



Mentoring October 2011

Hello Friends!

Family Pathfinders has the greatest volunteers! **Jim Walther**, a veteran mentor and board member, is leading a project to develop an integrated website and database that will provide more tools and resources for both our mentors and clients as well as automate some processes that are currently manual. Our board and staff have been working diligently under his leadership to gather information to be used in the new website and database.

At the same time **Denni Cravins**, a very new mentor, has volunteered to update our current website so that it's accurate and informative until we can get the new one developed. Thank you, Denni!

Great mentors know other great mentors! With the growth in our Mentoring program, we are in need of additional mentors to serve more families in need. We ask that you consider how you can help recruit more mentors. Can you help us arrange a presentation at your church, civic organization or place of employment? Can you recruit one mentor in the next month? We have at least three training sessions scheduled each month that we hope will accommodate anyone who wants to mentor. Thanks for your help!

We'll be holding Money Smart financial education workshops in October, November and December. Please encourage your client to attend to learn about budgeting, banking and borrowing.

Blessings from the Family Pathfinders staff!



On September 7, Reentry mentees and mentors gathered for **Reentry Inspiration**, featuring motivational speaker **Toby Jones**. Ms. Jones touched the hearts of all who attended with words of inspiration about the challenges of transitioning back into the community after incarceration. **Dr. Anne Gifford**, founder of Parents and Partners of Prisoners, also educated participants about reconciliation and family reunification. Photo: Toby Jones with Kathryn Arnold.

Job Center

The Meadowbrook branch of the Fort Worth Library has a new job center that might be great for our mentees. Please keep this in mind as you talk with your mentees about their job searches. For more information, visit the following link:

<http://www.fortworthchamber.com/documents/ChamberletterPDFs/eSkills%20Info%20Card.pdf>

You might consider holding your next monthly meeting at this library or another public library.

Use **Goodsearch** as your primary search engine to raise money painlessly for Family Pathfinders. <http://www.goodsearch.com>



Mentors attended training in August. Back row: Reggie Moss, Jimmy Johnson, Connie Alling, Stephen Goodman. Front row: Jennifer Green-Moss, Ree Boldt, Sarah Murphy.

There is nourishment from being encouraged and helped up by others when we are weak. We are nourished from feedback from friends whom we trust and who will be honest with us.

Rich G. Buhler



New mentor Mei Yu of Alcon



New mentor Anna Delgado of Alcon



Congratulations to mentor **Jimmy Johnson** who earned his Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice from Kaplan College with a 3.98 GPA! We're proud of you, Jimmy!



Other new mentors who are camera shy are: **Brian Tenney**, **Jeannie Coggins**, **Sue Maxwell**, and **Mary Gean Cope**. Send photos, please!!

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