



True Riches eNewsletter

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"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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How can that be legal you ask? Just by voting!

[Alpha-Omega Title Company](#) has sponsored the "People's Choice Award" for the upcoming 10th Annual Compassion Awards banquet being orchestrated by Somebody Cares Tampa Bay (SCTB) and the Christian Legacy Foundation (CLF). The Feb. 8th Compassion Awards Banquet will honor local ministries that provide services of compassion and one special ministry* will be given the \$2500 Alpha-Omega Title People's Choice Award! To vote for your favorite ministry, go to www.CompassionAwards.com and click on the "Vote Now" green button. If you do not see your favorite ministry listed, you can add them by clicking on the "send us an email" link right on the voting webpage.

Are you a local compassion ministry? Did you know that two representatives from your ministry can attend the banquet for free? [Click here to register](#) your ministry for this exciting evening out! If you have more than two people to bring, please [register them by clicking here and paying](#) for their tickets. We have some special surprises in store for everyone so get your tickets today!

Those of you who aren't in ministry are still encouraged to attend! **Come see your favorite ministry be honored and lifted up**, while enjoying the beautiful A La Carte Pavilion in Tampa. Our guest speaker will be **Indianapolis Colts Chaplain, Ken Johnson** and Desert Rain will be entertaining us



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with beautiful music. Individual tickets are \$50 per person and can be [purchased by visiting this link](#).

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Be sure to arrive early enough to explore through the ministry fair and learn about the many different compassion groups toiling on the front lines of local ministries.

It's sure to be an *electric night* of fun and excitement that you won't want to miss!

*The Alpha-Omega Title People's Choice Award winner must be a bona-fide, tax-exempt non-profit organization.

The Joy of Giving

Excerpted from Stephen G. Post, Ph.D. "Updated Scientific Review on the Benefits of Giving"

The great French Catholic Jean Vanier founded L'Arche ("The Ark") nearly forty years ago. In response to the miserable conditions in institutions that warehouse persons with developmental cognitive disabilities, Vanier invited two such men to live in his home. L'Arche communities now exist in 120 countries, using a model in which "assistants" (both short-term and long-term volunteers) live communally in group homes taking care of "members" (persons with disabilities). Here is one vignette sent to me by Vanier that captures the growth in an assistant named Pauline:

"Just recently the mother of Pauline came to visit her daughter, a nineteen year old assistant living and working in one of our homes. Pauline has been in the home only four months. Her mother told me how her daughter has changed and been transformed. Before coming here she was unable to make choices, didn't know who she was nor wanted for the future. Now she has discovered that she is giving life to the people with disabilities around her. She is loved by them and new energies of caring and of communion are flowing from her. People with disabilities have awoken her heart and what is deepest within her: her capacity to give life and to bring joy and hope to others."

Stories like this one abound in L'Arche. The assistants who stay on, sometimes for many years, are the ones who experience the joy of giving most powerfully, but almost all of them report that their experiences of giving enhance their happiness (Reimer, 2007).

Local Ministry Events

Christian Legacy Foundation is now exclusively using the community calendar of [FaithTampaBay.com](#), because of the strategic relationship between the two ministries.

Feb 8, 2008 - [Compassion Awards Banquet](#)

If your ministry event isn't listed, please go to www.FaithTampaBay.com and sign up with them or let us know by emailing Angie at angie@clfinc.org. We'd like to include all our ministry partners' events.

Donor-advised funds gaining

By Sue Ascì, Investment News, November 19, 2007

The use of donor-advised funds is on the rise. Assets in the popular charitable-giving vehicle increased 23.4% to \$21.6 billion last year, according to the National Philanthropic Trust, a Jenkintown, Pa.-based independent public charity that promotes philanthropy. The number of new accounts, meanwhile, jumped 7% to 107,250, the company said.

"People are looking for meaning. Americans have been feeling vulnerable for a long time," said Kim Wright-Violich, president of Schwab Charitable of San Francisco. The Schwab Charitable Fund had \$1.98 billion under management as of Oct. 30.

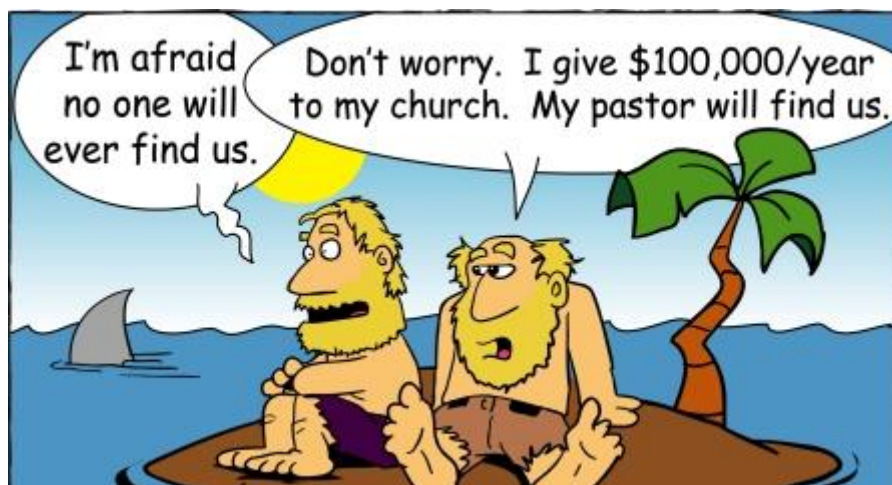
"Donor-advised funds are replacing private foundations even at the very high end of giving," she added. "The reason for that is privacy. Private foundations must make their tax returns available to the public, and sometimes people get inundated with requests because of that."

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Welcome New Board Members

We want to say a big welcome to our newest board members, Bart Azzarelli and Denise White. Look for more information about these wonderful new volunteers next month...

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