

# RE-CREATION

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2010  
*Spring*

Hello Friends,

And welcome to spring! Well, almost spring, anyway.

If you've been enduring the snow as we have, we're certain you're more than ready for a bit of sunshine, warmth and renewal!

Renewal is an appropriate word for this wonderful season we've been walking in with Re-Creation's 35<sup>th</sup> edition. The group has already traveled far and wide in their unique mission of therapy and service. And as you'll see from the calendar, they're hitting the road again...to California and back in the next few weeks!

I've been out of the office a great deal, on the road with the cast. And my own renewal has been dramatic. After 17 years of leading the organization, I am divinely reminded of *'why we do what we do.'*

The impact is evident in the eyes of the vets, the enthusiasm of the school children and in the renewed hearts and lives of some very special friends.

I'd like you to meet two of those friends now...

Abigail and Joey are 9 and 8 years-old, respectively. They were 'delivered' from their home for safety reasons...both emotional and physical when they were but 2 and 3 years old. Abigail's and Joey's home-life was extremely non-nurturing and non-educating. The children were placed with their grandparents.

Now, let me clarify...these wonderful grandparents, in their mid-60's and 70's, have had primary care of these children for almost 7 years now. They have given me express permission to relay their story.

When Joey and Abigail first arrived, they were very non-communicative. Neither spoke. The 'withdrew' often. They did have an ongoing language with each other, but even as they grew, they remained silent, preferring to turn inward, isolate themselves and stay quiet.

The grandparents, Diana & Fred, held a great concern for the children's development and did everything imaginable to create a loving, secure environment. Not an easy task for so intense a situation.

Soon after the children moved in with Diana and Fred, Re-Creation visited their local church in McIntosh, FL. The church happens to sit across the street from the house of Hugh and Carolyn Brooks!

Like most kids, Joey and Abigail enjoyed Re-Creation's service, the lively songs and enthusiastic singers.

After the program, Diana and Fred purchased the CD's and DVD's for Joey and Abigail and something remarkable began to happen...the kids began to express themselves!

For the last 5 years, Joey and Abigail have continued to blossom in their expression and communication. The growth began with Joey singing, or screaming I'm told, "*Majesty*" and "*The Star Spangled Banner*" at the top of his lungs! Abigail became very excited listening to the music and watching the DVD's, singing along and sharing her appreciation for the costumes and dancing.

Moreover, Abigail and Joey conveyed their *personal* connection to the cast members. "*I know them!*" they would say. That connection seemed vital.

Over the years, the family has made trips to the local VA to see Re-Creation's secular program. And they look forward to the group's annual visit to the church.

Diana and Fred have found this flowering individuality a miracle...

*"It has been fabulous! Joey continues to grow and express himself like any other normal 9 year-old boy. And if Abigail could sing all her lessons, she would! These Cd's and DVD's have been true therapy for them. We now know that they CAN learn and they CAN communicate for themselves."*

There is a journey ahead...but there is renewed hope.

I had lunch at Joey and Abigail's table a few weeks ago and I must tell you, they are two of Re-Creation's best friends. And we are so proud of them!

They know the full version of "The Star Spangled Banner" and they understand just how special Re-Creation's visits are to the veterans... more personally than anyone, perhaps.

I know we solicit you from time to time to purchase CD's and DVD's, or support this fund or that fund. And we know just how difficult, how 'stretched' things are right now.

May this testimony renew your faith, your confidence in the miracle of Re-Creation's mission.

Thirty-five years down the road and God is still allowing us the privilege of renewing, of re-building, His people.

Stay with us...

*Jay*

Jay Muller, President  
Re-Creation USA, Inc.



*"We had the great fortune of being visited by "Re-Creation" yesterday. As is always the case, they put on a moving and uplifting performance for our veterans. These performances bring palpable, positive energy and unbounded therapeutic benefit. Re-Creation's visits are always anticipated with much joy and we are never disappointed! I wish I could capture the smiles and feelings that abound during and after the Re-Creation performance. The DVD's and CD's that are so generously donated help in this regard. Thank you again for all you do for our veterans and the staff. Everyone is uplifted when Re-Creation visits!"*

- Perry Point, VA Medical Center

At first glance, this may seem like a typical, albeit very much appreciated, letter of thanks...but let's look closely...

*"As is always the case, they put on a moving and uplifting performance for our veterans."* - Consistency is a hallmark of Re-Creation's mission. The young people train and work diligently to provide professional, courteous, personal interaction at every show...over 310 times a year!

*"These performances bring palpable, positive energy and unbounded therapeutic benefit."* - Real touch, real interaction provides real healing!

*"Re-Creation's visits are always anticipated with much joy..."* - Folks know we're coming and they know what to expect. That expectation sets off a sense of hope, diversion and promise!

*"I wish I could capture the smiles and feelings that abound during and after the Re-Creation performance. The DVD's and CD's that are so generously donated help in this regard."* - A similar sentiment we hear very often...one needs to see the impact to truly understand just how crucial, how uplifting, is the visit. The CD's and DVD's provide a tangible reminder, an actual trophy, of the day America came to say "Thank You!" Your gifts in this area of media are very much used!

*"Thank you again for all you do for our veterans and the staff. Everyone is uplifted when Re-Creation visits!"* - The Re-Creation experience extends not only to our heroes, but to those who provide the care! The staff's job is demanding and complicated. Your generosity provides a much needed tonic for these extraordinary folk.

We love letters like this! Testimonies like these speak to the various facets of Re-Creation's mission and renew our spirit and drive to reach to as many folks as we can.

On behalf of the veterans, the staff, the church-goers, the concert attendees and all the Abigails and Joeys we've been blessed to serve these past 35 years...**THANK YOU!**

Let's be sure to re-group and continue on in service to people who need light, joy and inspiration!

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Let's stay renewed in our commitment to America and Her people!

We're on the search for two technicians for RC 36! These vital positions in our touring company call for dedicated, enthusiastic, talented young people with a heart for service.

Experience is not necessary. Re-Creation provides all training in live sound, studio editing and mixing, media, lighting, computer power point, CD and DVD production, on-the-road maintenance and organizational public relations.

Former RC technicians have gone on to commercial work with some of the best in the business...and all have benefited from the intense, yet personal, training afforded them throughout their Re-Creation tenure.

*"Being a technician for Re-Creation is truly a 'baptism by fire,' but you learn so much! I knew a little bit about sound and such when I joined, but as a member for almost 4 years, I learned every aspect of the business. When I left Re-Creation, my training propelled me to the front of my field and I was hired to work with some of the biggest names in the entertainment business! More than that, though, as a member of Re-creation, I learned valuable communication, organization, and time management skills. Those life changing lessons continue to help me. Today, I am married to a former cast-mate (not a requirement of the job, mind you, but a great blessing!) and have a very successful career as a Computer Engineer for the largest data storage company in the world. I am certain that my life successes are directly related to the personal and professional training I received in Re-creation!"*

TAREY STUBBLEFIELD (RC 26, 27, 30, 31)

Please consider passing along the Re-Creation opportunity to a young person you feel might benefit...and who would benefit others. Direct them to the web-site, hand them this newsletter or bring them to a show!

Thank you for helping us in our staffing efforts!

## RE-INTRODUCE

Say hello to Anna Pysher. Anna is a gifted singer from Williamsport, PA, and is currently on the road with RC 35. She has worked with RC alumnus Scott Francis and was actually a technician on our video shoots this year. When we were left without a sound engineer at the beginning of the new year, Anna graciously stepped in to mix the show for the next six months before joining the cast as a performer. Anna will take the stage this summer with returning cast members Randy, Katelyn, Cassie, Carrie and Billy Habecker.

That's right, Billy Habecker! Billy's been working with Re-Creation friend Corey Eslinger, but has felt the call to return to the stage! He'll join us in June!



## RE-CONNECT

Here are some updates from some of our former Re-Creation cast members. What a blessing too keep up with our extended family! And please, if you're a Re-Creation "oldie," send us your latest news!

*"Making use of my music degree from Messiah College, I work for the Finneytown School District in Cincinnati, OH as the district's accompanist. I accompany all choirs elementary through high school, as well as instrumentalists for solo and ensemble, the high school musical and whatever else pops up through the year. I also accompany for the School for Creative and Performing Arts in Cincinnati for all of their choral performances. I am also the director of 2 worship bands on Sundays and have the privilege of playing with my family - my husband, Ron on bass; and my sons Andy and Matthew on drums and percussion. In addition to my school and church jobs, I teach piano lessons.*

*I have been married to Ron Hartman, (alumnus of the Katie Brooks' band) for 25 years this coming September! (Yes, that makes me OLD!) We have two wonderful sons, as mentioned before, Matthew, 15, a freshman at Finneytown High School, and Andy, 19, a freshman percussion major at the Ohio State University. We also have 2 furry members of the family: Crosley- a 5 year old beagle; and Dixie - a 3 year old basset/corgi mix."*



**BRENDA NEIMAN HARTMAN (RC 8, 9)**

Joe is currently serving his 1<sup>st</sup> term as a Snyder County Commissioner. Joe has returned to the gospel music scene singing baritone with Pennsylvania's premiere gospel quartet, True Heart Quartet.

Joe and his wife, Amber, have been married for over 12 years and care for their 5 year-old daughter, Nia.

Joe extends his love for singing to the Lord by hosting a new Southern Gospel radio program called "Gospel Music Weekend" on 88.9 FM Sundays 7-9AM.



Joe continues his work as a Commercial Sales Representative for Kuhns Bros Log Homes and Country Log Cabins.

Joe invites you to check out "Joe Kantz" or "True Heart Quartet." on Facebook, or you can e-mail him directly at [joekantz@gmail.com](mailto:joekantz@gmail.com) and be sure to check out [www.trueheartquartet.com](http://www.trueheartquartet.com)

**JOE KANTZ (RC 17)**

The Shaffers are busy entering a new phase of life...as of this upcoming fall Lee & Jenny will be "empty nesters!" Their youngest son, David, is graduating from High School, and will be majoring in business and playing for the men's soccer team at Philadelphia Biblical University. He joins their daughter Arianna, who is currently a sophomore their with a double major in elementary and special education. Their oldest son, Matt, followed in the family's strong Penn State tradition and will be graduating from PSU's prestigious "Smeal College of Business" with a degree in Business Finance in the spring!

Lee is in his 23rd year working as a Financial Consultant with Keystone Financial Management/John Hancock. As part of the top 5% of the agents in the entire country, he was recently awarded with a trip to Hawaii that he and Jen will be enjoying in May. (Very timely since this year marks their 25th wedding anniversary!) Jenny has 30 voice students from 3 different school districts and enjoys teaching in studios both inside Garden Spot High School and out of their home. They are very thankful for their great church home, Grace Family Church in New Holland, PA, where Lee serves as overseer and songleader and Jenny enjoys directing choir with Lee. A highlight of last year for them was getting to join fellow Re-Creation alumni in the video recording project celebrating Re-Creation's 35th anniversary.



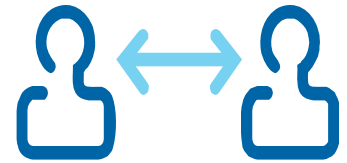
**LEE SHAFFER (RC 4,5)  
JENNIFER EHELMAN SHAFFER (RC 2-7)**



*"Troy and I have been married 8 years, Wyatt is 5 and enjoying school this year. I have been at WICU in Erie as 12News' Nightly News Anchor for almost 9 years now. We have moved back to my hometown of Union City and are enjoying the country life once again! I'm looking forward to the next Re-Creation reunion event to catch up!"*

**AMANDA DAGGETT POST (RC 9, 10, 11)**

## RE-CONNECT



*"I have been working at Sight & Sound in the Contact Center for 1 1/2 years since leaving the group. I recently bought a house and am living on my own in Lancaster City. I have been able to be involved with a few other theatres in the Lancaster area, and am also involved with the worship team at the Worship Center. I've performed in some local shows and am continuing to audition!"*

**ADAM DIENNER (RC 31-33)**

*"I live in Maryland with my husband Andrew and our two beautiful daughters, Katie (7yrs old) and Riley (5yrs old). We will be cheering on both girls as they sing the National Anthem with their school choir at a Frederick Keys baseball game in May."*

**HEATHER RANCK FRUTIGER (RC 16)**



Matt works as the Head Wrestling Coach and a Math Instructor at Winterset High School in Winterset, IA, home of John Wayne and the Bridges of Madison County! Matt's wife, Jill, shares dotting responsibilities over 3 year-old Gavin and 1 year-old Maria. Matt also serves as worship leader at church.

**MATT KIGER (RC 23)**

*"Hi! My husband, Albert and I will be celebrating 23 years of marriage in May! We have been living in Wisconsin for 8 years now. Our oldest son will graduate from college this year and is considering interning at our church for a year before going on to Moody for graduate school. Our second son will graduate from high school this year and we have been busy auditioning at music conservatory's with him as he wants to major in classical vocal performance. Our youngest, our daughter, is a sophomore in high school and is also involved with theatre and choir. I keep busy with family and volunteering in school and church. We thank God for His grace and mercy in our lives. He has blessed us abundantly."*

**DEBBIE WAMBOLD SELKER (RC 8)**

*"Hello General, (Nathan, for those who may not know!) I am still managing Habecker Associates, Inc. (for now) and waiting impatiently for the snow to melt so we can get on with baseball season. I am an assistant coach at Hempfield HS in Lancaster County. SARA(PATTERSON) (RC 29) is still working at YTI and teaching a dance ministry at church."*

**JEFF HABECKER (RC 25, 27, 29)**

*"After leaving Re-Creation 16, I spent about ten years in local radio before moving into the computer field. I'm currently a "support geek" for Weis Markets and a youth leader at Mifflinburg United Methodist Church. I'm also fused my love of radio and technology into a weekly podcast called Geek Acres. My wife, Deb, is a music teacher, while my son, Christopher, is re-educating the old man in second grade mathematics!"*

**DOUG RAPSON (RC 16)**



The Muller's moved into a new house near Hagerstown, MD, this past December and a few months later, on February 11, 2010, welcomed Kylee Marie to their family! Kylee weighed 7 lbs 9 ozs and was 19 inches long. The new parents are busy adjusting to a new lifestyle and continuing in their work!

**JENNI (RC 28, 31) & MICHAEL MULLER (RC 25 - 29)**

*"Good morning all, I am happily working at Merrill Lynch and witnessing God's love and protection on a daily basis. A beautiful family miracle has occurred within the last week that reconfirms God is watching over us. My sister went into cardiac arrest this past weekend and I'm delighted to report she is doing wonderfully and being discharged from the hospital today. Please remember her in your prayers for a continued recovery. The circumstances surrounding her ordeal were nothing short of a miracle. Thanks!"*

**JOHN MILLER (RC 6)**

Hey RC oldies...drop us a line...  
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## MARCH

3/1	Salisbury, NC VAMC	2 pm
3/2	Salisbury, NC SVH	2 pm
3/3	Fayetteville, NC VAMC	2 pm
3/4	Hampton, VA VAMC	2 pm
3/5	Richmond, VA VAMC	2 pm
<b>3/6</b>	<b>* Lancaster M.S.</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	<b>Kilmarnock, VA 22482 (804) 435-1681</b>	
<b>3/7</b>	<b>White Stone Church of the Nazarene</b>	<b>10:45am</b>
	<b>White Stone, VA 22578 (804) 435-9886</b>	
<b>3/12</b>	<b>* Agapeland</b>	<b>6 pm &amp; 7:15 pm</b>
	<b>@ Christ UM Church</b>	
	<b>Selinsgrove, PA 17870 (570) 374-8539</b>	
<b>3/13</b>	<b>* Salem E &amp; R Church</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	<b>@ Reamstown El. School</b>	
	<b>Reamstown, PA 17567 (717) 336-7378</b>	
<b>3/14</b>	<b>Salem E &amp; R Church</b>	<b>9 am</b>
	<b>Reamstown, PA 17567 (717) 336-7378</b>	
<b>3/14</b>	<b>Witmer's-Faith UM Charge</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
	<b>Port Trevorton, PA 17864 (570) 374-4400</b>	
3/18	Marion, IL VAMC	2 pm
3/19	Anna, IL SVH	2 pm
3/22	North Little Rock, AR VAMC	2 pm
3/23	Fayetteville, AR VAMC	2 pm
3/24	Muskogee, OK VAMC	2 pm
3/25	Oklahoma City, OK VAMC	2 pm
3/26	Ardmore, OK SVH	2 pm
<b>3/28</b>	<b>Bethel Baptist Church</b>	<b>6 pm</b>
	<b>Nocona, TX 76255 (940) 825-3577</b>	
3/29	Lawton, OK SVH	2 pm
3/30	Clinton, OK SVH	2 pm
3/31	Amarillo, TX VAMC	2 pm
3/31	Amarillo, TX SVH	7 pm

## APRIL

4/2	Albuquerque, NM VAMC	2 pm
4/5	Prescott, AZ VAMC	7 pm
4/6	Phoenix, AZ VAMC	1:30 pm
4/6	Phoenix, AZ SVH	5 pm
4/7	Tucson, AZ VAMC	2 pm
4/9	San Diego, CA VAMC	2:30 pm
4/12	Long Beach, CA VAMC	2 pm
4/13	Sepulveda, CA VAMC	1:30 pm
4/14	West LA, CA VAMC	11:30 am & 2:30 pm
4/15	Loma Linda, CA VAMC	2 pm
<b>4/15</b>	<b>* San Bernardino Elks 836</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
	<b>San Bernardino, CA 92404 (909) 882-2090</b>	
4/16	Boulder City, NV SVH	1 pm
4/19	Barstow, CA SVH	2 pm
4/20	Fresno, CA VAMC	2 pm
4/21	Livermore, CA VAMC	2 pm
4/22	Yountville, CA SVH	1:30 pm
4/23	San Francisco, CA VAMC	2 pm
<b>4/25</b>	<b>Calvary Ref. Church</b>	<b>8:30 am &amp; 10:45 am</b>
	<b>Ripon, CA 95366 (209) 599-4294</b>	
4/26	Palo Alto, CA VAMC	2 pm
4/27	Menlo Park, CA VAMC	2 pm
4/28	Martinez, CA VAMC	2 pm
4/29	USBC Convention	PRIVATE
4/30	Reno, NV VAMC	2 pm



## MAY

5/3	Salt Lake City, UT VAMC	10 am
5/3	Salt Lake City, UT SVH	3 pm
5/4	Grand Junction, CO VAMC	2 pm
5/5	Rifle, CO SVH	2 pm
5/6	Denver, CO VAMC	2 pm
5/7	Aurora, CO SVH	2 pm
<b>5/9</b>	<b>First UM of Castle Rock</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	<b>Castle Rock, CO 80104 (303) 688-3047</b>	
5/10	Pueblo, CO VAMC	2 pm
5/11	Walsenburg, CO SVH	2 pm
5/13	Wichita, KS VAMC	2 pm
<b>5/15</b>	<b>* Lorain Lighthouse UM Church</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	<b>Lorain, OH 44053 (440) 282-2383</b>	
<b>5/16</b>	<b>Lorain Lighthouse UM Church</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
	<b>Lorain, OH 44053 (440) 282-2383</b>	
<b>5/16</b>	<b>Windham UM Church</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	<b>Windham, OH 44288 (330) 326-2287</b>	
5/18	Quincy, IL SVH	2 pm
5/19	Danville, IL VAMC	2 pm
5/20	West Lafayette, IN SVH	2 pm
5/21	Marion, IN VAMC	2 pm
<b>5/22</b>	<b>* Montrose Zion UM Church</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
	<b>Akron, OH 44333 (330) 665-9817</b>	
<b>5/23</b>	<b>Montrose Zion UM Church</b>	<b>9 am &amp; 11 am</b>
	<b>Akron, OH 44333 (330) 665-9817</b>	
<b>5/29</b>	<b>* Montandon Community Days</b>	<b>tba</b>
	<b>Montandon, PA 17850 (570) 412-3230</b>	
<b>5/30</b>	<b>Montandon Community Churches</b>	<b>10 am</b>
	<b>Montandon, PA 17850 (570) 412-3230</b>	
<b>5/30</b>	<b>First Baptist Church</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
	<b>Milton, PA 17847 (570) 742-9125</b>	

## JUNE

6/1	Marquette, MI SVH	2:30 pm
6/2	Iron Mountain, MI VAMC	2 pm
6/3	Silver Bay, MN SVH	2 pm
6/4	Minneapolis, MN VAMC	7 pm
6/7	Minneapolis, MN SVH	2 pm
6/8	Minneapolis, MN VAMC	PRIVATE
6/9	St. Cloud, MN VAMC	2 pm
6/10	Luverne, MN SVH	2 pm
6/11	Tomah, WI VAMC	tba
6/13	King, WI SVH	2 pm
6/14	Milwaukee, WI VAMC	2 pm
6/18	PA VFW	PRIVATE

**VAMC: Veterans Affairs Medical Center**

**SVH: State Veterans Home**

*Sacred program open to the public*

**\* Variety show open to the public**

Please verify all show information with the phone number listed before driving long distances. For the most current performance information, please access our website:

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*Please contact any VAMC or SVH in your area prior to the show date for permission to attend a performance in that facility.*

