

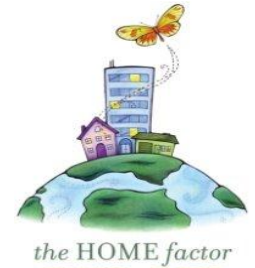
# IVC MOPS "WELCOME HOME" NEWSLETTER

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<http://www.geocities.com/MOPSIVC>

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE—IT HAS EVERYTHING FROM BLOGS TO TABLE INFO TO GREAT MOM LINKS!



## Important MOPS Summer Dates

1.) GARAGE SALE—  
 JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>, 7 AM  
 (LOCATION TBA)  
 FOR THOSE  
 INTERESTED IN  
 SELLING ITEMS,  
 PLEASE CONTACT  
 REBECCA 663-5477

2.) CHALK IN THE  
 PARK:

JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> 1 PM  
 JULY 27<sup>TH</sup> 1 PM  
 AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> 1 PM

3.) SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>  
 6:30 PM—THE START  
 OF THE 2008-2009  
 MOPS YEAR OF  
 "ADVENTURES IN  
 MOTHERING!"

## Confessions from a Working Mom...by Megan Pickering

Your first thoughts may be, "ah, she is going to express words on the true fact that every mother is indeed a working mother..." Well, that is absolutely true, but I am writing my confessions from the stand point of someone who is now a true believer in the fact that you are given the children you were given for a reason. I am mother to two beautiful, intelligent, passionate young ladies who are thriving in my new found pursuit of a career outside of the home. I can honestly say that I am a better mother for working outside of my home than before I made what was a momentous and very prayerful decision for my family.

God created me as an individual who loved learning, one who pursued higher level degrees, one who is passionate about meeting the needs of others and seeing justice reign in this chaotic world. It was only after having children that I struggled with this person who He had created—my head told me that obviously I needed to stay home with my babies, that is what Christian women do. It was this thought-process that began to literally cripple me as a person and most importantly as a mother. It was only through prayer from many of my dear MOPS sisters that I began to reaccept me, as God had truly made me, accepting His grace to become that working woman that allowed me to thrive again. I love my job. My daughters get to see that mommy enjoys what she does, and that I do it most importantly because that is just one part of what God made mommy to do and who He made mommy. So not only did He make me as a woman who desired to work outside of my home, but He gave me the babies who would enjoy it too! God truly does know what He is doing—we just have to stop fighting it ☺!

## Don't Forget

\*\*\*The **Safe Haven Table** is bringing Picnic fare for our next MOPS meeting on **May 8, 2008.**

\*\*\***Please bring a pack of diapers to the May 8<sup>th</sup> MOPS meeting for Sav-A-Life!!**

\*\*\*Are you thinking of what MOPS Leadership position you want to serve in for 2008-2009? If not, you should be ☺! We NEED You!!



ADVENTURES  
 IN MOTHERING

"...how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ..." 1 COR 13:1-8

## In the Garage

Debby H-M. (981-1200) **NEEDS** wall mountable baby gates and an infant car seat

Sonya Welch (sfwelch@bellsouth.net) **NEEDS** pack and play

Robin Brown (robinbrown459@hotmail.com) **NEEDS** a crib

To place a **NEED** or a **DONATE** item in this section, email Megan at: [Megan@vineyardfamilyservices.org](mailto:Megan@vineyardfamilyservices.org)

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