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What Will the Church Do?

Improving Communities One Healthy Marriage at a Time

(Milwaukee, WI) August 24, 2009—Domestic violence, fewer married couples, increased divorces, rising single-parent households... what's happening in Milwaukee? Or better yet, the old adage question to any community-plaguing problem seems to be, "What are the churches doing to address these issues?" A host of local churches have chosen to support the union of marriage by enriching married couples through educational workshops, stressing the following keys to relationship success: dealing with communication differences; resolving conflict without increasing tension; understanding emotional, physical & commitment safety; addressing infidelity & forgiveness; and rekindling intimacy.

In partnership with the Center for Self-Sufficiency (CFSS) and its VOW to Succeed program, participating churches will wrap up the season with a **free** Summer Lens on Healthy Marriage Workshop Series. VOW to Succeed Program Director, Jeanette Stevens, acknowledges, "We are honored to offer marriage enhancement and relationship skill-building education in partnership with faith-based institutions. Together we're hoping to inspire a community-wide interest to increase two-parent households, prevent domestic violence, and model long-lasting marriages in a healthy environment."

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Workshops (listed below) are entirely **free**; however, early registration is encouraged due to limited seating. Married couples can register online by visiting www.vowtosucceed.org and clicking on the “Classes” link or calling Angelique at 414.326.3150.

Friday & Saturday, August 28, 5:00-9:30 p.m. & August 29, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Blessed Deliverance's Summer Lens on Healthy Marriages
Blessed Deliverance Baptist Church, 2215 N. 23rd St., Milwaukee

Saturdays, September 12 & 19, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

New Hope's Summer Lens on Healthy Marriages
New Hope Baptist Church, 2433 W. Roosevelt Dr., Milwaukee

Saturdays, September 12 & 19, 10:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Providence's Summer Lens on Healthy Marriages
Providence Baptist Church, 3865 N. 82nd St., Milwaukee

Saturdays, September 12 & 26, 9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Mt. Olive's Summer Lens on Healthy Marriages
Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 5277 N. 36th St., Milwaukee

Friday & Monday, September 18 & 21, 5:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

Zion Hill's Summer Lens on Healthy Marriages
Zion Hill Baptist Church, 1825 W. Hampton Avenue, Milwaukee

About the Center for Self-Sufficiency

Founded in 1997, the Center for Self-Sufficiency (CFSS) upholds the importance of healthy marriages, relationships and character education by participating in federal initiatives that help youth and adults develop productive life skills, attitude and behaviors. Through the **VOW to Succeed** program, CFSS partners with community and faith-based organizations to provide classes to youth, singles, unmarried expecting mothers and fathers, and married couples in the areas of relationship-building, marriage preparation and marriage enhancement.

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