

Our Savior's Youth Group & Y.A.R.  
Presents:

# Easter

## Celebration

Welcome  
Baskets  
Reflection Book





Our Saviors  
Youth  
Easter Celebration  
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Welcome Basket  
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# Prep. for Celebration and Putting together Baskets.





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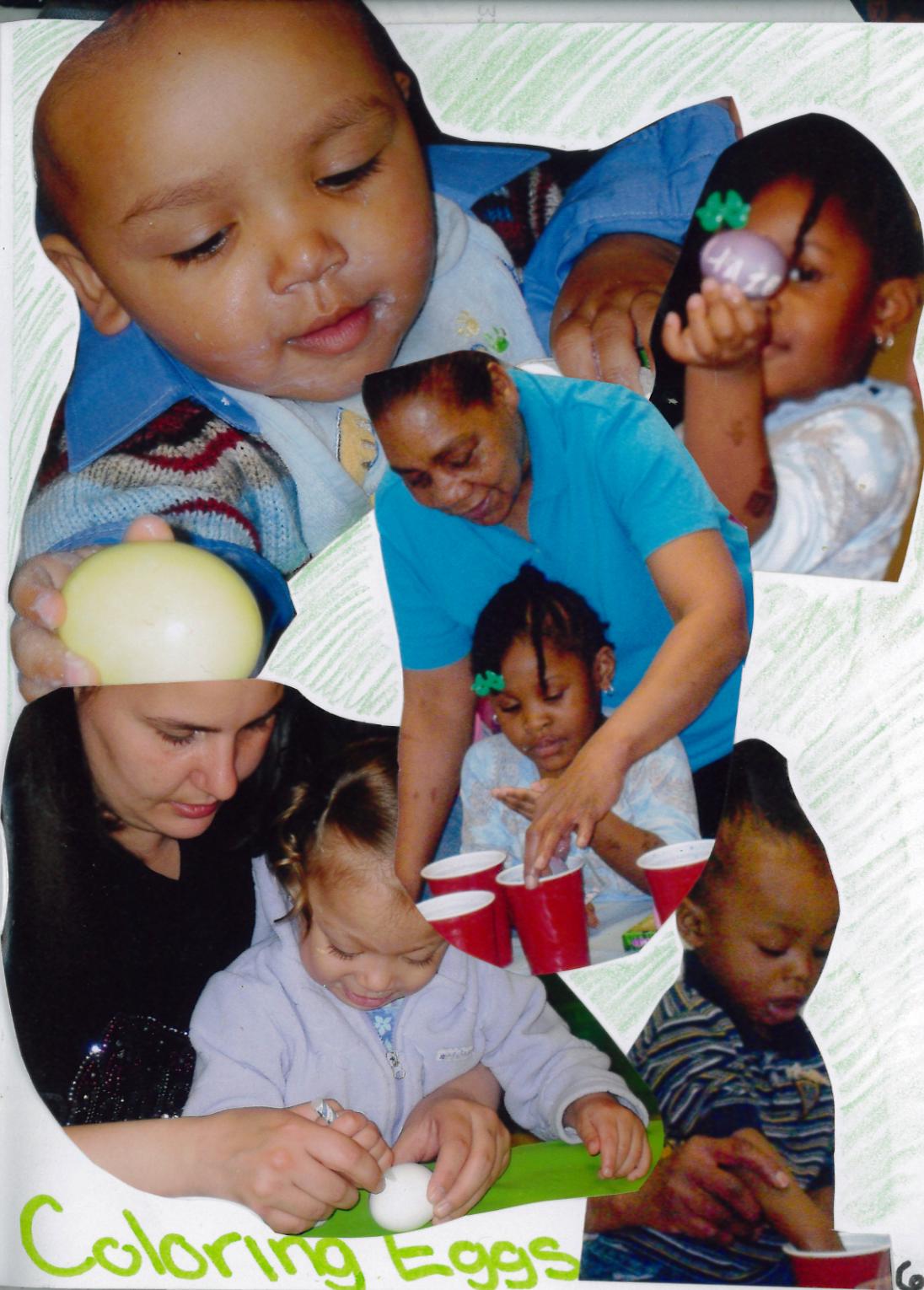
# Activities

## Decorating Cookies



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## Coloring Eggs

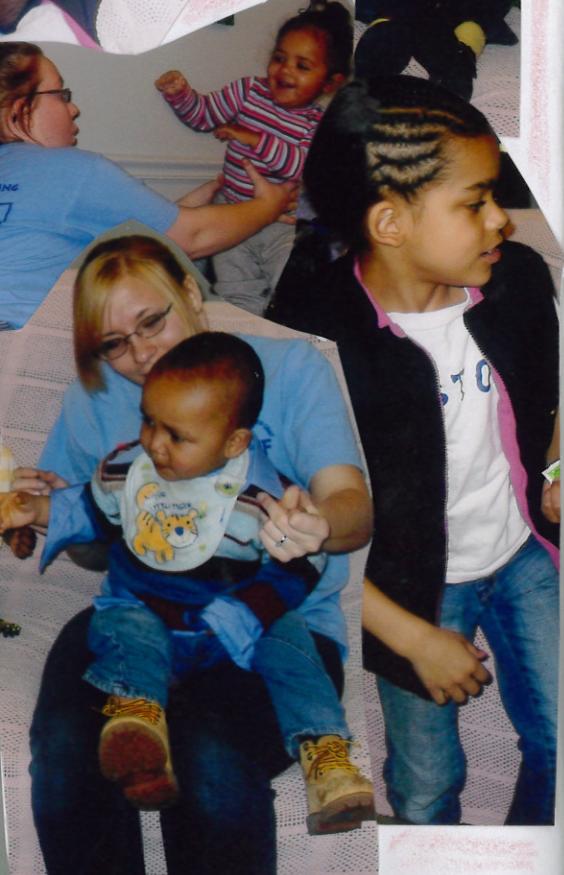
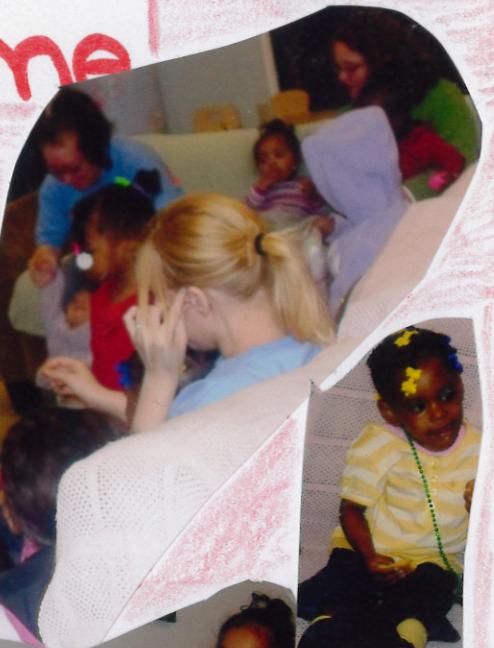
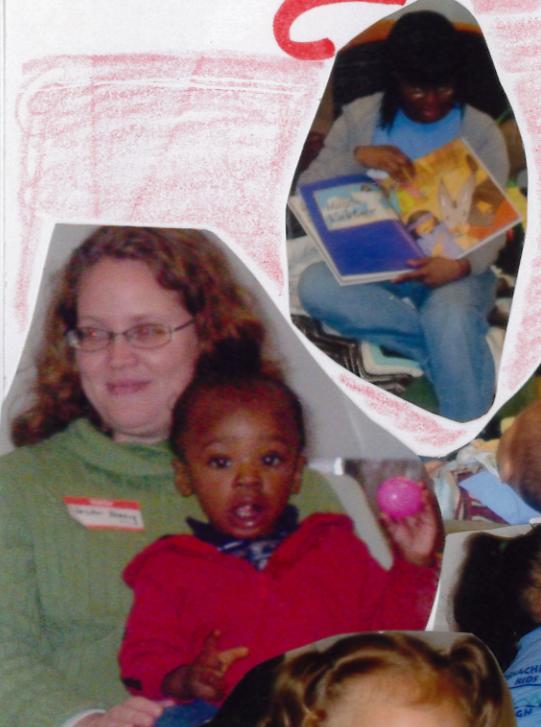


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# Decorating Eggs - Program



# Story Time!





When we started talking about this grant project the kids had a lot of ideas on what their project should be. The more we talked and brainstormed, they kept coming back to one particular project - the layette + welcome baskets and also an Easter celebration. They felt the kids probably wouldn't be doing anything special for Easter and that would be a hole they could fill.

Our youth work every Thursday evening with neighborhoods kids doing a mini camp. They play games, have dinner, do a craft and have some God time. They see weekly what poverty means and how something

Small can have a large effect.

The picked things for the welcome baskets that they thought would be helpful to families in their journey in and through the homeless shelter. The women in our church felt this was such a wonderful project that they knit all the blankets, hats, booties and sweaters. We also had private donors, our church foundation and the community. It started as something small and grew into something great. I would say 95% of my kids (from youth group) come from less than stellar backgrounds. The fact that they give so much all year round, makes me very proud of them all!

Julie

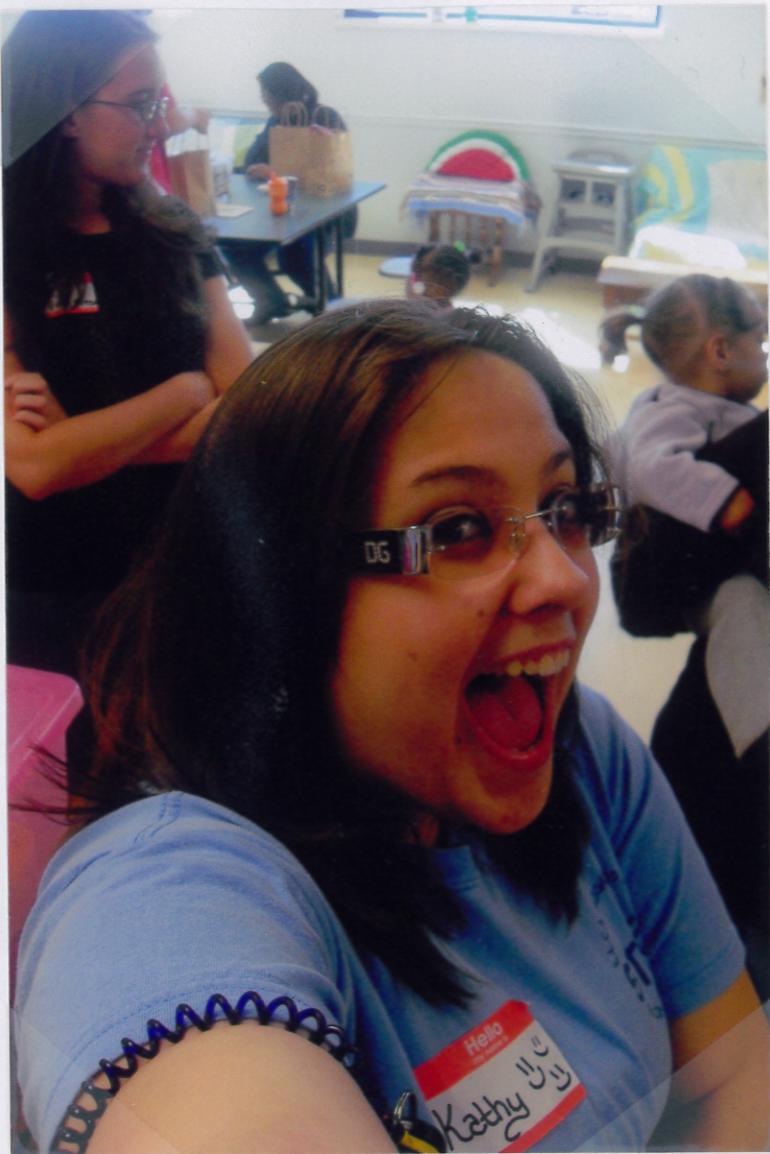
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I feel that this experience gave our youth a sense of accomplishment. They worked hard and with purpose. This opportunity couldn't have come at a better time in their lives. The core group that wrote the grant and gave the presentations are all Seniors in high school. I think working on this gave them a chance to see what hard work can really do, not just in their lives but in the lives of the people we helped. I know that they feel like they did a great job, which they DID! I hope that this will shape them in some part to be great adults.

Miranda

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Kathy McCarter~



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So, I had alot of fun doing this whole process. All the planning with everyone was alot of fun. The biggest part for me was seeing the little kids faces. As you can see in the pictures, all the kids had alot of fun. Doing all the crafts and other activities were really fun and learned alot from them.  
So, thanks so much for the opportunity to do this.

Thank You,

Kathleen M. McCarter

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After spending time with the kids at Halo it made me realized that I'm blessed to have a great family because I could of been in a shelter because of the situation I was in with my mother and father but I had ~~no~~ a grandma and Aunties that loved me enough to take care of me so when I went to halo I wanted to show the kids and mamas that they are not alone that you will always have someone there to stand by you. If I could do it again I would especially with my youth.

Melissa





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At the halo celebration i learned a lot. There are so many people out there that dont have homes. It really hit me hard when i walked in the door and seen how many people there was. There was so many kids their. Helping them makes me feel good about myself. Seeing the parents expression on there faces when they received the baskets, was unbelievable. They were so grateful for anything and everything we gave them. The kids had so much fun finding the eggs, and decorating them. Even some of the parents seemed excited about dying the eggs. Overall I had the best time seeing the kids and parents enjoy themselves.

Heather





This celebration at halo wasn't the first time I have done that. we also had a little celebration 2 years ago. The thing I have word ~~the~~ from this experience is that I have to appreciate what god ~~the~~ has given me. I am very glad to have spent the time to give the kids at halo a better day. I am glad that I made their day better for just a little while. I hope they do the same in the future. Kitty 21

What I have taken from doing this project is that I will never take for granted what I have been blessed to have. Seeing all of the people that lived at the shelter was heart breaking. But it was so amazing to see the happiness on all of the kids and even the parents faces during our Easter celebration. The kids and the parents had so much fun dying the eggs, and decorating the cookies, and going on the Easter Egg Hunt. I'm so glad that we were able to do this project at HALO, and without the help from YAR it wouldn't have been possible so thank you very much for giving us the grant.

Alex Scharlau



Some  
Other  
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