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WorkFaith facts:

- 1638 graduates
- More than 1000 Employers have hired WorkFaith graduates

Coming attractions:

- May 21st - NEW Location
- August 2012 - Celebrating YOU! 1 job for 1 year and beyond

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THRIVE Changing You!

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The WorkFaith Connection

Helping people in transition build a new life through work & faith.

5 Years and Moving Forward!

Dear WorkFaith Graduate,
It's been 5 years since The WorkFaith Connection started! Can you believe it? We are so excited to celebrate 5 years of serving those that have come before and after you! We are also grateful that we've had the opportunity to connect our graduates to THRIVE for the last 4 years! THRIVE has wonderful resources that continue to allow our graduates to financially advance through a variety of ways:

- Educational goals
- Financial coaching
- Personal goals

Out of our 1638 graduates, many have taken on the challenge of advancement and now see the benefits of participating in THRIVE opportunities. **What is a goal you have that could advance you and your family?** It is amazing to see the resources God has given us, and we look forward to you joining other WorkFaith graduates who continue to advance after successfully becoming employed.



*Sending hugs and love,
Sandy Schultz*



Brandon Wheeler and Kimberly Valdez,
Case Managers for THRIVE.

Fearless Leaders in THRIVE!!

The THRIVE Program is a great asset to The WorkFaith Connection! Brandon Wheeler and Kimberly Valdez are the case managers that have spent countless hours working alongside our graduates and their families to help them advance. In addition, Brandon and Kimberly teach our Pathway To Success Meetings helping graduates better understand THRIVE resources.

The WorkFaith Connection is proud to be a THRIVE partner

As a WorkFaith Connection graduate, you are also considered a THRIVE client, and encouraged to take advantage of the many resources offered by this program to help you achieve financial stability and obtain your goals.

The THRIVE Program is designed to help you:

- Increase income
- Build your savings
- Acquire assets whether it is buying a home or a car
- Further your education
- Start a business



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MYTH or FACT?

MYTH or FACT: The only way to financially advance is to get a raise?

Through THRIVE numerous graduates have learned how to advance financially working alongside a FREE financial coach and have come to realize that taking control of your \$ is the best way to know where your pennies are going. Although we all look forward to raises, the excitement usually lasts up to 90 days and then we want more. Controlling your money, rather than letting it control you is the best way to learn about your money habits and set up financial goals you want to reach.



Financial Coaching

Financial coaching is FREE to WorkFaith graduates and the benefits include:

- Getting out of debt
- Creating a flexible spending plan
- Checking your credit report and how to repair it
- Making a plan to reach a financial goal
- Help finding the best bank option in your area



THRIVE Connection transforms graduate



Marc Meyer, graduate of class 32, with WorkFaith Advancement Coaches Amy Maddox (L) and Nicole Ryan (R).

THRIVE Connection is an opportunity available to WorkFaith graduates (with dependents) to work one-on-one with a case manager and financially advance. Advancing in any area takes hard work, but it's very exciting too. After working with THRIVE Case Manager Brandon Wheeler for the last year and a half, graduate Marc Meyer has improved greatly. He has been at a job for over 3 years and is now active in the lives of his children. In addition, he has been sober

for 2 1/2 years and is taking steps to pay off his financial debt. Marc shared his testimony of how the Lord has changed his life with graduates in job search at a Pathway To Success meeting. He explained how being in a Bible study led him to meet the CEO of his current employer. In addition, he is in his 4th year working toward a Bachelors of Science in Psychology. Marc shared how he is so grateful to be in the THRIVE Connection Program!

Who me? Why?

Yes, you! staying connected is an important part of remaining a part of The WorkFaith Connection. We would like to be a part of your life and your family's life for at least the next two years and even for your entire lifetime, if you let us! Staying connected allows us to send you a birthday card, a Christmas card and photo, encourage

you and keep you updated on future opportunities. We also love to celebrate your successes. Have you received a raise, promotion, switched jobs, moved, got married, had a baby, bought a car or gone back to school? We'd like to know about it. Update your information so that we may continue to contact you and celebrate the wonderful work God is doing in your life!

THRIVE Changing You!

- Interested in THRIVE Connection?
- Want to financially advance and need some extra support to accomplish those goals?
- Wanting to financially advance, but don't have dependents—not a problem we have financial coaches that will work one-on-one with you too!

Contact THRIVE advancement coach
Amy Maddox
@ 713-984-9611

THRIVE Successes!!



Tamokia Thompson-Alley,
Class 70 at North Post Oak

"Thrive has opened doors to paths of a very bright and prosperous future. Thrive is a wonderful organization for persons wanting guidance or tools to get ahead with structure."



Areil Birdow,
Class 62 at North Post Oak

"I cut my grocery bill in half and I am saving more than I have ever saved in my life. I didn't realize how much money I had until I created the budget with Dan!"



Ronald Castaneda
Class 70 at North Post Oak

"There are two important elements that come to mind when I think of THRIVE: trust and encouragement. These elements have pushed me to tap into my potential, which is essential towards growth, progress, and ultimately, success."

We've moved to a new location!

The **NEW** location will open on **May 21, 2012**, and the North Post Oak location will be closed. Our **TRAVIS** location is still open and serving our graduates.

The WorkFaith Connection has been operating at two locations for over a year! This is exciting as we have been able to serve and see more graduates return to school, get certified with new skills and become employed!

- We would love to hear from you: Please write us, call us or even stop by. We really appreciate having past graduates join us for a graduation too!
- Graduations are held on Fridays from 2:45PM to 4PM. Please check the website to confirm dates.

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