



Horizons4Girls

To our family, friends, and fans...

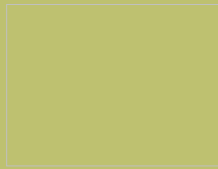
One year ago I had a dream: to Make a Difference! For one year now I have been mentoring 'at risk' teen girls from middle & high school. Dr. Sheehan, SASD Superintendent, a friend professionally and personally tells others that I have what it takes to connect with these girls and to help connect them to resources in our community. I've been through training for 40 Developmental Assets, Positive Behavior Intervention Systems, and various trainings through the Office of Juvenile Justice and Detention. I look forward to every day with our students and the challenges they present.

And, oh yes, I have other volunteers I train that work with me. Share this email with others and let us know if you'd like more info. Words from one of the SASD social workers tells about the importance of what we do.



Carla Vorpahl-
Horizons4Girls

These families struggle daily with staying 'above the line' as explained in this video clip.



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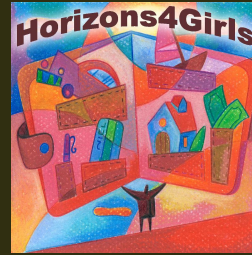
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Guess What!!! YOU'RE INVITED!!

We are having a potluck taco picnic. Everyone brings ONE item for the tacos and we set-up a make-your-own taco bar. Students, teachers, counselors, social workers, donors AND their families are welcome. It will be a fun social evening for everyone to get to know each other. Tuesday, October 9th, 5:30pm, or as soon as you can make it. At First Congregational Church, 310 Bluff Avenue, Sheboygan – right by Vollrath Park. Just **RSVP** to this email and tell us what you'd like to bring!!

Sincerely,
Char Pachniak
Founder
Horizons4Girls



Horizons4Girls Mission

Horizons4Girls mentors girls in a safe setting, sparking their internal motivation. Horizons works on solutions - helping to keep their girls in a safe supportive family setting, as they complete their educational & personal goals, and keeping them out of the juvenile justice system. Horizons4Girls works to create contributing citizens of our communities.

IT'S A PARTY AND YOU'RE INVITED

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Tuesday, October 9th,
5:30pm at First
Congregational Church,
310 Bluff Avenue.

Bring one item for the
tacos and we'll have a
picnic and get to know
each other!!

This is for ANYONE that
is interested or involved
with Horizons4Girls. We
want to get to know you
and let you know more
about us.

It's for you and your
family, just **MAKE
SURE** to let us know
you are coming, AND
HOW MANY and
what item you are
bringing to be a part of
the tacos we will be
making.

Do I Have Gifts the World Wants or Needs thoughts from one of our students

Do I have gifts that the world wants and needs? Honestly, I have absolutely *no* idea. I suppose I have the *potential* to make my interests into something semi-useful, but that's anybody. The closest things I have to "gifts" that I have are writing, reading, drawing, and music, but to be honest, I'm nothing great. I'm quite mediocre in comparison to others, in fact. I can improve and be great at it, but then I'd probably be doing it professionally, and I hate having a deadline in art. It would no longer be fun if I have an overbearing boss breathing down my neck while I draw unicorns at a tea party-seriously.

I suppose that if I really had to say, the only somewhat useful thing I can offer the world is what some call "critical thinking". I call it "cynicism", but hey- whatever helps you sleep at night. Anyhow, I'm a thinker. I'll think things over to the point that I sometimes make myself paranoid and think that everything is part of a conspiracy and become suspicious of everybody surrounding me. But I digress- thinking and questioning aspects of society is actually (I believe) healthy. I hate being a sheep and social oppression infuriates me. The world needs to stop blindly following and obeying what they're told. There are plenty of people that speak out about their beliefs but not enough sheep- excuse me- *people* listen.

In light of that, I guess my "gift" is not blindly accepting what I'm told. I use the word "gift" loosely, though, because it's not enough to doubt and challenge. Obviously, we aren't living in some government plot to take over the universe as I scare myself into thinking sometimes. The real problem- and the point that I'm trying to get to- is that this world is pretty dull and uninspired. We as a society tend to get lazy and just do what the media and government tell us is correct and "cool", when in fact, it's hindering our growth. It's not enough for me to say this, because so many people do only that- talk about it, and it gets repetitive and loses meaning. I want to actually do something and open people's eyes, or at least encourage people to think and wonder why they do the things they do.

I'm not the smartest person, the most athletic, get the best grades (I'm actually a terrible student), and I'm probably not going to cure cancer or solve world hunger. I like to learn different things, think about them, and discuss with whoever will give me the time of day. It seems dry and boring, but it really isn't. It's interesting to poke around in people's minds and try to get them to try new things, at least. Anyway, I want to use this trait to help the world to think and maybe change for the better. Maybe I'll succeed and maybe I won't. Most days, I can't even manage to muster the will and energy to change out of my brother's pajamas and into my own clothes, so who knows? But it's worth a try to keep everybody from becoming mindless, soulless zombies ruled by the media, government, and politics. *Insert overused, overwrought, typical nonconformist speech here*.

You Talk We'll listen

Whatever you might have on your mind we want to give you a chance to talk about it. We may not have the answers, but we'll find the answers together. Horizons4Girls will do various group discussions as well as offer one on one mentoring.

Horizons4Girls also has professional counselors available.



Share Your Thoughts - we'll listen

Me volunteering??

The answer is yes....here's why:

I chose to volunteer for Horizons4Girls because it had the potential to meet a variety of needs in my life. I went to college to be a teacher because my passion is to inspire young people to do great things for themselves and their community. After my student teaching experience I decided the traditional classroom wasn't the right fit, for my professional goals, at this time. My career counselor encouraged me to volunteer while I search for the right career path.

I'm going to be honest, and I'm sure there are others that may feel the same way I did. When my career counselor suggested I volunteer I was very reluctant. I couldn't help but think, "if I have time to volunteer why shouldn't I be using that time to make money?". I now have a plethora of reasons why volunteering was the right choice for me. First I am able to make appropriate use of the skills and experiences I have, while developing new ones. This is why people often say volunteering looks great on a resume.

The next thing I realized while volunteering; the work I'm doing is much more satisfying and meaningful than my current job. The work I do as a volunteer is rather flexible, and a huge part of the satisfaction comes because no matter how much time you are able to commit it is appreciated, and the organization won't take it for granted. A lot of people don't find satisfaction in their jobs because they feel their coworkers and managers take them for granted; volunteering is a great way to feel some much needed appreciation. I also value the time I commit to Horizons4Girls because I know that I am making quality use of my time in my current state of transition.

My final and most important reason I know I made the right choice by volunteering my time to Horizons4Girls, is that I absolutely love working with Char and the girls. I've been with the group for a little over 3 months and the bonds I have made with the girls mean so much to me. I love collaborating with Char and seeing my ideas being incorporated successfully with the girls. I also really respect the role I have in the lives of the girls as a role model/mentor as well as the role Char has in my life as a role model/mentor. There is a beautiful continuum in the group where we are all learning and growing together on a personal and professional level. All things considered I know that my time spent volunteering with Horizons4Girls is far more valuable than my original concern of making money.

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