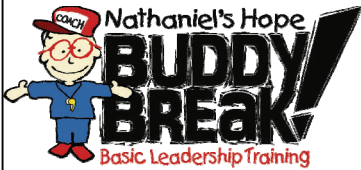


Keeping Coordinators Connected
Coast to Coast

Summer 2008



The Buddy Break Coordinator Newsletter



Basic Leadership Training



We hosted our first Basic Leadership Training on February 22-23, 2008. What a great success! We had 19 people attend who represented seven churches!

We welcome to our Buddy Break Network...

Calvary Christian Center, Ormond Beach, FL

First Baptist Church of Orlando, Orlando, FL

Journey Christian Church, Apopka, FL

Life Assembly, Mount Juliet, TN

North Arundel Church, Glen Burnie, MD

Venice Presbyterian Church, Venice, FL

Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church, Tampa, FL

Please let us know if you know of any churches interested in starting Buddy Break!

We are happy to announce four
new Buddy Breaks!
We welcome to our team...



Northland, A Church Distributed
(Longwood, FL) 11/10/07



Calvary Christian Center
(Ormond Beach, FL) 11/17/07



First Baptist Church, Windermere
(Windermere, FL) 12/08/07

Journey launched April 19th with over 100
trained Buddies! Photo coming soon!

Missed You Postcard

We have available now a new “Missed You” postcard. These are easy to fill out and mail to any **Buddy** or **VIP** that you might not have seen in a while. If you would like the file sent over to you just call Patti and let her know!



We have been experiencing families reserving at several locations for the same date. Please remember to ask your **VIP** family when you are calling them back if they have called any other locations!

Craft Corner

Materials:

- Pinch type clothes pin
- Medium size pom poms
- Glue
- Pipe cleaner
- White paper towel
- Water
- Food coloring
- Paint brush



Caterpillar:

Glue pom poms onto one side of clothes pin. Twist 3” pieces of pipe cleaner around top end to form antenna. Let dry.

Butterfly:


Lay paper towel flat. Mix water and food coloring to make “paint”. Use paint brush to paint paper towel. The more colors you use the more colorful the butterfly. Allow to dry.

Caterpillar becomes a Butterfly:

Pinch the middle of the wings and clip inside the clothes-pin.

Buddy Certification Cards

We have started the process of giving a Buddy Certification Card to each **Buddy** that has become an “official” **Buddy**. What does official mean? That means we have received proof of a National Background check and all paperwork has been turned in. These cards will be mailed directly to the **Buddy**. We are encouraging them to carry them with them to each location!

 Buddy Certification	
Name:	_____
Certification Date:	_____
Buddy Break Location:	_____
City:	_____
Expiration Date:	_____
<small>(valid for two years from date of certification)</small>	



This is a vendor we use at **Make 'm Smile** for our huge mural that might be fun for you to use. They have two new types of murals: 1.) scrubbable tarps and 2.) wipe able plastic murals. You can make a mural design then wash it down to reuse for later events. For more information:

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www.monstermural.com

Tell them we sent you! 😊

Photo Winner



Please send us your photos as you take them so we can continue to update our web and marketing pieces!

VIP Justin has a blast playing in the caterpillar at Northland!

St. James UMC in Tampa really loves their Buddies!

“We had a great Buddy Appreciation event Saturday, March 8 at St. James United Methodist Church in Tampa!! It was a day to love on and give back to the volunteers of Buddy Break who give so much of themselves. Over 70 volunteers were on hand for the fun-filled and informative day! There were prizes, singing of our new SJ BB song "What a Mighty God We Serve", re-equipping by local behavior therapists, and jumping in our newly purchased full-sized bounce house! Wow! Extra blessings were bestowed on us as the men from River of Grace, a local ministry for homeless men, cooked a top-notch BBQ meal for us! They were grilling ribs and chicken by 7am and prepared a nine item buffet for our event. Another wow!!

It was a special day for St. James, as well, as we rolled out our new special needs ministry, Special Connections! Thanks to the incredible momentum that Buddy Break has seeded with volunteers and VIP families, St. James is now able to expand our ministry to reach to a much broader population. We will be fortifying our current Sunday School offerings, rolling out a middle school ministry in May, and look forward to launching adult worship in the Fall.

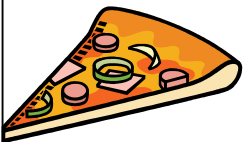
What a blessing it was to give back to these dedicated folks who give so much of their heart and time. They are special servants. Praise God for His blessing and guidance in the work of special needs at Nathaniel's Hope and all of our churches!”

In Him,
Sally DePalma



Kudos for a great job!

Congratulations to First Baptist Windermere and South Orlando Baptist for being in 100 % compliance in the fall quarter! Every one of their Buddies have been trained, reference checked and background checked and they have all of their paperwork up to date and on file in our office! Way to go! They were both awarded a pizza party for their Buddies!



Markham Woods Assembly loves their Buddies too!

“We had an appreciation dinner at our home last night to honor our Buddies. We had about 14 of our buddies that were able to come. We got commitments from all who attended for another year to continue as Buddies. Hallelujah! They are more committed and understand the vision for our church as missionaries to these unreached people in our area that really need the gospel as well as give them respect, love, compassion and comfort in these difficult times of dealing with VIPs in their homes and schools. Henry taught our Buddies last night a short lesson on behavioral problems as well as what he has learned from the parents of these VIPs, the difficulties and hardships they encounter every day. It was so inspiring and encouraging to our buddies to work toward the vision of Buddy Break. We are making progress in giving the vision to our church as well as to our Buddies. They are excited to be a part of Nathaniel's Hope and what we as a church can do for the kingdom of God through this organization. We are so encouraged and hopeful for what God is doing with us through Buddy Break.”

Novelle Dumas, Coordinator



At a recent Buddy Break at Markham Woods Assembly five VIP kids received Jesus as their personal Savior!



Important Dates for your Calendar



Make 'm Smile



Celebrating VIP Kids!

(Our VIP kids are kids with special needs)

Plan now to join us for this celebration!

RAIN OR SHINE

Saturday, June 7, 2008

LAKE EOLA – DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

7:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Do you want to serve at the Buddy Break booth?

Call our office to sign up for a shift!

Please check with your church about getting our flyers in your church bulletins, we also have a "blurb" we can email out!

Buddy Training 101 Dates:

Calvary Assembly

(Winter Park, FL)

May 10, 2008 - 9:30 am

Life Assembly

(Mt. Juliet, TN)

May 15, 2008 - 6:30 pm

Journey Christian Church

(Apopka, FL)

May 22, 2008 - 6:30 pm

Wesley Memorial UMC

(Tampa, FL)

June 10, 2008 - 6:30 pm

Northland, A Church Distributed

(Longwood, FL)

June 17, 2008 - 6:30 pm

Buddy Break

Coordinator Meeting

May 15th

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Phone Conference

RSVP to Patti by May 12th

407-857-8224 or Pattig@NathanielsHope.org

(when you RSVP you will get the phone number and pin code to call in!)

Launch Dates:

VENICE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

(Venice, FL)

5/3/2008

LIFE ASSEMBLY (Nashville Area, TN)

5/16/2008

WESLEY MEMORIAL UMC (Tampa, FL)

6/14/2008

NORTH ARUNDEL - (Baltimore Area, MD)

8/9/2008

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ORLANDO

(Orlando, FL)

8/16/2008