

Diamond Sponsor: Fayette Woman

We are so grateful to Joyce Beverly, Owner of Fayette Woman Magazine, for her generous gift to the Harvest for Hope Gala through a Diamond sponsorship for the third year in a row. Fayette Woman is a voice for and about women who live in Fayette County, Ga. Fayette Woman believes that everyone's life is a journey and no matter how grand or modest, every one of us has a story. Their goal is to cultivate a sense of community among their readers while giving their advertising partners a professional, trusted and positive environment for their messages.

Fayette Woman has been publishing since 2001 and just celebrated a big milestone this fall - their 200th issue. "Telling one story at a time is powerful but seeing all stories over time has generated a significant body of work," shares Joyce Beverly. "I love how a story doesn't just impact the person sharing it. It also impacts those who read the story to feel encouraged and hopeful. We often feel that we are the only ones going through our challenges, and to see someone else thrive is encouraging."

Every new issue is Joyce's new favorite but some stories do stand out! "In October 2005, Fayette Woman proudly featured Helen Kogel Denton, a retired veteran of World War II, who worked for General Eisenhower, typing battle plans for D-Day. It demonstrates how faithfully using your skills can have global and eternal impact. We can all use our gifts. When you start believing you can do something, you absolutely will."

Fayette Woman has been a voice for the Real Life Center to share success stories about the families we serve and the impact our community has on making a true difference in the lives of those going through very difficult times. "Joyce and her team have meant so much to myself personally and to the Real Life Center," shares Cathy Berggren, Executive Director of the Real Life Center. "The unique platform of telling our story and the stories of those we serve is truly a gift!" We are most grateful for this gift of publication!

Joyce tells us why she decides to support the Real Life Center as she has done so graciously, "To support a group who faithfully helps others struggling in our community is magnificent. Local is everything to us. Everything starts at home, in your neighborhood, in your town. Successes at home have a ripple effect on the community."

The printed monthly magazine is distributed to Kroger, libraries, medical offices, hair and nail salons, restaurants and more than 400 high-traffic businesses and service providers in Fayette County. "I am looking forward to both an exciting and challenging time to be in communications, and learning to take advantage of new opportunities," Joyce concludes. "The opportunities in our field are enormous and we hope to be on the forefront in our local community." Thank you, Fayette Woman for your heart for our community! For more information, visit <http://fayettewoman.com/edition>.

Diamond Sponsor: Country Fried Creative

A big thank you goes to Joe Domaleski, owner of Country Fried Creative, for a generous donation to the Harvest for Hope Gala. Country Fried Creative is a unique company that offers full-service digital marketing services. They provide planning, design, development, implementation, tracking, follow-up, and post go-live support for web projects, design projects, social media management, and other digital marketing programs. "We realize that digital marketing requires creativity, technical excellence, and ongoing management in order to be effective," says Joe.

Honored to be selected as Business Person of the Year, Joe Domaleski states that what Country Fried Creative looks forward to over the next several years is steady, sustainable growth. "We've been around for 15 years and look forward to another 15. We carefully hire the best, local staff to work with our awesome, diversified pool of small and medium businesses and non-profits." Country Fried Creative has a long and rich history of service in the local community. They have served organizations such as Bloom Our Youth, Christian City and City of Fayetteville as well as local businesses such as Senoia Bicycle and Maguire's Irish Pub with excellent web design and have a long list of other clients in our community who have utilized their website and logo design services.

Joe and his staff are intentional about serving our community. "Supporting the local community is very important to us - we live here, raise our kids here, work here, and help our clients who are located here. All of our team members are very active in the local community - it's the right thing to do," says Joe about his staff. We are so thrilled that Joe and his team are generously using their gifts of creativity and expertise to develop a new face for the Real Life Center website. These updates will create a new and pleasant experience while navigating information about the Real Life Center. Those who will visit the site will get to see first-hand the creative and technical excellence that Country Fried Creative delivers to their customers. "We support the Real Life Center because it's a very practical ministry, focusing on the needs of people right here in our community. There are a lot of great non-profits in our area, but the Real Life Center in particular seems to support those who need another chance to help get back up on their feet." "I am so grateful for Joe and the team at Country Fried Creative. They have supported us over the years using their expertise to support the Center. I admire their willingness to make a difference in our community!" exclaims Cathy Berggren, Executive Director of the Real Life Center. THANK YOU Country Fried Creative! You can read more about Joe and Country Fried Creative in the 2018 edition of The Source magazine which can be picked up around town. Visit <https://countryfriedcreative.com> for more information.

Diamond Sponsor: Rolling Hills Baptist Church

Rolling Hills Baptist Church has been an active supporter of the Real Life Center for almost one decade. They are a church community with a true servant's heart, but they did not get there by chance! "Back in March of 2010, we made a rather radical decision so we could focus more intentionally on increasing mission efforts in our community and beyond," shares Frank Mercer, Senior Pastor of Rolling Hills Baptist Church. "We had limited funds to make a difference in the lives of others, so we voted to put our church building and 21 acres of beautiful property up for sale. People could not believe it!" The building sold after one year, and the church community started worshiping in local movie theaters; first at Tinseltown in the Fayetteville Pavilion, and then at the NCG Cinemas in Sharpsburg where they still are today.

"So many church cultures in the US are consumer-driven, and people join churches to get their personal needs met," Pastor Frank explains. "We have a different DNA. Our church exists to serve Jesus by serving others with the goal of inviting Jesus into their hearts. If you are willing to roll up your sleeves and shed blood, sweat and tears in the service of others, we are the church for you," Pastor Frank adds. "We may meet in an auditorium at NCG Cinemas, but after each service we all scatter and we are everywhere, ministering in our local neighborhoods, office buildings, small groups and our partnerships with other non-profit organizations."

Missions and ministry is how Rolling Hills wants to define itself as a church. Whether they are building a house in Mexico or handing out water to shoppers on a hot Georgia day, they want the benefactors of the effort to understand the love of Christ through their actions.

In September 2010, Rolling Hills Baptist Church signed a one-of-a-kind formal partnership agreement with the Real Life Center to provide financial assistance to select clients whose needs exceed what the center can pay for. As part of the agreement, Pastor Frank personally follows up with each client to check on how they are doing, and to offer spiritual help if wanted.

"We treasure our unique partnership with the Real Life Center," Pastor Frank explains. "We all have the privileged opportunity to share God's love in tangible ways, and the Real Life does that very well. They are aligned with our culture. What makes the partnership powerful is the opportunity for our church to provide financial and spiritual assistance beyond what the Real Life Center can offer."

Volunteers have spent countless hours at the Center sorting clothing and incoming food donations, assisting with special operational projects and serving at the monthly Mobile Food Pantry. "Every day we wake up on the largest English speaking mission field in the world,"

Pastor Frank concludes. “We get to live and love like Jesus lived and loved, not only institutionally, but also individually.”

“I cannot tell you how much we appreciate Pastor Frank and the Rolling Hills team and their support,” adds Cathy Berggren, Executive Director at the Real Life Center. “What an honor to walk alongside them as we care for the community together.”

For more information, visit www.wheresthesteeple.org.

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We are grateful that Rinnai has been a loyal supporter of the Real Life Center's mission since 2014 by holding multiple food drives and participating in the Scouting for Food Corporate Challenge for the past three years in a row. “We are truly blessed to partner with a company like Rinnai – what a great example of business truly investing in community,” says Cathy Berggren. “Thank you, Rinnai!” This is also the second year where they have gifted the Real Life Center with a Diamond \$5,000 sponsorship at the Harvest for Hope Gala.

“Our employees told us back in 2014 that it was important for Rinnai to be involved in the local community,” shares Michelle DeFeo, Human Resources Director. “We love this community, its leaders and its people. Giving back is part of our culture. What we appreciate about the Real Life Center is that all support and assistance we provide goes back into helping local families get back on their feet.” Rinnai America Corporation also supports Bloom, Midwest Food Bank and the Atlanta Motor Speedway charities. For more information about Rinnai’s entire product line, visit www.rinnai.us.