking ourselves if we are doing what He wants us to do.



Blessing Others (cont.)

But God's answer to my frustration is always the same:
"You've been blessed to bless others"

So I keep reminding myself that I am unworthy, but God is able to use me anyway.

And if there's anyone reading this who wants to come in and meet some awesome kids, don't be afraid. You don't need to be funny or good at basketball. Just be **willing to bless others the way you've been blessed.**

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