



True Riches eNewsletter

"So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?" Luke 16:11

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A Year with the Giving Family

Have you ever thought about trying to bring together a group of friends or family in an attempt to create a "Giving committee" of sorts? Are you just lost as to where to go or how to start or even run a Giving Group? All of us would like to pass on the gift of giving to our children, and family giving meetings are a great way to start but sometimes we just need a little jumpstart.

The National Center for Family Philanthropy has issued a 2007 activity calendar to help you get this process started.

From "A Year with the Giving Family"

by Kevin R. Laskowski

This year, the National Center for Family Philanthropy celebrates ten years of inspiring family giving. To mark the occasion, Family Giving News invites you to spend "A Year with the Giving Family."

What follows is a calendar of activities designed to engage you and your family in a new philanthropic endeavor or to reinvigorate an existing family giving program. Each month in 2007, in addition to Family Giving News' regular features and profiles in family philanthropy, we'll revisit these activities with new ideas and stories on how your philanthropic family can plan, act, evaluate, celebrate, and innovate in the new year and beyond.

This proposed calendar may proceed too quickly for some groups and too slowly for others. Our hope is that we can



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Did you know you can
give ...

provide you with some practical ideas that will make your giving together more meaningful and effective. A happy New Year to all and happy giving!

[Read the rest of the article](#)

Calling all Prayer Warriors!

Christian Legacy Foundation is a ministry devoted to helping people achieve stewardship excellence before God. To that end, we must remember that prayer is the lever that moves mountains or "melts glaciers". (The financial glacier of wealth you may have heard us referring to in previous newsletters.) We need your help!

First and foremost we are praying for someone gifted in this area to come forth and be our volunteer prayer line coordinator. We need someone who loves people and can really develop this ministry to its fullest potential. Most everything can be done online so it would be perfect for any prayer warrior, even someone unable to come into an office everyday to volunteer. If you are interested in this position, please contact Angie at angie@clfinc.org or 813-567-1499.

Second, we need some prayer warriors! Won't you join us in prayer? We have a weekly prayer newsletter that goes out to many of our ministry friends that includes prayer requests for several important topics. If you would like to join us, please send us an email at prayer@clfinc.org and we will get you registered. Our newsletter is very succinct and we promise not to bombard you with prayer requests. The foundation's ministry will never reach its highest potential without a strong under girding of prayer.

Will you help us fulfill God's calling on this ministry by joining us in prayer?

Local Ministry Events



Executive Ministries Golf Classic

Monday, April 23, 2007 at Cheval Golf and Country Club

Executive Ministries provides a unique path to Christ that executives, who are usually not easily reached, can identify with and not feel threatened. Since 1986, thousands of executives have attended a ministry event, come to know the Lord, built their faith through Bible Studies and Discipleship Training and journeyed on to create change. They are influencers who are reaching influencers for Christ.

Imagine Tampa as a place that embraces Christian character. Imagine a workplace whose company's

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president's focus is on honorable leadership, and whose reliance on God replaces financial performance. Imagine a workplace where corporate value is measured by Godly standards, not just earnings.

Executive Ministries is conducting a golf tournament Monday, April 23, 2007 at the Cheval Golf and Country Club. To find out more about the tournament as a golfer, volunteer, donor or Corporate Sponsorship or to register please visit www.emgolf.org or contact us at exemin1@tampabay.rr.com or call 813-902-9117.

2007

Feb - Watoto Children's Choir is coming to FL! ([Click here for details](#))

Feb 21 - 40 Days of Prayer for Your City (SCTB)

Feb 21 - CFPN Monthly Tampa Branch Meeting @ 11:30
[Click here to register](#)

Feb 24 - Serve Tampa Bay Day (SCTB)

Feb 26 - Tampa Bay Festival Business & Civic Leaders Luncheon with Luis Palau (Sponsor a table by [clicking here.](#))

Feb 27 - Ladies Luncheon with Luis Palau Festival. Call the Festival office for information at 813-579-1560.

Mar 3 - 4 - Tampa Bay Festival with Luis Palau at Raymond James Stadium. [Read more by clicking here.](#)

Mar 30 - [CFPN Quarterly Tampa Branch Meeting](#) - Guest speaker, Rod Hadley of [Character That Counts](#)

Apr 19 - 21 - Generous Giving Conference in Dallas, TX. For more information or to register visit www.generousgiving.org

If your ministry event isn't listed, let us know by [emailing Angie](#). We'd like to include all our ministry partners' events.

Want to Take That Tax Deduction? Keep Good Records!

We give to charity for a myriad of reasons... but if we want to get that tax deduction, we need to pay attention to some new stricter guidelines.

Taxpayers are required to comply with the new record-keeping requirements if claiming charitable contribution deductions for any cash, check, or other monetary gifts

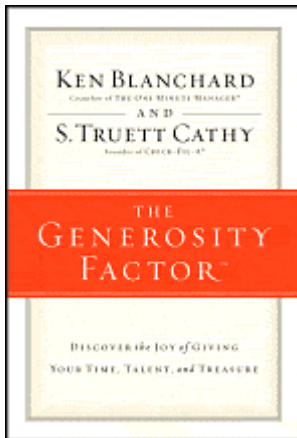
made in tax years beginning after August 17, 2006. For calendar-year taxpayers, the rules apply to contributions made beginning in 2007, the IRS said in a related news release. Under section 170(f)(17), a taxpayer must maintain a bank record or written communication from the donee stating the donee organization's name and the contribution date and amount. Contributions greater than \$250 must also meet the section 170(f)(8) requirements. Personal bank registers, diaries, or notes are no longer sufficient types of records to back up their monetary donations for a deduction.

Clothing and household items donated after August 17, 2006, must be at least in good condition. Taxpayers may claim a deduction of \$500 or more for a single item in any condition if the taxpayer includes a qualified appraisal of the item with their return.

Rather than trying to maintain multiple records of giving to all your different, favorite charitable organizations, there is a simpler way! Giving Funds, opened through Christian Legacy Foundation, allow you to donate to all your favorite charities, even on an automatic schedule, but the only receipt you would need to keep is the one from donating to your fund! It's a powerfully effective yet simple solution. If you would like more information on how to open a giving fund, visit our website at www.clfinc.org or email us at info@clfinc.org

[Read the full IRS reminder by clicking here](#)

Recommended Reading



The Generosity Factor, by Ken Blanchard and Truett Cathy

The Generosity Factor is a brief, yet powerfully thought-provoking parable for everyone who senses that there is more to life than the pursuit of self-gratification and greed. The book's story tells of an encounter between a young, self-made broker and a wise executive - revealing five memorable principles that will help you line up your way of life with the lavish heart of God.

Read this book today and discover a wealth that continues to flourish the more you give to others.

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