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**Hero Chick:
Christine Caine**

Many of you attended Chick's Night Out on October 17th and had the privilege of hearing Christine Caine speak. I believe we were all moved by her delivery and the content of her testimony.



Please visit the link below and find out

Greetings!

I sometimes feel the pain around me too deeply, and that is when I am so glad I read the Bible... I find pearls that sustain me. Like the other day when I was grieving over young children being kidnapped and sold into the sex slave trade... how they are forced to service their 'clients' up to 20 times each day... and the Word of the Lord spoke into my spirit and soothed my soul. God wants us to drink the blessings of a fruitful life in Christ... but also to care for the lost, the broken, the hungry, the suffering. He wants both from us... joy that we know His grace is enough... and a giving spirit to be the hand that delivers his blessing to others.



As we gear up for the holidays... I have to remind myself to slow down and take in all that I have to be grateful for... and that is why I love the Thanksgiving holiday.

Our communities have a lot to be thankful for too! Three new Chicktime groups have formed over the past few weeks... which means three new armies of women will soon be storming this world to make an impact in the lives of impoverished, abused, and/or neglected children. Women are taking a stand and we say in unison... not on my watch will the women of this world sit back and do nothing as long as the suffering are amongst us!

Enjoy the holidays! Enjoy the blessings around you everyday!

Joyfully,

Lori Rhodes
Chicktime Founder

"... go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet drink, send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy to our Lord. And be not grieved and depressed, for the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold." Ne 8:10

Chicktime Welcomes...

It is with great pleasure that Chicktime welcomes THREE new Chicktime Groups. Please check out their articles in this newsletter!

Chicktime RGV

serving the Lower Rio Grande Valley
Founders: Natalie Basham and Noelia

Chicktime Catering for a Cause

100% profits donated to local children charities
Founder: P.J. Oliver

what risky thing Christine is doing to impact this world. Consider partnering with her in prayer for these precious children suffering in imaginable ways...

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Chicktime Encourage

Freshman girls of Smithson Valley High School
Founder: Beth Ann Erhardt

Perspectives

This month, Laura Trujillo, an 18 year old member of the Girls for God ministry from Park Hills Baptist Church in San Antonio, TX shares her thoughts about Chicktime. Each month, we plan to post a different perspective in the newsletter... hope you enjoy!

Chicktime: A Girl for God

Sitting in a church parking lot at 7:30 in the morning on a Saturday morning is not an ideal plan of action for a teenager; from personal experience, meaning that I am 18, I know that they would much rather be at home, asleep in bed until, oh say, about noon. But here I was with 15 other girls waiting to head out to go participate in this thing called Chicktime. I didn't really know what is. I was just there because I am a senior, and therefore a leader of our Girls for God ministry, and my leader asked me to create and manage a station. At that point, I wanted nothing more than to just go home and go back to bed. On the drive over, Jennifer explained to us that the girls at this center had been relocated to there because their family background was not safe and they put on a 'tough girl' persona, so we needed to mind all the rules and watch what we said/did. "Great," I thought to myself, "I get to go spend four hours with juvenile delinquents. Yay me." Little did I know that these girls would show me just how lucky I am and how great God is.



We pulled up, unloaded, were briefed on the happenings, and then escorted through a locked fence: not a very good sign in my mind. I proceeded to the room that I was assigned and set up my card making station. The first group of girls came by and I was a nervous wreck. I didn't know what to expect: were they going to be nice? Closed off? Would they even participate? As time passed by and we got to talking with the girls, it was evident that these girls were just that, girls. They talked about who the cute celebrities are, who their favorite artists are, and about their school work. They worked diligently on their cards, all the while chatting happily with myself and the other girls helping. What really had an impact on me was a group of four girls. They had choreographed a dance but our CD player wouldn't play their CD. Instead of just sitting down and letting forgetting about their dance, they began to sing and dance. They had choreographed this dance specifically for our entertainment. These girls had spirit and creativity. They didn't let their past, current, or future situations handicap their fun.

These girls are at this place because something at home didn't go right and they got the bad end of the deal yet, here they were singing and dancing, happy as can be. That's when I realized that on the outside, I was here so they could talk and interact with someone different and new, but in reality I was here to learn from them. They were teaching me that I should be grateful, happy, and contented with my life. I have a loving family, a home, school, and endless possibilities ahead of me. What I thought was going to be a waste of my time ended up as one of the best ways I've spent my Saturdays so far this school year.

The girls told us about certain activities Chicktime coordinated for them: a fashion show, a movie, and a dance. We asked the girls what they wanted and our mind raced with thoughts. Jennifer asked if we would want to come back in the future and work with Chicktime some more and we practically screamed at her "YES!" As we loaded the van to head home, we were already talking about what we could do when we came

back. Unfortunately for us, Chicktime is booked for the rest of the year and we will have to wait to return. Chicktime was something I needed. Something I needed to remind me just how fortunate I was. Something I needed to open my eyes and teach me how to be generous with my time and effort. I can honestly say that I would not have changed a single thing about the way I spent that my Saturday.

Laura Trujillo - Parkhills Baptist Church, Girls for God Ministry

Chicks with Passion

Chicktime enjoys highlighting Chicks making a difference in their local communities. Please email stories about your Chicks to lori@mlrhodes.com and we will publish the most intriguing one each month!

Introducing New Magazine

Audra Hughes, member of Chicktime New Life, is the visionary behind a new magazine set to hit local shelves December 1, 2009. There are many publications out there, but none that are Christian focused and dedicated to teens. Hence the birth of Christeenianity, a monthly publication dedicated to providing teens with useful information.

Christeenianity is not a magazine about video games or prom dresses. Nor is it a dating guide. There is a myriad of magazines, websites, videos and books already covering these topics. Instead, Christeenianity articles will focus on what's REALLY happening with every day teens and their daily struggles. Our goal is to entertain you as well as connect you with other teens, to let you know you're NOT alone.

We want to help teens "find" their way. In today's world, becoming a teen has become a big burden. Teens are faced with trying to fit in while trying to discover who they are as a person. Christeenianity is designed to open up new doors and help them find a positive path. Many teens are lost and confused and do not know who to turn to. The articles written in Christeenianity are written by teens, for teens. Not only can teens read articles written by other teens, they can also submit their own inspiring articles and get their stories heard.

Christeenianity wants to give teens more options and help them get more involved in the Christian community where they will ALWAYS be accepted.

Audra Hughes belongs to Chicktime New Life. (pictured above)



Chicktime Austin, Texas

In October, Chicktime Austin met with the Volunteer Coordinator at the Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock, TX. This facility has several programs that encourage our community. After our visit we were very excited to be able to partner and support their needs for the children in their Campus Life program. This includes six cottages housing up to eight children each. The children are cared for by loving Christian house parents. These are couples who model a family environment for the children they serve. We are visiting the facility this month to create photo frames for the children to give as Christmas gifts. We look forward to continuing our connection with these children in the next year.



The Chicktime Austin ladies are busy planning our Kick-off event in January. We have been looking for locations, selecting menus and going to photo shoots all over the Austin area in preparation for this amazingly exciting evening! We believe sharing Chicktime with our friends and the Austin area will be rewarding for all!

We have been blessed and encouraged by so many amazing women in our personal lives and community! A special THANKS to Lori Rhodes for her positive and prayerful support. We look forward to 2010 and invite you to join us in serving our community through Chicktime Austin.

Kelley, Kimberly and Monica
chicktimeaustin@gmail.com



Chicktime Catering for a Cause

P.J. Oliver, long serving Chicktime volunteer, is beginning a new adventure. Her love of good friends and good food along with a deep desire to serve the children of Comal County have come together in a powerful way.

P.J. has a heart for children pulled out of their homes because those homes are no longer safe due to abuse and/or neglect. Once in the care of the state, much attention is needed to ensure that these kids end up in a safe place to call home.

Catering for a Cause will offer catering with a twist... ALL proceeds will benefit children suffering from abuse and/or neglect. All proceeds for 2009 are pledged to CASA of Central Texas.

Call or email P.J. today if you are interested in volunteering with Catering for a Cause. Look for calendar dates on the Chicktime calendar for monthly 'tasting' outings and opportunities to cook and/or assist P.J. in delivery and set/up.

P.J. is developing her menu, focusing on just desserts for the holiday season with a full menu planned for 2010. Please make sure to remember Catering for a Cause for you holiday desserts!



[2009 Holiday Menu \(Just Desserts\)](#)

Chicktime Encourage



We are in the process of building our web page. Check www.chicktime.com soon to find out what we are up to and what Chicktime Encourage is all about!

To contact us email Beth Ann Erhardt erhardt5@aol.com.

Chicktime Meadowlands

Kathy Miner and many other Boerne women are interested in serving the children of Meadowlands Long Term Care Facility. These precious children have been placed at Meadowlands because their homes are no longer safe and there is no one left to care for them. Kathy is a self described 'Indian' in need of a chief! If you have a heart to lead women in service, please contact Kathy Miner today. She is a seasoned Chicktime volunteer and great to work (and play) with!



Contact Kathy for more info:
Kathy Miner
kminer@gvtc.com

To learn more about Meadowlands www.rmya.org/programs/meadowlands/ml-home.html

Chicktime New Life

October Chicktime

at New Life was too fun to forget anytime soon! The Watts (Terri, Tammy, Taylor, Hailey, Jessica) and Roberts (Rosa, Lexi) chicks outdid themselves with an abundance of cheer and life giving activities. The New Life girls really enjoyed all the activities but were humbled and most enthusiastic as they were packaging 600 pounds of rice and beans for the local food bank. They each seemed to have a story about feeding the poor with a grandmother or an aunt or their church before removal



from their homes. In addition to the volleyball clinic... some people are just so competitive... we painted pots that were filled with flowers and donated to the elderly in retirement homes. If you weren't able to make it, yes, you missed out... but we are gearing up for a fabulous November Chicktime on Nov. 14th. Please see the invitation further down or check it out online at www.chicktime.com. RSVP to Natalie Avalos natalie@crossroadsc.com.

Fundraising update:

The past several months have been very busy for New Life volunteers as they come up with and implement creative ways to raise funds to cover the cost to replace the worn out flood damaged furniture in the girl's cottages. Lots of Starbucks have been forgone, parties are being hosted to raise money, and chicks have hit the pavement asking friends and family to get involved!

Here is where we are... keep going!

The Goal: Raise \$43,000.00

Status: Already raised \$17,000

Still Need: \$26,000.00

Post your fundraising events on the calendar today! www.chicktime.com

DATES FOR NEW LIFE 2009

November 14, 2009

Natalie Avalos and the women of Crossroads Church have organized a Thanksgiving extravaganza for the girls! Please join us, we need lots of help showing the New Life girls how thankful we are that they are on the planet! Contact Natalie at Natalie@crossroadsc.com.

December 5, 2009

Donnette Tyler and Cathy and Kendall Bohne are bringing the band and all glitter for the New Life girl's Christmas event. You don't want to miss this... traditionally, this is our best attended Chicktime! Bring LOTS of friends and get into the true spirit of Christmas... sharing the love that was placed in our hearts... give it away! No one needs our love more than the New Life girls! Contact Donnette at donnette.tyler@gmail.com

To sign up to Lead a month in 2010, please contact lori@mlrhodes.com! We need you!

To learn more about New Life Children's Treatment Center www.newlifechildrenscenter.org

Chicktime Smalltown

Smalltown has been busy! We volunteered at Big Spring Ranch for Children September 19, for the first time, and it was incredible! The girls were all asking, "when are you coming back...next week?". Now we have been back for October's visit the girls, excitement for Chicktime was evidenced by the smiles on their sweet faces.

We had fun serving our local Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner program's first fundraiser Golf Tournament. Many volunteer's turned out with there Chicktime shirts and a helping hand to make it a great success.



Last but not least, we had a Chicks night out on October 22, just for fun and enjoyed visiting with each other and sharing ideas. Members brought friends and 4 new members came aboard! What a blessing to find your passion and build relationships while helping others!

Kimberly Huffstutler
Gaye Morris
Dixie Radicke
Chicktime Smalltown Founders

Chicktime Smalltown Volunteer Calendar

DATES FOR BIG SPRINGS RANCH: Leakey, TX

NOVEMBER 14

Christmas Care packages for our service men and women, Christmas card making and cookie decorating, cheerleading dance. Leaders: Revis Leonard, Kristi Gerdes

DECEMBER 12

Ornament making and Christmas theme activities
Leader: Ashley Hale, Jo Anna Walker, Shelly Walker

JANUARY 23, 2010

Hair and Make-up, Glamour Shots, Frame decoration and Valentine Cards.

Leader: Alice Ann Nix

**We need lots of volunteers this month!!! Please come!!!

FEBRUARY 27

Decoupage, Bottom Volleyball, Tie Blankets

Leaders: Lea Rentch, Lauren Rentch, Janelle Johnston, Maddy Johnston, Katy Johnston

MARCH 27

Field Trip Hike, Birdhouse decorating, and Lunch at Neil's in Concan.

Leaders: Mary Anna Roosa, Vicki Willerson, Susan Stone, Ann Keath

*** Waiting approval from Debra Yaklin!

APRIL 24

Miss Manners class, tea party, etiquette.

Leaders: Debbie Trees, Janice McWhorter, Sherry Laffere

MAY 8

"How to be the best you" Believing you are who God says you are. Helping girls get ready for prom.

Leaders: Wanda Willard, Gaye Morris

June 26, 2010

Cross Fit exercise and nutrition

Leader: Angie Arredondo

July 24, 2010

To Be Announced

Leaders: Kimberly Ilse, Jolene Williams, Karla King

August 28, 2010

To Be Announced

NEW LIFE CHILDREN'S CENTER: Canyon Lake, TX

Each month on the second Saturday there is an opportunity to serve with Chicktime New Life New Life Children's Center in Canyon Lake Please look for information in up coming e-mails or go to the schedule of events at www.chicktime.org

For information about any of our volunteer opportunities please contact:

Gaye Morris gayemorris2@yahoo.com

Smalltown Volunteer Committee

To learn more about Big Springs Ranch for Children www.thousandangels.org/ranch.htm

Chicktime St. PJ's

Chicktime has been contacted by a board member of St. PJ's in hopes of getting a Chicktime group to serve their kids. St. PJ's is located in San Antonio, their mission



is to 'build a stronger community one family at a time.'

If you live in the San Antonio area and are

interested in founding a local Chicktime group in your community, St. PJ's could be your volunteer 'home'.

Please contact Lori Rhodes for more information:
lori@mlrhodes.com

To learn more about St. PJ's
www.stpjhome.org

Chicktime RGV

Did you know since the 2005 business Census, an estimated 65% of children located in Hidalgo and Starr counties live below the poverty line? Additionally, half the residents over the ages of 24 living in Mission and La Joya have a high school diploma. So many opportunities exist to equip families and children throughout the RGV and we invite you to join our efforts to support the work of local organizations and churches through service in education, health, and food outreach and services. Chicktime RGV will have it's first information meeting November 19 at Retama Lounge. Contact Natalie if you would like to receive an invitation with the specifics! The meeting will provide an opportunity for women committed to service all over the RGV to come together as an "army of servants" improving their community one project at a time.

Contact Chicktime RGV for more information:
Natalie Basham: nova_nm@yahoo.com

Chicktime Waco

The Waco girls are gearing up for our volunteer events! We are now taking orders for t-shirts with current proceeds going towards buying Christmas presents for underprivileged children in the Waco community. If you would like to help with promoting the shirts, shopping for the gifts, wrapping or delivery, please email us ASAP.

 Chicktime Waco Oct Newsletter photo

Also for 2009, we will be wrapping presents for Operation Christmas Child, helping make food care packages for the homeless and poor, and volunteering together at the local soup kitchen! Please contact us so that we may keep you posted on dates and times of our upcoming events!

If any of the Chicktime supporters out there want to donate to Chicktime Waco... we are a non-profit organization and your donations are tax deductible! You may mail your donation to: Chicktime Waco, c/o Katy Rhodes, One Bear Place #4993, Waco, TX 76798. Please make checks out to Chicktime Waco.

We are also building our roster. If you would like to receive invitations to our events or just keep up with what we are doing, please email us with your contact information! Membership is free!

Love,

Katy
Founder Chicktime Waco
Katy_Rhodes@baylor.edu

What is Chicktime National



Chicktime, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) public charity. With the new Chicktime groups forming, it is important for all members to realize there is a 'parent' organization that each Chick belongs to as well as her local Chicktime Group! We have decided to refer to Chicktime, Inc, the umbrella for our non-profit status as Chicktime National. Chicktime Inc. is our official name... but that is oh so boring!

This is important because in addition to the individual Chicktime group events, Chicktime National will also hold quarterly events as a way to introduce the idea of Chicktime to new friends and to provide opportunities for ALL the Chicks to come together.

Our fall 2009 event was an incredible night of friendship, new and old! The common theme of the conversations was the intrigue that so many women in one room share a common vision! Chicktime National would also like to offer a Chicktime Mission Trip in 2010. Kimberly Huffstutler, Smalltown, is working out the details. We would also like to take a 'simply for fun' Chick Trip in 2010! If we have any Travel Agent Chicks in our group... we would love your input on the 2010 Chick Trip!

My Chicktime

With the enthusiasm of many new women interested in starting new Chicktime groups we thought it might be helpful to share with you how a new start up works!

First, contact Lori Rhodes lori@mlrhodes.com to share your vision.

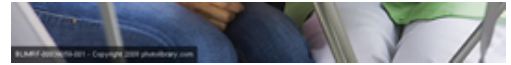
Once you decide to follow your heart and jump in, Chicktime is there to support you. We offer free bookkeeping (chicktime is a 501 (c) (3) public charity), free webpage on www.chicktime.com, free use of the fabulous Chicktime Calendar with unlimited postings and online registration for your events, wholesale pricing on all Chicktime merchandise to help with your fundraising, free publishing of your latest news in the Chicktime National Newsletter, invitations to all Chicktime National events, and as much hand holding as you need to get up and going!

Asking the question of Why Chicktime? Call or email Lori and lets girl talk!!

Food for thought: Have you ever wanted to deepen your relationships with the women in your life... with your daughters, your mothers, your sister, your friends... bring them to Chicktime and watch the walls come down... that is how the Holy Spirit works... walk in service to Him... and all your heart's



desire will become yours. We can't explain it... we just know it to be true!



Invitations, open to Everyone! :)

Chicktime Invites You!



Location: 650 Scarbrough, Canyon Lake, TX 78132

All Chicks welcome to join us as we celebrate Christmas with the almost forgotten children seeking acceptance and love at the New Life Children's Center located in the Texas Hill Country. Please bring your friends and experience a day that you will never forget... we promise...

Chicktime Gear

Don't forget... with Christmas just around the corner... Chicktime gear makes great Christmas presents! Check out the website for more information!

www.chicktime.com

We have:

- t-shirts
- hoodies
- water bottles
- decals
- caps
- inspirational books

What is Chicktime

Chicktime is a grass roots movement meant to support and encourage women living on the wild side, pursuing their passions with gusto. It is our belief that if each woman on the planet right now takes her place we can together accomplish the phenomenal.

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