



E-Mail Newsletter

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Taking care of you

This month, I want to share an experience that a new member of the widowed chat room experienced. His name is Bill and we have all sort of adopted him, some of us Hosts even made a copy & paste for all his kids names, it would be a lot for him to type every time he was asked how old are they. For those who have lost their faith in people, please read what Bill has shared with us all and posted on the message boards on December 22, 2007.

"Friends

Helping

Friends."

Most of you here and in the chat rooms have helped me SO much, and have continued to pray for me and my children, allow me to share what happened this week. For those that don't know I lost My Love "Kadee" 3 Oct this year, suddenly, 6 beautiful children at home to raise. Our story and multiple postings are posted here at GROWW from me, along with A tribute to her. I have SOOO been dreading this holiday.

Everyday is

A gift, that's

why we

call

today,

"the

present"

My children's school had ask if they could buy a few things for my kids, I had initially told them no, please give to someone else, that could use it more than us. They said it was something they really wanted to do. My kids had made Christmas lists, and we just copied and gave to them. When I contacted school Monday, to have them give me the list with the items scratched off. They informed me that a local business had heard our story, and they filled the entire list for all 6 of my kids. I was dumbfounded, as I had not even looked at the lists yet, and we all know how children always make the longest lists of everything. The gifts were delivered here in a rental box truck and parked on the back of my property, my kids don't even know the truck is here. I will back it up to the house Christmas eve and unload the 1/3 full box truck of wrapped gifts. This gave me joy for a few minutes for the first time in 10 weeks. My Kadee got to take care of Christmas One more time. The second thing that happened was that A business associate called me and said he wanted to come to my house for my kids as Santa, he has been doing Santa for 23 years. Said he felt compelled to call me and do this (Kadee Again) he ask if he could say Mom sent him with a Early special gift, Kadee always got them one gift Christmas eve, Pajamas and a stuffed animal, so I went out and got these gifts for all the kids and included the 3 grandkids (a new thing). He delivered them last night with bells and the most real Santa you could imagine....All 8 of my children were here, with their kids also. If I knew how to post pictures here I would....They were so excited, and can't quit talking about yet today. I was just as excited. People are better than I thought. Answers to Prayers come in all forms. Thank you all for your prayers, they are being answered.....Bill

And on December 29th, Bill shared the following:

By becoming a member of GROWW, there have been Prayers for us, not only locally, but world wide. I would like to share to my GROWW family how powerful these Prayers are. I believe from the bottom of my broken heart, that with the help of all of you and your prayer, combined with all my friends and family, that Christmas for us was given from above. I would like to Share a link to some pictures of our Christmas, any of you that read my previous posting about our Blessing; I wanted to follow up with these pictures. Its something new I am trying I hope it works, Also here is my week Number #12 Poem for My Love. Please keep us in you prayer 3 Jan will be 3 months, but we made it thru Christmas!! (You can find Bill's posting on the message boards in the GROWW for Widowed section.

<http://picasaweb.google.com/billp43040> I'm not sure how to create a link, you will have to type in address above, I tried it, it works.

All of us here at GROWW have been moved and touched by Bill and his children, he tells us about them and we all feel as though we know them just a little bit better. Bill has also found that some how every week he comes up with a poem expressing his feelings for the week he has just survived through. We have all learned recently that people really do care and a community can come together to help others. You can look at his photos by going to the link he provided above.

The above is a reminder for all of us to count our blessings. I know I do each and every day, for me each day is a gift.

May we all have a better 2008 and may we all heal and be healthy.

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

<http://java.sun.com/getjava/download.html>

Help GROWW

What if GROWW earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

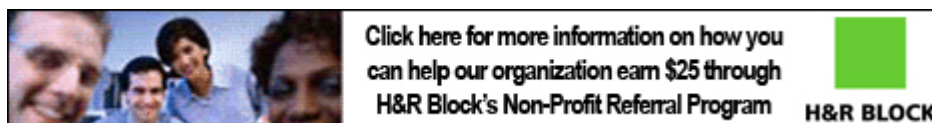
GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter GROWW as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

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.

I-Give

You can also help GROWW by joining I-give by going to www.igive.com, sign up and put GROWW in as your cause.

Since GROWW became a part of the I-give program, we have received \$2561.10 in the past 7 years. It may not be a lot over the course of that many years, but it didn't cost any members an extra penny. When you shop through I-give and make a purchase through one of the participating retailers, GROWW receives a portion. As I think about it, the amount we have received through the years almost pays for one years charges for the GROWW site, how cool is that!

Goodsearch

Checks Have Been Mailed!

GROWW is a 501© non-profit organization.

Any and all donations are tax deductible.

For a donation form click on the link below

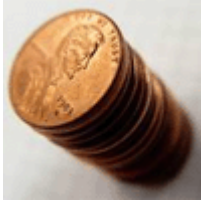
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Great news! Our donations equaled 1.3 cents per search, exceeding our estimate of a penny per search! Also, to ensure that as many organizations as possible received funding; we lowered the minimum payout considerably this year.

Some highlights include:

GROWW has received a check in the amount of \$96.33, that's almost \$100.00 just by goodsearch as your search engine. Go to www.goodsearch.com and put in GROWW as your cause.

Links

From Beth Waddel:

As a widow I participated in your forum, and found it a life saver.

I have decided to leave my private practice and dedicate my life to helping other widows and widowers while they journey through their challenges.

Please view my blog; I would very much like to be linked to this site. I know how helpful it was and I know the more resources we can provide to people in need, the better.

Please feel free to call me or email me.
Thanks a bizzillion,

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[Do Not Grieve Alone.com](http://DoNotGrieveAlone.com)

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Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow"
Melodie Beattie

Receipes

[Grilled Chicken Sandwich with Pepper & Onion Rings](#)

Chicken Sandwich

George Forman Grill
1/2 onion
1/2 green pepper
1 pc chicken breast

Heat grill to 350 degrees
Heat chicken 1min in the microwave
Slice Onion & Pepper into rings
Place Chicken on the grill and cook for 1min
Turn Chicken over and place pepper and onion rings on top
Grill till vegetables are hot (1min)

