

# **Table Talk**

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Strengthening People Affected By Disability

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# **Annual Report Edition**

# Director's Note

Joan and I are excited to share this issue. We had an amazing 2022, thanks to you! Some of the highlights we're reflecting on include:

- Coaching people with disabilities in the broad areas of marketing themselves, sharing their message, building relationships, family dynamics, living in grace, and processing the interplay of anger and disability.
- Our writers' group, Page 42 met monthly. Two members had their work accepted for publication. One member said, "Thank you for creating this group because not many people would think of us as writers or creators."
- We attended the Florida Family Café and Joan led a session on Caregiving When You Just Don't Care. We networked with other writers, ministry leaders and built bridges with other organizations.
- We participated in Breakaway Camp (FL) for the fourth year as Bible study teachers and family liaisons.
- Camp Celebrate in TN was a new outreach for us. I loved serving as Camp Pastor, preaching through Philippians. Together we offered counsel in areas their leadership requested for program development.
- We hosted our first annual banquet, An Evening at the Table.
- We saw growth in our lending closet for disability related equipment.
- We attended the Miami Abilities Expo, a trade show for disability related products and services where we expanding our Florida connections.

### Mission:

We coach Christian communities, mentor people affected by disability, and encourage families affected by disability until the table is full

#### Vision:

- To exchange a life without God for a relationship with God through lesus Christ.
- To exchange a life of isolation for a life in community.
- To exchange a life of low expectation for an abundant life with purpose.

# Financial Report

Total Revenue	\$130,166.51
Total Expense	\$113,793.83
Net Revenue	\$16,372.68

















A business partner recently invited Jerry to share a message with his staff. He knows some of his employees live in families affected by disability. He can't ask who they are, but he can open the door for people to talk with Jerry. We love serving our donors!

#### **WAYS TO GIVE**

### Online:

www.luke14exchange. org/donate/

## By Mail:

3616 Harden Blvd #163 Lakeland FL 33803

### Or call us:

863-940-3816

# GETTING INVOLVED

Luke 14 Exchange needs you! No matter where you live, we are looking for volunteers in these areas.

- Board Members (we meet every other month via Zoom) to help set the course and promote the ministry.
- Typists, or data entry people who can meet with Jerry, virtually or in person, to type for him.

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# Our Year in Numbers















# 4 Individuals and Families Impacted

200% increase from last year

# **83% Donor Retention Rate** + 28 new partners!

We ended the year with \$130.166.51 raised. A 23% increase in overall giving from last year.



# Ministries and Organizations Served

Jerry and Joan intentionally take the "lowest place" that is talked about in the fourteenth chapter of Luke. And when they take that low place, they spend time there, loving on those who are "lowest" in the eyes of our society. There is a need for ministries like Luke 14 Exchange. There is a need to reach people impacted by disabilities and proclaim to them that Jesus loves them and that the church loves them as well. Unfortunately, that isn't the message that some have received from some churches. Luke 14 Exchange is changing the narrative and reclaiming a people who desperately need to be told that they are loved. Carlos Velez, Pastor

# Where to find us

# **Ongoing**

- 2nd and 4th Mondays at Noah's Landing Lakeland FL
- Tuesday evenings at Dream Center Block Party Lakeland FL

## **January**

- **16-18** Florida Bible Convention Kissimmee
- In Print: <u>Content</u> a new e-magazine for Caregivers

## **February**

 Book Club - stay tuned for details

# **April**

• 28-29 Key Ministry
Conference Cleveland OH

## June

- **9-11** Family Cafe Orlando, FL
- 25-30 Breakaway Camp Leesburg, FL

# July

**15-21** Camp Celebrate Eastern TN

Find us on Facebook and on the web!

# What We Envision for 2023

### Please partner in prayer with us for these endeavors

#### Communication

We'd like to enhance our communication with regular blog posts, and publish more articles, as well as Joan's book on disability and marriage. Along with writing, we will actively pursue increased speaking opportunities.

#### **Outreach (People and Programs)**

We're adjusting how we serve at the Dream Center, focusing on relationship building through their Block Party. A new outreach opened for us to teach a Bible study at Noah's Landing with adults with disabilities. As we continue 1:1 coaching, we'll also develop and implement a process for group coaching, like Page 42. We'll continue to serve at Breakaway Camp and Camp Celebrate. We plan to start a webbased book club on disability-focused books.

#### **Fundraising**

We'll continue to build relationships with donors to fund the ministry and meet or exceed our budget. We'll grow the number of donors and the attendance at An Evening at The Table.

#### **Volunteers**

We want to ensure our volunteers serve in their strength, and have all the needed supports to thrive. We look forward to developing a broader volunteer team for prayer, outreaches, office assistance.

# **Board of Directors**

President: Dave Shoemaker C12 Chair, Philadelphia

Vice-President: Mark Dillon Workplace Chaplain

Treasurer: John Stancil
Retired CPA and College Professor

Member at Large: Jerry Borton Co-founder Luke 14 Exchange



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