



ATTENTION CENTRAL FLORIDA BUDDY BREAKS!

Nathaniel's Hope is partnering with Z88.3 for a special outreach to Single Moms called a "Single MOMent." On Saturday, February 21, the Z will pamper 100 single moms at Northland, A Church Distributed. There are two ways we invite you to participate:

1. You can nominate a deserving single VIP Mom: Visit www.zradio.org and click on "A Single MOMent." It's fast and easy. You can nominate as many people as you like! The nominations will close on February 4.
2. We have agreed to provide Buddies for this event so that VIP moms who are selected can enjoy this morning of pampering. Can you help us find Buddies for this event? Please contact us with interested Buddies.

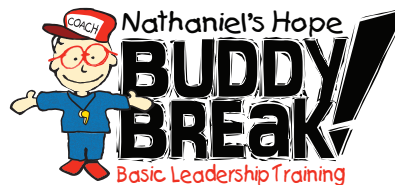
IMPORTANT DATES

1,000 Buddy Break locations by 2020 is our goal and we need your help! If you hear of any churches that are interested in doing what you're doing, let us know.

Upcoming Basic Leadership Training (BLT) Dates

Friday, February 6, 3:00 p.m. to Saturday, February 7, 3:00 p.m., Orlando
Friday, April 17, 3:00 p.m. to Saturday, April 18, 3:00 p.m., Orlando

If you have added to your Buddy Break leadership team or there have been some changes to your team, we'd love to see those people at BLT. It's training and encouragement – for free! We want to help equip you and your team to succeed.



Coordinator Meetings

Share best practices, learn about new developments, give feedback, etc. during these upcoming meetings:

Feedback Session for Online Database

Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 12:00 p.m. EST OR 6:00 p.m. EST
Please RSVP to BuddyBreak@NathanielsHope.org with which meeting you wish to attend.
For meeting, call 407-447-9260, then use access code 2300#

Phone-in Coordinators Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 12:00 p.m. EST OR 7:00 p.m. EST
Please RSVP to BuddyBreak@NathanielsHope.org with which meeting you wish to attend.
For meeting, call 407-447-9260, then use access code 2300#

Buddy Break Launch Dates

Saturday, Feb. 7 (10 a.m.-1 p.m. EST) – Idlewild Baptist Church (Lutz, FL)
Saturday, Feb. 21 (10 a.m.-1 p.m. EST) – Southside Church of the Nazarene (Chesterfield, VA)
Saturday, May 2 (10 a.m.-1 p.m. EST) – Grace Baptist Church (Cape Coral, FL)

Make 'm Smile



Annual Community Festival Celebrating VIP Kids
Saturday, June 6, 2009
7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Lake Eola, downtown Orlando, FL

We would like to invite your church to participate with us by providing an activity or game for the kids. This will give your Buddy Break exposure to the community as well. Can you help us? (This is a good excuse for the non-FL Buddy Breaks to come and enjoy some sunshine!)

If you've never been to Make 'm Smile, check out the video of Matthew West performing last year at www.NathanielsHope.org. Scroll down to click on "Make 'm Smile" then click on the Video Gallery menu button. (Once you get to the video gallery page, you can also scroll up to see the Buddy Break videos!)

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COORDINATOR CONNECTION

KEEPING COORDINATORS CONNECTED COAST TO COAST

WATCH US GROW!

New Buddy Break Locations Starting

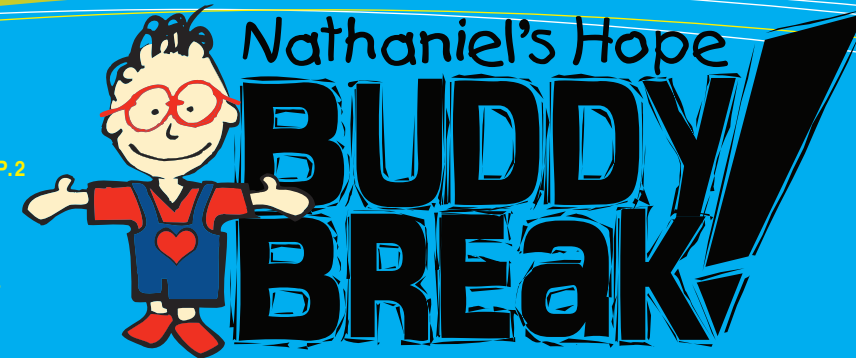
Nathaniel's Hope is pleased to welcome four new Buddy Break locations launching into our network:

- **Idlewild Baptist Church** (Lutz, FL – in the Tampa Bay area) will launch on Saturday, February 7. Join us in welcoming Deana Troyer who will be serving as the coordinator.
- **Southside Church of the Nazarene** (Chesterfield, VA – in the Richmond area) is scheduled to launch on Saturday, February 21. We welcome Amy Morgan (Coordinator) and Tracy Tagnesi (Assistant Coordinator) to our Buddy Break network.
- **Grace Baptist Church** (Cape Coral, FL) has scheduled their first Buddy Break for Saturday, May 2. Denise Jensen, a mom with two VIPs, will serve as the coordinator. We're so happy to have her onboard.
- **Church in the Son** (Orlando, FL) is piloting a Sunday Buddy Break model that takes place during their worship service. This ministry is coordinated by Ladrice Paul, who we are glad to have on this project.

As the Buddy Break network continues to grow, we invite our "veteran" Buddy Break coordinators to come alongside the new coordinators to call/email them with practical support and encourage them by attending their launch party. Please contact our office if you are available for any of the next launches.

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CHRISTMAS FUN AT BUDDY BREAKS



Tim Graham (one of the Coordinators) at First Baptist Sweetwater (Longwood, FL) made a great Santa! His wife, Laurie, is also a Coordinator and was the first to sit on his lap.

Journey Christian Church (Apopka, FL) had visits from "Stuff" (the Orlando Magic's mascot) and a puppet team from Primera Iglesia Bautista de Orlando.



130 Central Florida Walgreens stores collected toys as part of the Nathaniel's Hope Caroling for Kids program. We were happy to be able to distribute hundreds of these toys at December Buddy Breaks in Florida.



One of the Buddy Breaks that Walgreens Managers visited was Markham Woods Assembly (Longwood, FL), led by Dr. Henry and Novelle Dumas.



Our second Basic Leadership Training (BLT) was a success! We hosted participants from Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, Virginia, and Tampa, FL.

FROM THE OFFICE

Reports: Please be sure to send in completed reports. (The next phase of online database improvements will streamline this process. Yea!)

Resources: If you need Buddy Break brochures or any other resources, please let us know.

Training for the Online Database: We held training for our new Online Buddy Break database in January and will schedule more training dates soon. If you would like to receive training or need a refresher, please let us know so we can schedule a time. As you use the online database, we want to hear your feedback!



NEWS FROM HOME

Dear Buddy Break Team,

WOW! 2009 is here! A new year gives us a chance to dream new dreams... and put goals into place to meet them. If you have not done so, I encourage you to set personal, spiritual, and ministry goals for yourself in 2009. My father-in-law used to remind us, "If you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time!"

Here are some questions to ask yourself: What can God do with your Buddy Break this year? What do you want Him to do? How can you reach new VIP families? How can you more effectively minister to your current VIP families? What can you do to have a better Buddy Break this year? Believe that God can help you!

"...If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you [with God]." Matthew 17:20-21 (NIV)

One of my ministry goals for Nathaniel's Hope is to be more efficient with our resources and have systems in place to better serve you. I am happy to report that the first phase of our Online Database system is ready to operate. VIP, Sibling, and Buddy profiles can be completed online, and you can download them from there! We are in the process of entering existing files into the online database. As we transition into this system, we will need your help:

1. Encourage existing Buddy Break VIP families to complete their VIP and Sibling forms online since most files are due to be updated anyway.
2. Have all new VIP families fill out the forms online. If they are unable to do so,
 - Can you have a computer available at Buddy Break for them to go online?
 - Do you have any Buddies that might be available to call VIPs and fill out the form for them online?

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You will be receiving more instruction via the conference call training and future emails. We are excited about this tool!

I encourage you to take time to visit and familiarize yourself with the Buddy Break area of our website. We have photos, videos, calendars, etc. available. Go to www.NathanielsHope.org, then scroll down and click on Buddy Break. We are working on posting photos online so you can better acquaint yourself with each other. We continue to work on our Buddy Training 101 DVD. A newer, cleaned-up version will be available to you in February.

We are excited about the continued favor and expansion God is leading us into, and we're always thrilled to welcome churches to the Buddy Break network. When you have an individual or ministry that may be interested in learning more about Nathaniel's Hope Buddy Break, please contact our office so that we can follow up with them.

Our Home Office will be moving to Regal Boats at 2300 Jetport Drive in February so our physical address will match our mailing address again! This will enable us to conserve resources during this tough time in our economy. We are grateful for this provision.

Thank you for all you do to minister to VIP families. Every day counts. Every life matters. Let's not waste a moment. Make an eternal difference! I am cheering you on, and our team is ready to help!

Blessings,

Marie ☺

Marie Kuck, Co-Founder & Executive Director

GREAT JOB!

- **Kudos to Northland, A Church Distributed** (Longwood, FL), who hosted "Through the Roof – A Conference on Faith and Disability" in partnership with the Joni and Friends organization. During the conference, they provided an opportunity for participants to experience Buddy Break. Thank you, Northland Team, other local Coordinators, and Buddies who joined in to make this a success!
- **Thank you, First Baptist Sweetwater** (Longwood, FL) and **Calvary Assembly** (Winter Park, FL) for being such great hosts for October's BLT.
- **Chris Price, Coordinator at Life Assembly** (Mount Juliet, TN) recently joined Marie at the National Children's Pastors' Conference in Nashville, TN and shared in Marie's workshop about Buddy Break. Thank you, Chris and Cindy for being gracious hosts!

- **Journey Christian Church** (Apopka, FL) broke their record by hosting 40 VIPs and siblings at their Christmas Buddy Break. Congratulations, J (AKA John Schenkel, their Coordinator)!
- **Special thanks to Markham Woods Assembly** (Longwood, FL), **South Orlando Baptist** (Orlando, FL), and **Journey Christian Church** (Apopka, FL) for hosting Walgreens managers at Buddy Break so they could see first-hand what they were supporting with their toy collection.



"J" has fun with a VIP.

IN THE NEWS



Venice Presbyterian Church (Venice, FL) was highlighted in the Venice Gondolier for their Buddy Break ministry. You can read the article at www.NathanielsHope.org in the "In the News" section.

If your church gets featured in a local paper, radio station, or TV station, we want to know so we can celebrate with you!



IDEA EXCHANGE

Fun at Buddy Break— You Can Do It Too!

Kari, Coordinator at Calvary Assembly (Winter Park, FL), passes along this national resource of fun:

The Rhythmic Arts Project (TRAP) is an educational program for people with disabilities. Employing drums and percussion, the program teaches and enhances basic life skills such as: maintaining focus, using memory, taking turns, developing leadership, using numbers, using prepositional concepts, following instructions, and modeling.

www.Traponline.com

Contact: Maria Rosa at 407-374-1607

www.giftedkidslearning.org

Organizing Your Volunteers

First Baptist Sweetwater (Longwood, FL) uses a visual chart to organize Buddies and VIPs. When the Buddies come together in the Buddy Huddle before Buddy Break, they review this visual match-up and then the chart stays up all during Buddy Break.



Tim (part of the Coordinator Team) goes over the board before Buddy Break.