

Beyond March Madness

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Everyone knows March means basketball, and lots of it. March Madness is the showcasing of the best of NCAA hoops in this country. Unless you are one of those not into basketball, you will be among those inevitably talking about basketball and rooting for their favorite teams. But even if you're not a fan, you're aware of this March Madness and the excitement that is building among basketball fans.

We have a lot of excitement building at the Christian Grandparenting Network (CGN) too, but it has nothing to do with college basketball. Our excitement is focused on the opportunities the Lord has given us to share our vision with so many in the last few months, and to see growing numbers of grandparents and parents getting involved with CGN. Now that March is here, our energy and excitement is centered on our annual Fund Raising Banquet on March 24th when we will have the opportunity to share our vision with even more new friends.

As a relatively small and new ministry organization, CGN can only meet its financial obligations and continue to do this work effectively through the generous support and involvement of people like you -- people who believe that the mission of CGN is mandated by God, and therefore want to be actively involved with us as ministry partners.

CGN has no paid staff and no products or merchandise to sell. We do provide two programs -- GrandCamps and Legacy Conferences, and while the fees received from these help cover most of the costs for these events, a significant amount is not covered by the fees we charge. Additionally, we depend upon our donors to make it possible for financial aid to be provided for grandparents and grandkids who might not otherwise be able to attend a GrandCamp, and to cover staffing costs for these programs.

The Legacy Journal is a FREE resource tool CGN makes available to anyone who requests a copy. CGN is able to do this only because of the generous and on-going support of our donors. Each copy of this Journal costs over \$5.50 to produce and mail to those who request this practical and useful tool. We hope to be able to continue this practice of making individual copies available for FREE.

The CGN FundRaising Banquet, scheduled for March 24th in Colorado Springs ([click here](#) for more information), makes it possible for us to ensure an ongoing commitment both financially and personally to the CGN mission of igniting a passion for grandparenting intentional about helping future generations know and follow Christ wholeheartedly. The Banquet provides the opportunity to showcase our ministry to more and more people and to enlist their active participation with us in this mission.

This year our Banquet will focus mostly on our GrandCamp Fund to help defray program costs so we can keep our fees to a minimum, and to also fund the scholarship program providing financial aid for those with limited incomes. You can make a nomination for someone to receive financial aid and attend GrandCamp this summer. [Click here](#) or go to our web site to make a nomination.

I invite to join us for this important event on March 24th in Colorado Springs. I also encourage you to

invite others who may not yet be acquainted with CGN. There is no cost to attend thanks to the generous support of our Table Sponsors, so what could be better than a fun night out with incredible food and great fellowship for free!

If you are unable to attend the Banquet, you can still be meaningfully involved in a way that will impact generations to come and fill your soul with delight. Here are some ways you can make a difference:

1. Become a [Volunteer Ministry Partner](#)
2. Become a Volunteer/Contributing Ministry Partner ([click here](#))
 - a. Sponsor a table for guests to attend the FundRaising Banquet for only \$300
 - b. Make a financial pledge for one of these projects
 - The GrandCamp Fund
 - The Legacy Project (complimentary Legacy Journals)
 - On-going web site development and maintenance
 - General Fund to be used where most needed
3. Invite someone to join the network – ask someone to subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter and become a ministry partner with us.
4. Share your story – CGN is about grandparents sharing their experiences and wisdom with others who can benefit and be blessed. Write your story and share your experiences as a grandparent for us to share with others through our web site and in our monthly Voice of Experience e-newsletter.

CGN's Legacy Journal is a great tool for recording your thoughts about marriage and many other important topics that your grandchildren can read and remember for years to come. Order your complimentary copy today if you haven't already done so. Visit www.legacyjournal.org and order your copy now!

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