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Group brings positive message to young women

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Young women today are constantly bombarded with sexualized, air-brushed advertisements of society's definition of "beauty," materialistic overcompensation and little to no healthy, positive influence. That is exactly what the St. Francis Community Youth group is bringing to the young women of St. Francis this August, with a conference and concert featuring "Eternity Focus" for all junior and senior high school girls.

On Sunday, Aug. 31, from 2 - 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium, the Christian female artists "Eternity Focus" will perform and share the inspiring message of God's grace, healing, hope and love through testimony and song. The conference will contain music, games, giveaways and lessons relating to girls today. The goal is to build up and strengthen the young people in the community.

Eternity Focus is an up-and-coming group of contemporary Christian recording artists. It is made up of four sisters, Alika, Danika, Janika and Lainika Seaman. The sisters are from Lebanon and have been touring nationwide since the release of their first self-titled album in 2007. Eternity Focus has released four albums since then, including Live the Lyrics in 2011, More Than Christmas in 2010, Nothing to Lose in 2008 and Eternity Focus in 2007.

Their newest album, Live the Lyrics, features six original and fresh arrangements of some of today's top worship music. The group's goal is that everyone will be inspired to truly live the lyrics. The title track to the album, Live the Lyrics, has been playing on the radio, and been added to Christian stations worldwide. It was also a featured single on Nashville Publicity Group's Ten Project which was released in 2013.

Eternity Focus placed in the top 7 in the Group Artistry Category at Gospel Music Association's Music in the Rockies held in Estes



Park, Colo. during 2008.

In 2010, the group recorded More Than Christmas, which featured their Christmas single Wonder. The single aired on over 600 stations worldwide in 2010 and 2011.

The St. Francis Community Youth's goal is to build up the youth within the community. The group is asking the community to support this event through donations. There is an account "St. Francis Community Youth" at Western State Bank available for people to deposit directly or to mail donations to. The deadline for donations for this event is July 25. The churches in the community are also donating to help bring this conference and concert to St. Francis for the community's young women.

"With your help and support, we can hope to change the lives of these young people and strengthen them for their future endeavors," Jessica Matthies, St. Francis Community Youth group organizer said. She said that in the past, the community has joined together for several events including a gathering at Poling's Pond, concert in the band shell and Fifth Quarter events following home football games. With funds in the community youth account, we desire to have a community event for the youth once a month.

If anyone has questions, please contact Jessica Matthies. The group said they are excited to join together as a community to reach the hearts of our young girls.

The board of the St. Francis Community Youth includes Jessica Matthies, Jenny Busse, Jana LaBarge and Lindsey Patterson.

Alumni wrap-up meeting scheduled

The 2014 St. Francis High School Alumni reunion was a success, said Tom Keller, chairman of the board. Hopefully your class had a special celebration.

June 20 and 21 was a busy weekend for St. Francis with all the events held during the Celebrate St. Francis 2014 weekend.

There will be a debriefing meeting of the 2014 reunion, and an election of officers for 2015. Members of the 2014 team, along with the incoming 2015 board, will be present for this meeting on Monday, July 21, at 7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

To keep the reunion and association ongoing into the future there is need for an alumni association board. The reorganization alumni team and alumni attending the 2014 reunion voted that each honor class would chose a member to serve on the alumni board the year following

their honor year.

Classes from years ending with a 4 and 9 need to appoint, elect, or have a class member volunteer to serve on the board for the coming year 2015. Board members will serve a one year term, with the president elect serving a two year term. The by-laws require a minimum of at least five board members and allow up to 25 members to serve on the board. Most likely, the board will have eight to 12 members each year.

Officers will be elected from within and by the board members each year. The 2016 association board will be made up by members of the classes ending with a 0 and 5; 2017 board will include members of the classes ending in 1 and 6; the 2018 board will be composed of members of the classes ending with 2 and 7; with the 2019 board composed of those graduating in a

year with a digit of 3 and 8. The process then cycles again.

Please volunteer to represent your class to keep this reunion tradition ongoing, Mr. Keller urged.

The following alumni have already volunteered to serve on the 2015 board. Please join them to help make the 2015 reunion a success with input from all age groups. Members so far include: Bonnie Cram - 1944; Shirley Bracelin - 1954; Ken Bracelin - 1964; Glorianne Milne - 1969; Laura Lamb - 1984; and Heidi Straub Marquez - 1999. Volunteers from 1949, 1959, 1974, 1979, 1989, 1994, 2004, 2009 & 2014 are still needed to fill out the board.

Board members will need to be able to attend meetings to plan the following year's reunion. Please consider representing your class and attending this meeting on Monday, July 21.

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