



The Voice of The DREAM MAKER

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Blessed is the man who when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life promised by God to those who love Him.

James 1:12

Dare to Dream Children's

Foundation is a non-profit 501(c) (3) faith based charity reaching out to abused, neglected, foster children and teen offenders, as well as youth needing encouragement and a helping hand.

MISSION

To inspire youth to expand their vision of what is possible by promoting positive attitudes that increase self esteem, personal and spiritual values, and communication skills to help youth recognize their potential and restore their hope.

PURPOSE

To turn the tide of destructive behavior by providing educational enrichment programs to prevent crime and overcome problems of drug and alcohol abuse, juvenile delinquency, teen pregnancy, the school drop-out rate, and teen suicide.

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CHILDREN WITHOUT A COUNTRY



Mary Dunham Faulkner's ministry, Leah's Sisters, invited Jan Tennyson to minister to an audience of Burmese refugee children in Thailand. A special thank you to all who supported this Mission Trip. You personally touched young people who were starved for encouragement.

Hats Off to Wal-Mart Store #2996, Coca-Cola Enterprises and Guild Electric!



CONGRATULATIONS!
Wal-Mart Store #2996 celebrated its Grand Opening and donated \$2,000 to our Youth Programs!
Coca-Cola Enterprises partnered with them and donated \$1,000!
Tim Allen receives check from Store Manager, John Reynolds.



THANK YOU!
Guild Electric hosted Golf Tournament 2001 at The Shores Country Club in Rockwall, Texas and donated \$8,050 to our kids! We appreciate you Kelly Bettis!



Volunteers: Jay McLure, Lauri Trimmer, Gary Billups, Jimmie Slater, Jerry Nash, Alan Sheehy, David Abboud, and Ed Aston *Bottom row:* Steve Colbert, Bill Buntyn, Pam Bolton and Sherry Riehn

Did you know...that Volunteers may deduct \$.14 a mile for volunteer work? Every penny adds up!

Thank You Volunteers!

I feel more blessed since I have been working with you and your ministry than I have ever before in my entire life.

Sharon Hill Schobe

My personal vision is to remain faithful, and to grow and develop my walk with God and help the young men & women to do the same. I also see that this is something I would dedicate myself to for the long term.

Brett Martin

Dare to Dream touches so many lives and it is important for you to hear that. Christ is so wonderful and Dare to Dream re-introduced Him to me.

David Abboud

Many of the youth I have met have similar stories; parents in jail or nowhere to be found, nobody to offer guidance and support, nobody to help them with their schoolwork or even care if they go to school. I now realize how blessed I am.

Donna Nix

CONGRATULATIONS to *Mauricio Cornejo* – our 1999 Volunteer of the Year – who graduated from Fordham University in New York with a Masters in Business Education (MBA)!

HOW CAN I HELP?

Volunteer with our youth:

- **Conduct** a program of encouragement, love, and direction
- **Share** your professional skills, as well as your personal story of what God has done in your life.
- **Listen** to the stories of the youth and guide them to making positive choices
- **Pray** for our youth and take prayer requests
- **Tutor** a young person in reading, writing, and spelling
- **Sponsor** a program or a series of programs to young people who are very hard to reach
- **Connect** a young person with a follow-up mentor, a youth group, or a home church

Volunteer behind the scenes:

Coordinating Volunteers

Speaking

Newsletters

Accounting

Statistician

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Parades

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Your Grocery Shopping Can Help Our Kids!



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THE JAY R. MC LURE

HONORARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Jay has been a valued volunteer since 1993! In his honor, funds may be donated to help support youth who demonstrate a desire to attend Bible College.

After prayerfully considering financially helping this ministry, you may sponsor our programs for hurting youth by using MC, Visa, AMX or Discover. You might also consider donating in Honor of or in Memory of a special person, a Wedding Anniversary, a Birthday, or other special occasion.

Call 214-599-9563 or go to www.daretodream-dallas.org

Your Gifts Have Brightened Young Lives



Tony Lisotta gives his Testimony to youth between the ages of 10 to 17 at the Marzelle C. Hill Transition Center.



Youth from a runaway shelter attend a Dare to Dream program at the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center

A Note from our Founder

Thank you for helping me serve the children

I am blessed to have had the opportunity to serve the needs of destitute children and youth for over thirteen years in this ministry. I thank God for using you and so many others who make it all possible through your prayers, your time, and your financial support.

In an article in the *Dallas Morning News*, Mike Griffiths, general services director of the Marzelle C. Hill Transition Center (formerly Dallas County Emergency Shelter) is quoted as saying “the lengthy relationship between this facility and Dare to Dream speaks for itself.

They bring unconditional love and support to our kids. That's something these kids are dearly in need of.

The fact that the volunteers come back week after week touches these young people a lot.” Mr. Griffiths said the program not only has an effect on the youth it serves but also shows outside community support for a troubled population that is often overlooked.

“Overlooked” is a word that is unappealing in every arena. In healthy families, children who are treated better than another causes friction in the family. How much more is the friction in the lives of young people who have their dad’s in prison, the mom’s on drugs, and stepparents who are abusing them. What about the abandoned children, who have no relatives to love, encourage, guide or provide a place to live once they leave an orphanage? Who will educate them in the way they should go?

This last year, my vision has been to “Strengthen our chords and expand our territory.” I believe that is a call of God to do more than we have ever done to help children wherever we are invited to serve.



These students have been orphans since they were infants. A door opened in Romania through HUG Internationally for me to minister to these young men. When I asked if any of the students knew where they were going to live after they graduated, only one raised his hand. They are young men who can do great things with support and direction. Our help is needed. My heart says do what you can and pray. Thank you for helping me help the children. God bless you.

Jan Tennyson



Mary Had a Little Lamb

Mary had a little lamb,
His fleece was white as snow.
And everywhere that Mary went,
The Lamb was sure to go.
He followed her to school each day,
Twasn't even in the rule.
He made the children laugh and play.
To have a Lamb at school.
And then the rules all changed one day,
Illegal it became;
To bring the Lamb of God to school,
Or even speak his Name.
Everyday got worse and worse,
And days turned into years.
Instead of hearing children laugh,
We heard gun shots and tears.
What must we do to stop the crime,
That's in our schools today?
Let's let the Lamb come back to school,
And teach our kids to pray!

IF YOU AGREE, PLEASE PASS IT ON!

Juvenile Delinquency Some of the Causes:

Jan Tennyson interviewed 8 young men between the ages of 15 and 18 who were temporarily living in a detention center. The boys were asked why they dropped out of school. All of them had similar stories. Here are their answers:

- *No Dad at home*
- *Mom has 2 jobs*
- *No food on the table*
- *Sell drugs to provide needs*
- *Parents unavailable*
- *No Spiritual foundation*
- *Lack of guidance and encouragement*
- *Get Arrested*
- *Hopelessness*

Please cut and mail

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Jay R. McLure Scholarship Fund Youth Programs Mission Trip General Operating Expenses

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PARADISE NOTES FOR SUCCESS

- Scriptures from the Bible are a guide for ordering our lives according to *God's will.*
- Priorities to Live By – God, Family, Career
- Seek God for Timing and Direction
- Walk in Integrity and Forgiveness
- Acknowledge God's hand in all your successes
- Take some time to read scriptures as a source of understanding and encouragement
- Dedicate your works to the Lord knowing *it is He* who gives all success.
- Where there is peace about a decision, there is permission to move on it. No peace, no permission.
- Tell your spouse and your children that you love them.
- Have an intimate prayer with your family, your co-workers, or your friends - Hold hands and pray.

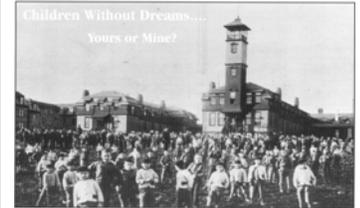
LET GO AND LET GOD

As children bring their broken toys
With tears for us to mend,
I brought my burden dreams to God
Because He was my friend.

But then, instead of leaving Him
In peace to work alone,
I hung around and tried to help
With ways that were my own.

At last, I snatched them back and
cried,
How can you be so slow?
"My child," He said What could
I do?
You never did let go."

A "DREAM" PEN



Write a letter to a child

Write a Prayer Request

Write a Tithe Check

Write a Reminder to Pray

Write down your Blessings



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