

S.O.A.R. Development Corporation Higher Heights Newsletter

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S.O.A.R. Development Corporation, an out-growth of Word of Deliverance Ministries for the World, Inc., is a faith-based 501(c)(3) community development corporation.

S.O.A.R.'s Mission

S.O.A.R.'s mission is to move outside of the local church walls and extend into neighboring and global communities to address the needs of the whole individual—spirit, mind, and body.

Bishop Hilton Prays for Ohio House of Representatives Session

Bishop Bobby Hilton opened the October 15th session of the Ohio House of Representatives with a moving prayer. Bishop Hilton was the guest of Representative Jim Raussen (R-Springdale).

In offering prayer, Bishop Hilton became part of a century-old tradition. Opening prayer in the Ohio House has taken place since 1897. Members of the House carry on this tradition by inviting local members of the clergy to open the body with prayer.

"I am very pleased that Bishop Hilton was able to make the trip to Columbus and offer the opening prayer for the House session," commented Rep. Raussen. "Bishop Hilton's words were challenging and encouraging to the members of the House as we began our legislative work for the day."

Bishop Hilton's prayer can be viewed on-line through streaming video at the following address: www.oll.state.oh.us/audio.cfm. Open the link and scroll down and type in "Bishop Bobby Hilton" in the blank to search for an "individual or group." To God be the Glory!



Left to right: Representative Larry Householder, Bishop Hilton and Representative Jim Raussen.

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Raising Great Kids Is Back!

Starting Feb. 5, 2004, the Raising Great Kids parenting program will be offered for 13 weeks. This parenting class will meet every Thursday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. A free dinner and childcare is provided!

Pre-registration is required and is limited to 25 parents. To register, pick up a registration form from the church lobby or Word Administrative Office, or call (513) 589-3400 ext. 114. Registration deadline is Jan. 19, 2004; don't delay!!

...I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (Ill John 2).

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December Consumer Health Tip!

The flu bug and other seasonal ailments are upon us. When going to see the doctor, follow these tips as you talk to your doctor or office staff:

- Prepare for your doctor visit! Make a list of questions **before** you see the doctor to help you obtain key information.
- Ask questions and more questions! Doctors and healthcare professionals are working to help you understand your condition and how to learn to manage it.
- Along with questions for the doctor, be sure to list anything about your body that doesn't seem quite right. Tell your doctor about any new or different symptoms you may be having.
- Take a friend along or family member. He or she can help you write down what the doctor says. You can refer to these notes once you get home.
- Before you leave the doctor's office, make sure you understand his directions and explanation about your condition.
- If you have any questions about your visit once you get home, call the office and ask to speak to a nurse or someone who can answer your questions.
- Take all your medications to each doctor visit. This means prescription medicines as well as over-the-counter (OTC). OTC medicines include vitamins, minerals and herbal preparations.

To learn more, visit the AMA Foundation web-site at www.amafoundation.org

Parents Have a New Guide to Ohio's Educational Changes

Parents of elementary and high school students can now equip themselves with a new guide to Ohio's new academic content standards.

"Standards Guide For Families" features a general outline of what your student should know and be able to accomplish at every grade level in English language arts, mathematics, science and social studies. These new standards also let teachers know what they are expected to teach.

The Ohio Department of Education published the guide to provide parents and educators with a sample of the new academic expectations for Ohio students.

To view the complete set of new academic standards, visit www.ohioacademicstandards.com, or you may pick up a copy at the Word Administrative Office.

S.O.A.R Is Your Cincinnati Works Connection

SOAR continues to partner with Cincinnati Works as a referral service for Word members and other job seekers. Works specializes in job readiness, job search, job retention and advancement. In 2003, Works has helped over 500 people obtain employment. SOAR is actively referring job seekers to Works as part of our mission to help others strive for self sufficiency and prosperity.

Starting in January 2004, Cincinnati Works will hold information sessions at 11 a.m., Tuesday through Friday only at their downtown office, 37 West Seventh Street, (above Payless Shoe Store). If you are interested or know someone who will benefit from this employment assistance, please contact the SOAR office for a referral card at (513) 589-3400 ext. 114.

2004 Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund

The Talbots Women's Scholarship Fund is offering annual scholarships to support women, from their late 20s to early 50s, who want to go back to school to obtain a bachelor's or associate degree. The scholarship fund is a \$100,000 program that awards five, \$10,000 scholarships and fifty, \$1000 scholarships annually. Since inception in 1997, the fund has awarded college scholarships to 330 women. To be eligible, applicants must be women who:

- Currently reside in the United States,
- Have earned a high school diploma or GED at least 10 years ago,
- Are seeking a degree from an accredited, two-to-four year college, university or vocational-technical school, and
- Have at least two, full-time semesters or 24 credits remaining to complete an undergraduate degree.

Deadline for application is Jan. 15, 2004 or until 1000 eligible applications have been received.

Application forms are available at the Talbots web-site: www.talbots.com/about/scholar/scholar.asp.

For additional request for proposals visit http://fdncenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_education.jhtml.