

NOT WITHOUT YOU



Before Getting Things DONE, There's Getting Things STARTED

By Heidi Zwart, Generosity Pastor

This past December 12/13, the Eagle Brook family celebrated the results of the fall's Not Without You campaign: nearly \$25 million in pledges! Being consistent about giving toward your individual, good-faith commitment is key to fulfilling your three-year goal successfully. But, just like following through with new resolutions or that 2010 exercise routine, getting in the habit of giving takes some intentional moves.

Three Steps to Get Started and Stay Motivated

1. KNOW THAT IT MATTERS. As you give to the Not Without You campaign, take a moment to acknowledge and pray about what—or whom—you're giving toward. Think of a person who may come to Christ through Eagle Brook, sit in a seat that you bought, or get a life-saving meal somewhere on the other side of the world. If you've had to give something up so that you can give, let God satisfy you when you start to feel the pinch. Ask God to bless both the recipient of your gift and you, the giver.

2. START GIVING TO YOUR PLEDGE TODAY! Setting up an electronic, recurring payment is a proven way to stay on track with your giving. You can set up online giving through eaglebrookchurch.com, or give through your bank's bill pay. Otherwise, mark a date that you will give each month and stick to it. Note "NWy" in the memo line of your check. Whichever process you choose, decide to start giving toward your commitment TODAY.

3. TALK ABOUT IT. Discuss your involvement in Not Without You with your family—even the youngest ones—and celebrate the milestones of your progress and the church's progress together. Stay informed on the projects, and spread the word about what God's doing in your church. This will help you to remember to pray for the ministry that will happen through your investment, and can even work to inspire others.

It's time to get started! We're in this together, so let's get it done for Blaine, Woodbury and beyond!

If you'd like help with establishing the biblical value of generosity, please contact Heidi Zwart at 651.429.9227.

NOT WITHOUT YOU
PLEDGES DEC. 2009-NOV. 2012

Total Pledges (to-date): **\$24,700,000**

Actual to-date NWy fund: **\$1,891,925**

Number of households participating: **4,173**
(155% increase compared to the last campaign)

Thank You!

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CAMPAIGN OVERVIEW

1. EXPAND TO FIVE CAMPUSES

Add Blaine, then Woodbury.

2. EXTEND HELP LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY

Outreach initiatives to respond to world needs.

3. ENLARGE EXISTING CAMPUS EFFECTIVENESS

Facility upkeep, mortgages, and improvements.

Revised Plan for Blaine Points to New Construction, Not Renovation

By Scott Anderson, Executive Pastor

The plans for the Blaine campus have taken a number of twists and turns since we first began imagining it. Though we're still trying to nail it down, we're starting to see what will likely develop. (In truth, until papers are signed, things can still change—but we're close!)

Originally, we planned to lease and renovate existing space in a Blaine office/warehouse facility at the intersection of 35W and 95th Avenue. We're still on the same area of land, but no longer in the same building.

We learned that our uniqueness as a church made it hard for the city—and other tenants—to feel comfortable with our original plan. It redirected us to an open location where we can build to better

suit our needs for parking, kids' ministry spaces, classrooms and our other requirements for an 800-seat worship center space.

The great news is that the City of Blaine embraced our new plan and we've already been approved to move forward. (That same process that took more than a year at Lino Lakes, so good news.)

Remaining challenges include finalizing the purchase agreement with the property owners and arranging for the financial realities of construction, as well as having church members vote on the new plan. (This "re-vote" is scheduled for Jan. 30 at 7:30 pm at Lino Lakes.) We hope to begin construction in March and open in time for Fall Kickoff 2010.



Architect sketch of Blaine facility.

Woodbury Land Purchase in the Works

Vote on Blaine and Woodbury Plans...

MEMBER MEETING
Saturday, Jan. 30
7:30 pm
EBC—Lino Lakes Campus

- Re-vote on Blaine as a new construction
- Vote to purchase the Woodbury property

Not Without You News & Events

The Micah Project: love. mercy. action.

February 11-28

See some of your Not Without You dollars at work as we seek to take action to help those who are poor and hungry in the world. For more info and to register for the variety of events, go to eaglebrookchurch.com.

FEBRUARY 11-18

Step Into Africa

World Vision Experience: AIDS

(WBL)

FEBRUARY 19-28

Feed My Starving Children

Community MobilePack

(all campuses)

50% FULL

Sign up now!

FEBRUARY 13/14-27/28

"The 6:8 Challenge"

weekend message series

Sunday Evening Services

Launch at Spring Lake Park

February 28, 4:05 & 6:05 pm

With the opening of the Blaine campus moved from Easter of this year to fall, we now plan to add two more service times on Sunday evening just until Blaine opens. It will help us to:

> Address over-crowding during current SLP service times, asking that some attending SLP make Sunday night their worship choice.

> Identify and train volunteers who wish to attend the Blaine campus when it opens. Watch for details.



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STAY CONNECTED

- Keep up with new updates on the blog
- Quickly and easily pledge or give online
- Catch up on the Not Without You series
- Read/watch stories of life change

Our plans for Woodbury are coming together, and we have a purchase agreement in place for 40 acres of property close to the southwest corner of the intersection of I-94 and Manning Avenue.

We've been working with the city, and hope to move forward with planning and zoning and city council groups early in 2010.

At the members' meeting on Jan. 30, we will also seek a vote of approval to move forward with the purchase of the Woodbury property. The timing of construction of the campus there depends on a number of issues including city approvals, as well as our ability to fund the project appropriately. Best-case scenario, we'd love to be in construction for the building that includes a 1,500-seat worship center by the end of 2011. But we still have a long way to go!

Please pray for the pieces of Blaine and Woodbury to fall into place in a timely manner. God's moving. —Executive Pastor Scott Anderson



Woodbury worship center sketch



Computer-generated rendering of Woodbury facility.

Empowered by God to reach others for Christ.

Creatively MOTIVATED TO REACH MORE PEOPLE FOR CHRIST

"Every time you walk into a worship center, remember that every person you see has a real name, with a real life, real friends, real marriages, real sin, real heartaches, and a real soul that needs to be redeemed and restored by God. Remember that the seat you sit in was made available by the sacrifices of those who went before you, and you get to do the same. What a great church!"—Senior Pastor Bob Merritt

"The truth is, I don't have a lot to give for this campaign, but I do have a lot of weight to lose...so I decided to tie my weight loss into raising money."
-Wes Pederson (Read more on the Facebook page, "Weight Loss for a Greater Purpose")

"I've decided to donate my time over the next three years with the goal of photographing 300 families, kids, pets, babies etc. with the hopes of being able to raise \$30,000 towards the NWY campaign."—Chris Meyer (Read more on the Facebook page, "The 300 Faces Project")

"I gave up something I totally loved to do (smoking), so that I could donate that money instead to NWY. And you know that God has had a hand in it, because I haven't even been that crabby!"—Jeanne Bentgarmicha

"My son, Adam, told us he didn't want anything for Christmas this year and that he wanted us to donate whatever we would normally spend on him to the NWY campaign instead."—Kelly Bordsen

"The money I save from cutting my own hair this year will go to NWY (really, it's not that difficult!)."—Sid DeLuca

Submit YOUR story at eaglebrookchurch.com under "MyStory."