SPRING 2017 HIS BRANCHES, INC



The Grapevine

The Latest News from His Branches

Bringing hope, healing and restoration to individuals, families, and entire neighborhoods.

Upcoming Events

Thursday April 6 6:30 PM

His Branches Annual Banquet of Blessing Rochester's Diplomat **Banquet Center**

April 10-18

Passover

Saturday April 15 1 PM

Arnett Garden Park Kids' Easter Egg Hunt 298 Arnett Blvd.

Sunday April 16

Easter

Saturday June 10 1-4 PM

R Community Bikes Free Bike Clinic 350 Arnett Blvd.

May 14 to June 18

Embracing Options Baby Bottle Drive

Saturday August 5 12 - 4 PM ABA (Arnett Block Association)

Annual Arnett

Block Party

Is revival coming?

Will Rochester be ready?

We sense that a genuine and desperately needed revival may be on the way, birthed in the angst of our times and perhaps even breaking out in our most "disadvantaged" neighborhoods first and then spreading like wildfire through God's people, bringing with it the deep conviction of sin that leads to repentance and opening our hearts wide to love one another in Spirit and truth.

If and when another revival sweeps through our community the way it did in Charles Finney's day, the Kingdom of God's love could impact every level of society, involving those in government, education, health care, criminal justice, economics, commerce, and community service, and calling all to proclaim that God is truly at work in our city.

It's time to pray and prepare. Your ongoing collaboration with us in prayer and support is vital to our success. Please receive our personal invitation to join in the work we've been called to do throughout the year and in celebrating with us at our Banquet of Blessing on April 6. We're deeply grateful for your participation, which we never take for granted.

God bless you!







Visit our website for more exciting updates on what God is doing in our community through His Branches! www.HisBranches.org



His Branches Community

www.hb-community.org





The Arnett Block Association (ABA) has been enjoying a year of blessing for our community!

We had a very successful Bike Clinic last May (about 50 bikes repaired and 15 given away) and Block Party in August (5 churches participated and about 400 people attended).

"Game Day in the Park" in June was a collaboration between ABA, School #29, the City's Rec on the Move, and the Amett Branch Library. About 50 new library cards were issued to kids that day, and 300 school children had a lot of fun! They all heard about the Summer Reading program at the library.

There are more people stepping forward to help maintain the Bird and Butterfly Garden Park, which creates a sense of ownership and community. This past year over 1,000 annuals were planted in the garden.

School #29 returned to decorate our 15 foot Christmas tree in the park with beautiful ornaments they had handcrafted, and then went next door to listen to stories in the Amett Library. A neighbor installed an outlet so we could have lights on our

community tree. We also had a night in December of caroling, hot cocoa and marshmallow roasting around a fire at the tree - a first for many children and adults!

We also were able to reach out with practical help to neighbors in need. We continue to work closely with the Rochester Police Department and are starting to film a sequel to the Front Row video called "Creating Hope."

Thank you for your prayers and financial support which makes it all possible. We couldn't do it without you!



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His Branches Health Services

An 18 year-old high-school senior sits in front of me, teetering. She had a female infection a month ago and continues to have unprotected sex. She's lost 30 pounds over the past two years due to the stress in her life, and I can't get the words "just don't drop out of high school, you're SO close" out of my head. Her future is so vulnerable, and I realize just how important it is for me to really listen to her. An hour later we firm up a plan of support for her, and I can tell that she has more hope. We see people like this of all ages multiple times a day at His Branches Health Services. We rely upon God's strength and discernment in each encounter as we re-open the window to hope.

2016 was a remarkable year of testing whether we could continue to deliver very personalized and



quality care to each patient while meeting ever-increasing demands on us to keep abreast of the modernizing trends in primary care.

We also recognize that in order to continue to grow in

2017 it is imperative that we become a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) which will bring much needed financial support to reach out boldly to serve more people throughout our community without compromising the faith dimension of the care we bring.

Our electronic medical record system enables us to create reports showing how all our patients are doing. We then work personally with each one to help them improve their health. So far we've seen increasing success in managing a number of conditions using this population based approach. Our efforts at collaborating in this organized way has been recognized by the URMC's Accountable Health Partners, and they have asked us to partner with them to pilot a new project to improve mental health care!

We truly recognize the awesome task our God is calling our small but growing band of warriors to do here in the City. Please pray with us for the energy and staff we need to fulfill our call. We appreciate your love and support so much!

YES, I would like to help support His Branches and its community outreach ministries.

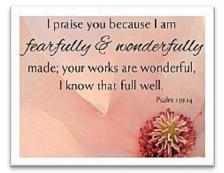
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Everyone has a story to tell...

Psalm 139 says that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. Each and every life is precious in our Creator's eyes. He cares about every pregnant teen, every unborn child, every broken man and woman with abortion in their past and every frightened kid who finds out he's a father. This is why the work of centers like ours is so important. At Embracing Options we have the privilege of meeting with men and women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy and other sexual health issues. We come alongside, listen to their stories, and educate them about their options. We're committed to sharing the Gospel with them in both word and deed. We offer love, support, testing, and hope – the things they need most.



All of the services we offer at Embracing Options are free and confidential including pregnancy and STD testing, ultrasounds, options counseling, material aid, parenting classes, and abortion recovery studies. And now we're excited to announce the launch of a NEW community outreach – the "Excel" curriculum by Scott Phelps. Embracing Options is bringing this program to church youth groups from the area to empower and equip youth to choose abstinence until marriage.

We would love to hear from you, hear your story, and share more with you about our life-saving work at Embracing Options. To find out more, please give us a call at (585) 235-0690.

A Client Story

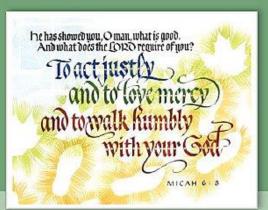
In America, abortion has been legal since 1973. Last fall a woman called who had terminated her pregnancy over 40 years ago and was still struggling from the guilt and pain of that long-ago decision. We're so thankful that she reached out to Embracing Options where she was able to attend an Abortion Recovery Retreat Weekend for women. At the retreat she finally broke free from the chains that had been holding her. A few weeks afterward she visited the center and told us how thankful she was that she went. And with a smile on her face and joy in her heart, she said that she feels forgiven and set free!



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Current Resident or:

Join us for our Annual Banquet of Blessing Thursday, April 6th | 6:30 PM | Rochester's Diplomat Banquet Center



"Walking humbly with God"

Vision for the future, testimonies, music, fellowship, food, and more!

> 6:30 p.m. Guest Registration 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Program

The Diplomat Banquet Center 1956 Lvell Avenue, Rochester, New York

Invite your family and friends, then RSVP to DBraun@HisBranches.org or by phone at (585) 235-9000

Other ways to partner with HBI...

Consider donor designation through your employer to His Branches this year!





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Call 585-235-9000 to find out about volunteer opportunities, or visit us online at www.hbgive.org to see other options.