

She Speaks: A Participant's Perspective

By Daniela Ayala



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I had been out of work since March of this year and had been putting in application after application, however, no one called me for a job. I began to get so frustrated! I registered with Women Blessing Women in August since I also needed to get my GED. I started the Job Program with updating my resume and hoped to build my job skills to make me more employable.

One day I spotted a flyer about a Job Fair at the Seagate Center offering positions for the new Sports Arena downtown. Ms. Glenda made copies of my résumé and references so I would have them with me when I went to the Job Fair that evening.

On that day, I went to my classes at WBW until 12 noon. I hurried home to prepare dinner for the evening, then picked up my children from school. My husband watched the children while I went to apply for the open position. I stood in line for two hours before they let anyone in the building. There were many people applying for the jobs. Once in the building, we had to sit down and fill in the application, then get back in line. They informed us that if anyone was caught completing the application in line they would be asked to leave. Once I returned to the line, I waited to be screened. The gentleman that screened me went over my résumé and references and

said they looked good! From my experience, he thought I could apply for the management position. He said they would do orientation and training and for me to go behind the curtain. I went behind the curtain and the next gentleman asked me several questions and said I was hired! He said that they would work around my schedule at WBW because he saw where I was going to school. I was so excited and so glad that I stood in line all that time! I was hired as a full time concession manager or suite manager with benefits. I would begin orientation in eight days.

Since then, I have had orientation and will begin working Oct. 2. I am still attending WBW, because I want to complete my classes and get my GED. Everyone at WBW was so excited for me, and the other participants signed a card for me and wished me well.

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By Shana Kuhnle

At Women Blessing Women I have had a delightful time trying to find employment; the classes are very helpful.

My favorite classes were job search and job workshops. In the job search class, I received help developing my résumé so I could post it on a search engine.

The staff and volunteers at WBW are very helpful and friendly. I couldn't have asked for a better organization to help me with job skills and find a job. The women are very personal. They like women who come to the organization to be happy with the program and learning. They were always there if I needed any help. WBW staff and volunteers made time to sit down and work with me and all the women.



Shana Kuhnle

Women Blessing Women Mission

To serve, bless, and empower women to achieve their potential, obtain living wage jobs, and break the cycle of poverty.



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We're Proud of Our Participants!



Consuela Garza



Alicia Harpel



Tina Galloway



Latoya Butler

Welcome New Volunteers, May-Aug., 2009

Leah Beck
Marlene Frazier
Sr. Amy Junk
Michelle Landis
Carly Ross
Veronica Ross

Speakers Bureau

Need a program speaker for your professional group, club or organization? WBW speakers would be glad to present our program. Call Lynn Langel at 419-691-2261 or Glenda at 419-241-9789 to schedule.

Facts about Violence Against Women

- A woman is beaten every 15 seconds in the USA –American Medical Association
- Before the age of 14, one out of four girls has been sexually abused –Russell report
- Every single minute of every day at least one woman in America is raped –US Justice Department

Congratulations!

Earned GED May-Aug., 2009

Ashley Brooks
Tina Galloway
Consuela Garza
Alicia Harpel

Obtained Employment May-Aug., 2009

Daniela Ayala
Latoya Butler
Shawna Galloway
Kia Garrett

Enrolled in College, May-Aug., 2009

Ashley Brooks
Latoya Butler
Consuela Garza
Audrey Williams

Thank You

From Chris Palmerton

1. Touching lives
2. Helping women
3. Answering needs
4. Nurturing others
5. Keeping involved
6. Your positive attitude
7. Opening your heart
8. Understanding the value of service

I thank you for taking time to care, your wonderful talents you shared and the opportunity to work with you.

Welcome, New Staff

Women Blessing Women is pleased to announce that Jane McGee has accepted the position of education/career coordinator. She brings an extensive background to the position, having worked some



Jane McGee

30 years in education. She served as principal at St. Ursula Academy in Toledo and has taught at schools in Virginia, New York and Mississippi. She holds an M.S. Ed. in Educational Leadership from the University of Dayton.

We welcome Jane McGee to the WBW staff.

Spring Blessings Raises \$4,725

Women Blessing Women was proud to sponsor its fourth annual Spring Blessings Fashion Show and Luncheon on June 6 at Lourdes College. Some 160 people enjoyed a delicious lunch provided by Outback Steakhouse and fashions from Fashion Bug modeled by WBW participants. Attendees were also inspired by the speech of volunteer Leah Beck.

The event was chaired by Sr. Gretchen Faerber and Janette Robertson.



Roslyn is shown modeling fashions from Fashion Bug at the Fourth Annual Spring Blessings Fashion Show and Luncheon held June 6 at Lourdes College.

To Everything There is a Season

By Glenda Brown, Interim Director

“To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heavens: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.”—Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

As we journey to make the transition from summer into fall, we see changes in the weather, the leaves turn colors and soon fall off the trees, the days will become shorter. Seasons bring about changes whether we are ready or not. Many of our participants have made it through many seasons in their lives, and so has the WBW organization

There have been staff changes at WBW within the last months. Chris Palmerton, executive director, who so faithfully grabbed the torch and ran with it to build the organization and empower women in poverty, retired on July 31 after six years of dedicated service. Julie Cummins, education/career coordinator, has left to accept a teaching position at Liberty High School. The participants, volunteers and students have valued all their efforts and wish both Chris and Julie the best for years to come.

We are grateful to have Jane McGee join the Women Blessing Women staff on August 1, as the new education/career coordinator. Jane has rolled up her sleeves and is a blessing to WBW through our season of transition.

Special thanks should go to all of the volunteers who are the heart of WBW. The volunteers have kept our organization flourishing through the years. We, the staff and participants, appreciate you in every capacity for your commitment to empower the women participants to reach their full potential. We look forward to great things as we journey into a new season of growth. May God Bless and continue to keep you and your families abiding in his love, good health and prosperity.



Shown left to right at the retirement luncheon for Chris Palmerton are Valerie Russell, Jasmine Parker, Chris, Lorranda Dickerson and Future Davis



Jane McGee, Julie Cummins, Chris and Board Chair Laurie Neary pose at the luncheon for Chris.

The Upside of a Down Market

Even if you are feeling the pain of a loss in the stock market, you can still help Women Blessing Women. By selling stock at a loss and then making a donation of the same amount of money that the stock was sold, you may be able to:

- Claim a charitable deduction for the gift
- Deduct the stock's decrease in value from your other income, thereby reducing the tax you pay
- You can deduct up to \$3,000 (\$1,500 for married filing separate). Any amount above that amount can be carried over to future years until completely deducted

Did you make money in the market? Tax payers with long term (1+ years) capital gains on their stock can avoid the capital gains tax by contributing the stock directly to WBW. You will also get to claim the full fair market value of the stock as a charitable contribution.

There may be some exceptions to some rules; anyone considering a donation of stock should check with their tax advisor.

Search and Raise dollars for WBW

It takes just a few seconds to search the Internet using www.GoodSearch.com. Enter "Women Blessing Women" as your favorite charity, and we will receive a penny every time you search.

[GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) also has a link to GoodShop, its sister site. Shop online at over 700 stores and WBW can receive up to 37 percent of your online purchases.

Save the Dates

- The Glass Slipper Review, Sun., Sept. 27, 2009
- Chili for Change, Soup for Success, Sun., Nov. 8, 2009
- Holiday Purse Auction, Sun. Dec. 13, 2009

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Staff

Glenda Brown, Interim Director

The Four Agreements Developed by Louis Ruiz

In-teg-ri-ty 1. the quality or state of being complete, unbroken conditions, wholeness entirety 2. the quality or state of being impaired; perfect conditions, soundness 3. the quality or state of being of sound moral principle: uprightness, honesty and sincerity.

1. Be impeccable with your word: Speak with integrity. (this is the most important and the most difficult. Your word is the power to create, You can create a beautiful world of you can destroy everything around you. Your "word" is not just a sound or written symbol ... it is a force so powerful that you can literally destroy a reputation. Impeccability means "without wrongdoing." When you are impeccable, you take responsibility for your actions.)

2. Don't take anything personally: Nothing others do is because of you (This says that personal importance, or taking things personally, is the maximum expression of selfishness, "it's all about me.")

3. Don't make assumptions: Find the courage to ask questions and to express what you really want. (This says the whole world of control between humans is about making assumptions and taking things personally)

4. Always do your best: Under any circumstances simply do your best, and you will avoid self-judgment, self-abuse, and regret. (This is about the actions of the first three; always do your best, your best can change from one moment to the next, but when you set out to do your best, you learn to accept yourself. It is not about comparing yourself to someone else. It's about living your life fully and intensely. By always doing your best, you will break a spell you have been under that says, "I am not enough." To live the fourth agreement, we must suspend the judge and jury in our minds. We need to change critical, judgmental, and negative thinking into acceptance.)

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Saxophonist Katrina Barnhill
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Contact Glenda Brown @ 419-241-9789 or 419-346-5275
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Prelude Music By
Jillie Logston, Viola
and
Karin Hill, Flute

The Value of an Education

A woman with a bachelor's degree earns 75 percent more than a woman with only a high school diploma.

Over a lifetime, a woman with a bachelor's degree earns \$1 million more than a woman with only a high school diploma.

The top five job fields in Northwest Ohio are: 1) health-care professionals, 2) healthcare support, 3) office and administrative support, 4) transportation, 5) personal care and services

Source: AAUW Transitional Conference, May 2009