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Taking care of you

Happy New Year to all of you, may 2007 bring us all some happiness and joy. January brings so many things to mind, for many of you it's thank goodness the holidays are over, yes they and YOU survived, give yourself a pat on the back for that. As with every new year this year will bring some challenges for us. Phil and I will have a few, his daughter Katie got engaged on January 3rd and is planning to get married next year on January 5th 2008, he's been popping tums like crazy. Joey, the youngest is attending drivers education classes, he will be getting his drivers license in April, geez, I swear he was just 5 years old, what happened to the time. Then there is me, I think I've finally done it and lost my mind, I have signed up at Phoenix University Online to finally after what feels like 100 years am going to try to finish college and get my Bachelors of Science in Management. I spend tons of time online and have for years, now I'm going to school online and I'm scared to death, I feel like a lost puppy dog who isn't sure how to do it and what to do next. The first weeks assignments were to write a brief biography and answer a few deep questions, why am doing this and what obstacles am I facing. Sometimes I think I can do this and as some of you know, I'm a pretty positive, happy person, right now I'm petrified I've bitten off more then I can chew. There aren't enough hours in the day for me to do everything I want so something has to give. I am going to try to be around as much as possible and I can see myself multitasking a lot, but I'm not the type of person who likes to multitask when I'm Hosting or in the chat room, I want people to know when I'm there, I'm THERE and not doing other things at the same time. I am going to ask that you all bare with me and if you don't see me or get a quick reply to an email, I'm doing homework or trying to figure out how to do homework online, for someone who has spent every night online for many years now, I am totally lost on how to do school on line, as my darling family pointed out, wow , the last time you were in College, there weren't any computers, yeah thanks for reminding me! Well, I guess I should hit the books, most of them are cyber books, I feel old, I'm not sure if I'll make it or not but I'm going to give it my best and hope I can handle the work load. Keep me in your thoughts and those of you that pray, I'll take some prayers too. As Thomas the Tank Engine said: I think I can, I think I can...that may have to be my new motto, at least for a while.

Until next month

Good grief

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Chatting Tips: staff@groww.org

When you do get in to the chat room, are you finding you can't keep up and the screen is too small? Look up at the top right hand corner and click on the button which says FLOAT... it will open a new window... now MAXIMIZE that window by clicking on the square in the upper right hand corner... the square is between the "-" and the "x"... it will make the room larger, then type *chat font size 14 or 16

If you are having trouble connecting to the chat rooms, you may need to update your java. Are you getting that blue screen when you try to log on? Try this link and follow the instructions, it should solve your problem

"Friends

Helping

Friends."

• *Everyday*

is

A gift, that's

why

We call today

"the present"

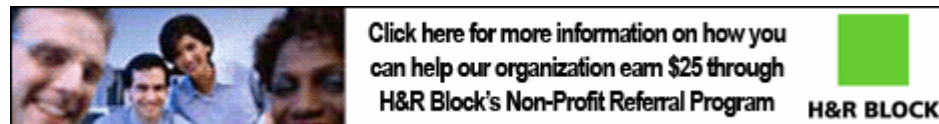
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Help GROWW

[A New Way to Help GROWW](#)

This is to make everyone aware of another way to generate funding to keep the GROWW web site viable and available for those that are trudging their way through the loss of a loved one. As we approach the end of the year, we are also approaching another annual event that just cannot be avoided; namely filing our federal income tax returns. This year, H&R Block has initiated a Non-Profit Referral Program to help organizations such as GROWW.

Here is how it works. For each new client (anyone that did NOT file their prior year's tax return through H&R Block), H&R Block will send \$25 to GROWW. All you have to do is present the official certificate to the tax professional when you visit any H&R Block office and file your tax return for 2006. All you need to do is go to the HelpGROWW web page at <http://www.groww.org/helpgroww/index.htm>; scroll down to the banner that looks like this:



Click on this banner and a certificate will open in a new window. Print the certificate, present it to the tax professional at your local H&R Block office, and file your tax return. You will be helping GROWW, get H&R Block guarantee of accuracy, and perhaps get a larger refund. Thank you in advance.

By: PhillipGene F.

Help GROWW – it is easy and it is online!

As many of you know we have recently been working hard on updating the site to a new crisper look. With a new crisper look comes a new logo and you guessed it with a new logo we have new products for sale.

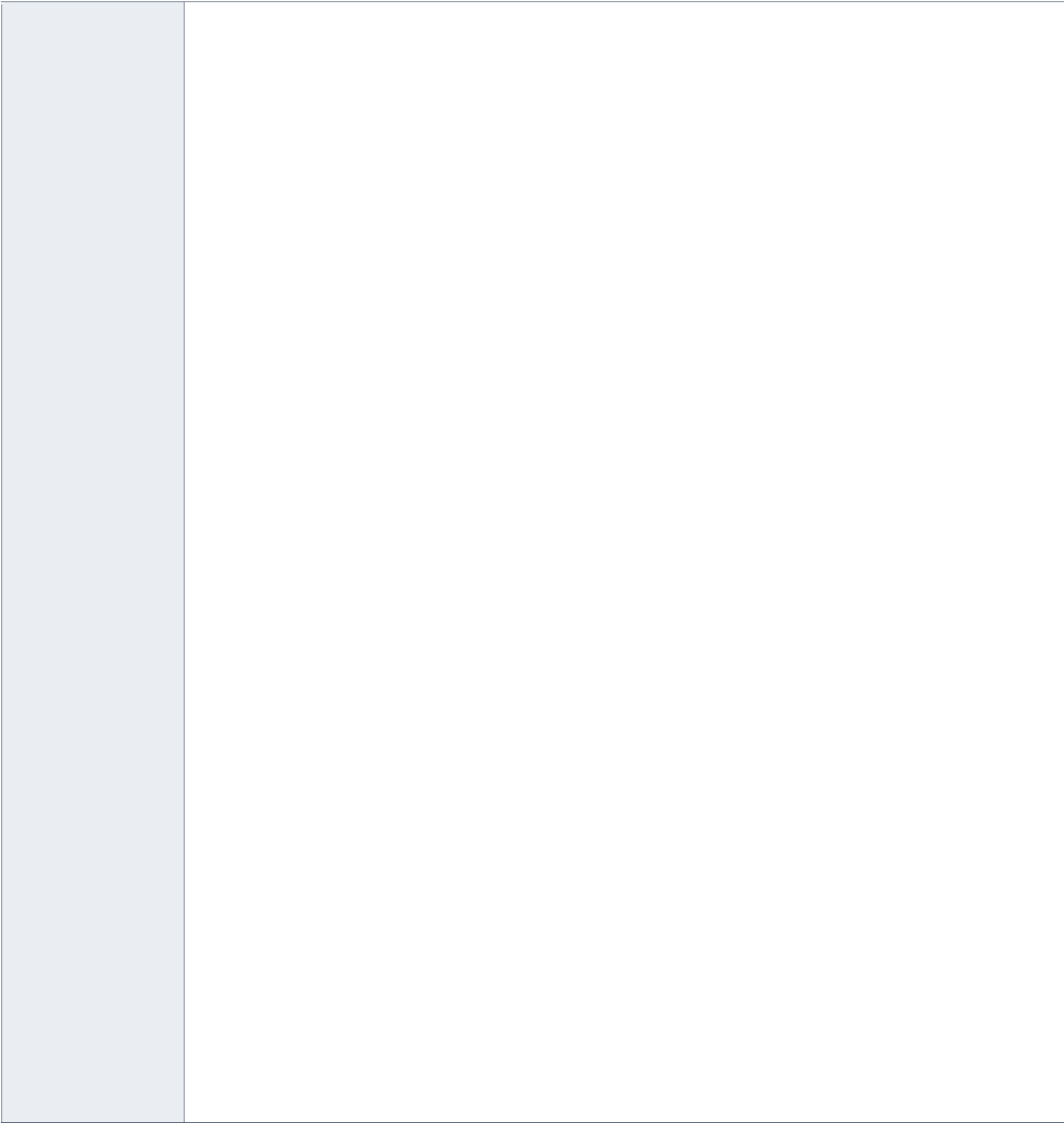
Thank you, Geri for all your hard work creating out new HelpGROWW logo.

We have joined Cafepress, a company that specializes in online stores. What does this mean to GROWW? It makes it possible for us to offer a larger variety of GROWW items. There is no overhead, no inventory and no running to the post office or UPS. Cafepress does it all for us.

Please visit <http://www.cafepress.com/groww> and see what we have to offer.

We do still have some old GROWW logo stuff available, if you are interested in purchasing any of it or would like to know what we have please write to AnneGD@groww.org

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Contact Information

For information or questions about GROWW, please write to staff@groww.org

Anyone who hasn't signed up for a password for the message boards and would like to do so please go to the following link and submit the information required. Please remember we are all volunteers here and it may take up to 48 hours to process your request.

<http://www.groww.org/community/boards/passwordform.htm>

Recipe

From Kayelle's Kitchen ☺

This was Ron's favorite casserole. It can also be done in the crock pot, on low for 8 or 9 hrs

SLOW BOAT TO CHINA

1 lb. ground hamburger
small onion, chopped
1/2 cup regular uncooked rice
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 can mushrooms, drained
celery, diced (amount is however much you like)
8 oz. fresh bean sprouts
2 TBSP. soy sauce
1 cup water
salt and pepper, 1/2 tsp each
1 can sliced water chestnuts (optional)
(Ron didn't like them)
package of slivered or sliced almonds for the top

Brown hamburger with onions, celery and salt and pepper. Drain. Then add remaining ingredients to meat mixture, put in casserole dish, and sprinkle almonds on the top. Preheat oven to 350. Cover with foil for 1 hr. Remove foil and continue to bake at 350 for another 20 min.

Phil's Corner

Hi ya gang, guess what? We made another year, so give yourself a big pat on the back. I'm kind of feeling poetic today so here goes;

Twas the month after Christmas another year done,

For most it was blurry, some recalled none.

I salute those who tried to get past their pain,
And found that it's possible to laugh once again.

Anne's news of carpets is still not so great,
We're planning a wedding in early 2008.

Joey will be driving in April this year,
So finally no children to take here and there.

GROWW will be 10 years old soon it's hard to conceive,
I think of all the folks who had the heart to believe.

Judy and Jim, who had the desire and drive,
To ensure that GROWW's mission be kept alive.

Don't get me wrong there were plenty of bumps,
But you can't have success without taking some lumps.

It soon will be April and time to pay rent,
So there is still lots of time to get that check sent.

All of ours hosts and staff wants to say
Remember time heals and take it day by day.

