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Aslan Youth Ministries Newsletter



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Island Nights Recap

Thank you for helping us raise over **\$20,000** at this year's Island Nights!

We had a blast on Saturday, July 14 at our 13th Annual Island Nights. All proceeds will support our programs that help at-risk youth transform life's obstacles into opportunities for success!

Evening highlights included:

- Sailboat rides provided by the Shrewsbury Yacht Club
- Entertainment by Jersey Surecats
- Fine cuisine
- Silent and live auctions
- Performance by Aslan students (check out the video on aslanyouth.org!)



New Staff Welcome // John & Leneita Fix

Leneita still remembers the day she first walked into her interview at Aslan. Often she will say that it was like God himself revealed to Craig the details of Leneita's heart for ministry. Aslan's mission was to see the Lord straighten broken lives through the power of relationship. How could she walk away?

First, Leneita joined Aslan's staff, followed by her husband, John. That was almost 17 years ago. For a decade, Leneita and John aided Aslan in serving urban families in Monmouth County through a variety of roles. It saddened the couple when the Lord started to call them to journey with him elsewhere. Their heartbeat and how they approached life and ministry was that of Aslan. This was the place they had "grown up" in urban ministry!

Yet, Leneita and John listened to the Lord and with heavy hearts followed his call. For the last 7 years, John has served at Urban Youth Impact in West Palm Beach, Florida in two capacities - first as the Director of Operations and then as the Director of Programs. John's responsibilities have included strategic planning, staff development, grant writing, budget development and oversight, IT development, and facilities management. John also guided the administrative leadership team in developing UYI's 10-year plan to improve programming outcomes, increase the number of youth being reached, complete renovations on its 30,000 square foot facility, and increase staffing to accommodate this growth.

In the meantime, Leneita has been equally as busy. This year, she celebrated her 20th year in ministry. While on staff with John at UYI, her responsibilities included Bible-based program direction for children ages 5-18, curriculum writing, staff training and recruiting, discipleship and resource creation. She also coordinated all aspects of training for Urban Youth Workers Institute. The Lord has used her in unique ways on the national level by providing opportunities to write curriculum, speak, train and partner with youth conferences. This year, Leneita published her first book, *No Teenager Left Behind*, while being featured in three multi-author books with Group Publishing.

During their time away, Aslan was never far from Leneita's and John's hearts. Their philosophy of ministry - to provide relationship-based programs to inner city youth who need to know that God has created them with a purpose and a future - was that legacy John and Leneita carried. About a year ago, Christ began to show them once again that he was calling to follow in a new direction. The thought came and went that they would love to return to Aslan and to the core of how they learned to do ministry.

No one could imagine in those initial explorative conversations that Leneita and John would come "home" to this ministry. Still, there is no doubt that the Lord used their time away to develop them in tremendous ways. They are excited to return to Aslan and utilize this experience to advance the mission and vision that God has put in place.



We are thrilled to welcome back John and Leneita as Aslan's Chief Operating Officer and Program Development Director

7th Annual John Reid Memorial Golf Classic

// Monday, September 10 // Rumson Country Club



On Monday, September 10, Aslan will host the 7th Annual John Reid Memorial Golf Classic at Rumson Country Club in Rumson, NJ. This exciting benefit is sponsored by *Buckman, Buckman & Reid and Walsh Benefits* and includes a cocktail reception, awards buffet and 50/50 raffle.

Event tickets (\$250) and raffle tickets (\$25) can be purchased at aslanyouth.org. Only 100 golfers, so register quickly!

Men's and women's prizes include: Closest to the Pin, Longest Drive, Hole-in-One, Calloway System, Low Gross and Low Net.

As Board President of Aslan, Jack Buckman puts the give in giving.

"He's one of the most generous people I've ever known," said Aslan CEO Craig Bogard. "This Golf Classic in memory of his partner John Reid is a great example."

Come hit a hole-in-one for the children of Aslan and help us raise the funds we need to end 2012 in great shape!



**WANT TO SCORE A
HOLE-IN-ONE FOR
ASLAN'S KIDS?**

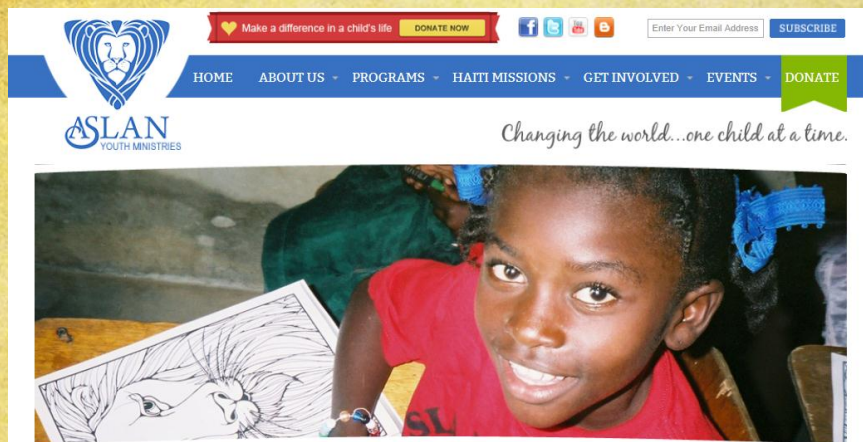
BECOME A SPONSOR!

We have various sponsorship opportunities for this event including advertising your business on the course. You can even sponsor our fabulous luncheon or dinner!

For more information, visit aslanyouth.org

New Website

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We launched our new website on July 19 and hundreds of Aslan fans have checked it out so far! **Have you?**

Aslanyouth.org is now more user-friendly than ever, with new photos and videos, simple menus, clear information and social media integration! We are so thrilled to offer you an easier, more exciting web experience.

Visit **aslanyouth.org** today, and let us know what you think!

Don't forget to like us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter and join our Blog!

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