



THE BEFRIENDER

NEWSLETTER OF THE BEFRIENDER MINISTRY NATIONAL OFFICE

THE SAINT PAUL SEMINARY SCHOOL OF DIVINITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS

Foundations for BeFriender Ministry Revised Workshop Offered in July

July marked the introduction of the revised and updated “Foundations for BeFriender Ministry” workshop and accompanying materials. The workshop and materials are described on pages 6 and 7.

Participants’ evaluations of the workshop were overwhelmingly positive. The average overall rating of the workshop was 3.9 on a scale of 1 to 4, with 4 being “excellent.” Participants also included written comments on their evaluations:

The new training materials are excellent!

I have received the resources and support to be a successful, effective leader.

There was more to this workshop than I expected. It was a rich experience and everything seemed “just right.”

Some of the participants in the workshop were program leaders who had attended a previous version of the workshop.* Program leaders who were taking “Foundations” for the second time were asked to complete an additional evaluation that compared the previous versions of the workshop and materials to the new versions. The returning program leaders unanimously “agreed” or “strongly agreed” that:

- “Making Meaning,” the new small group process for learning from ministry, was easier to learn than ministry reflection and will be easier for them to teach and facilitate.
- The program leader materials they received and used in the workshop were an improvement over the previous Coordinator and Candidate Manuals.
- It was worth their time to re-take the “Foundations” workshop. ■

* Attending “Foundations” again is not a requirement for purchasing and using the new materials, since they are self-explanatory. If program leaders choose to do so, however, they may attend at a discount of \$300.

Pilot Workshop in Fargo

A pilot of the revised workshop was held in Fargo, ND, the week of June 21. It was sponsored by the Northern Cass Parish Nurse Program located at the Good Samaritan Center in Arthur, ND. Julie A.K. Anderson was the workshop host.

Feedback from the participants was the last step in fine-tuning the new materials before they went to press. Throughout the development of the updated workshop and materials, customer feedback has been an important element in determining what changes would be made.

The staff of the BeFriender Ministry National Office is grateful to the pilot participants for their feedback.

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OUR MISSION

BeFriender Ministry educates, forms and supports women and men as leaders for a listening ministry of care. Based on a model of mutuality, this national and ecumenical ministry heals hearts, energizes communities and transforms a suffering world.

A Word to You

From Susan Niemi, Director
of BeFriender Ministry

Some of you may be familiar with Henri Nouwen's quote about being a friend. It speaks so clearly about what a BeFriender is that we have featured it on our new book-mark: "The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing, and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is the friend who cares" (from *Out of Solitude*, Ave Marie Press).

Nouwen also had great insights on fundraising, specifically the spiritual aspect. Although we might first think of fundraising as a response to a crisis, he invites us to consider thinking about it from the Gospel perspective. In a 1992 speech, Nouwen said, "Fundraising is, first of all, a form of ministry. It is a way of announcing your vision, inviting other people into your vision with the resources available to them."

From Nouwen's point of view, a financial gift is a form of ministry for the donor only if it is good for his or her spiritual journey. In other words, the donor becomes richer, not poorer, by giving.

BeFriender Ministry's vision – to bring the gift of listening to others – is supported and strengthened in many ways, one of which is through financial gifts to the National Office. The names of those who supported the ministry financially in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2004, are listed on page 3. Our thanks go out to them for being in ministry with us. ■

Resources

To order these resources at a 35% discount, call Augsburg Fortress, 1-800-328-4648 and mention Promotional Code H27C. The discount is valid through December 2004.

For general readers

God of the Valley: A Journey through Grief by Steve Griffiths, ISBN 0-8066-5152-0, discounted price \$8.45 (retail \$12.99).

Beginning with the toughest question of all – "Why?" – *God of the Valley* gives a personal account of grief's questioning journey. Griffiths draws from the experience of facing the loss of his wife from brain cancer at the age of thirty-six, as well as from his pastoral work as a church minister with bereaved families.

Whether you are grieving now, have in the past, or know someone who is – it doesn't matter. Your insights into familiar Bible stories and passages will be unexpectedly deepened when explored with someone who is grieving. And you will encounter a God of infinite grace who affirms us for who we are.

Will I Sing Again? Listening for the Melody of Grace in the Silence of Illness and Loss by John McCullough Bade, ISBN 0-8066-4998-4, discounted price \$6.50 (retail \$9.99)

In his book *Will I Sing Again?* Bade reflects on his personal experience and struggle with Parkinson's disease. His journey with illness and loss are personal, but shadow the journeys we all experience as we struggle with loss of one kind or another. His proclamation of trust in a God of promise and grace provides consolation and hope to the reader.

Bade's poems and reflections, which arise from the depths of experience, are often evoked by thinking about his illness in the context of Christian liturgy and the Bible.

For specialized readers

Pastors, chaplains, parish nurses, counselors and other professionals

Healing Bodies and Souls: A Practical Guide for Congregations by W. Daniel Hale and Harold G. Koenig, ISBN 0-8006-3629-5, discounted price \$9.75 (retail \$15.00).

As healthcare leaders widely recognize, churches are second homes to their members. As such, they are ideally situated – indeed called – to serve their communities with loving, personal care that a stressed healthcare system cannot deliver. Hale and Koenig, national leaders in healthcare ministries, offer a practical and engaging primer for professionals, as well as lay leaders and concerned parishioners, on developing a variety of initiatives.

Shared Wisdom: Use of the Self in Pastoral Care and Counseling by Pamela Cooper-White, ISBN 0-8006-3454-3, discounted price \$11.70 (retail \$18.00)

Shared Wisdom focuses on transference and countertransference – the thoughts, feelings, impulses, and bodily sensations that arise in the helped person and the caregiver. The mix generates the pattern of meaning and positive or negative healing that evolves in a counseling relationship over time. To her new paradigm, Cooper-White adds the theological context. She discusses how pastors and pastoral counselors can tolerate strong feelings that arise in the relationship, recognize them, examine them, and use them to develop creative, religiously helpful strategies.

Cooper-White is Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, PA. ■



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Thank You to Our Donors Creating Caring Communities

We thank all of you who contributed financially to the ministry during the fiscal year that ended on June 30. Your financial support helps create caring communities wherever BeFrienders touch the lives of those who need to be listened to and respected. Every donation makes a difference.

If you made a contribution to BeFriender Ministry between July 1, 2003, and June 30, 2004, and your name does not appear below, please accept our apologies for the omission. We ask that you contact our office, 1-800-328-6819, ext. 25775 (651-962-5775 in the Saint Paul-Minneapolis area), so that we can include your name in the next edition of the newsletter.

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Based on a model of mutuality,
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and transforms a suffering world.*

Listening Circle

\$1-49

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Julie Berg	Peggy Lynch
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Sandra L. Skach

MEMORIALS

In memory of John Brannan
Members of the BeFriender group
at St. Joseph Catholic Church,
Hopkins, MN

Befriending Circle

\$50-99

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\$250-999

Mary Archer
Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Colorado Springs, CO
Susan Niemi

HONORARY GIFTS

Sandy Skach gave gifts in honor of
the 25th anniversary of
Fr. John Bauer's ordination
to the priesthood
the birthday of
Bernie McDonagh
the 25th anniversary of
William Umphress's ordination
to the permanent diaconate

* First-time donor

Workshops and Events in Saint Paul, MN

Use this registration form for workshops and events in Saint Paul, MN.
Contact the host listed to register for workshops at other locations.

Registration Form for Saint Paul, MN, Events and Workshops

List the title and date of the workshop or other event for which you are registering:

Title _____

Location: Saint Paul, MN

Date(s) _____

Your name _____

Preferred mailing address:

The address above is my:

home work church/organization

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Church/organization: If the name, mailing address, and phone number of your church or organization are not listed above, provide that information below:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Denomination _____

Special needs: If you have special needs for the workshop (access, etc.), check here. Someone from the BeFriender Ministry staff will contact you.

Your current role (check all that apply):

- Professional staff
- Volunteer minister
- Trained BeFriender
- Trained BeFriender program leader
- Other _____

Your BeFriender Ministry program:

- New Existing
- To be determined

Mail registration and workshop payment to: BeFriender Ministry, 2260 Summit Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55105. If you are reserving lodging at the seminary, you may also enclose your payment to The Saint Paul Seminary. It will be forwarded to the seminary's guest services manager.

WORKSHOP PAYMENT

Registration fee. Registration fees are payable to **BeFriender Ministry**.

- A check payable to **BeFriender Ministry** for \$_____ is enclosed
- I authorize BeFriender Ministry to charge \$_____ to my credit card (complete the information below)

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

If paying the registration fee and/or lodging fee by credit card, complete the following:

- MasterCard VISA
- _____ Cardholder
- _____ Card no.
- _____ Expir. date
- _____ Signature

LODGING

Lodging is available on a limited basis at the seminary residence on the University of St. Thomas campus (single-occupancy, air-conditioned, adjoining rooms share bath). Details will be included with the confirmation packet, which you will receive 7-10 days prior to the workshop. Room fees are:

- 1-4 nights..... \$45 per night
- 5-7 consecutive nights..... \$225
- 4+ non-consecutive nights\$45 per night

If you would like lodging at the seminary residence, please complete the following.

Lodging fee. Lodging fees are payable to **The Saint Paul Seminary**.

- A check payable to **The Saint Paul Seminary** for \$_____ is enclosed
- I authorize The Saint Paul Seminary to charge \$_____ to my credit card (complete the information above)

Female Male

Number of nights lodging requested _____

Arrival date _____

Departure date _____

If attending a 2-weekend workshop, list arrival and departure dates for the 2nd weekend:

Arrival date _____

Departure date _____

FOUNDATIONS FOR BEFRIENDER MINISTRY

Location: Saint Paul, MN
(Course description on page 6)

Cost and Registration Deadline:

- \$599 if we receive your registration and deposit at least 14 calendar days prior to the first day of the workshop.
- \$649 if we receive your registration and deposit fewer than 14 calendar days prior to the first day of the workshop.

Deposit Due: A non-refundable deposit of \$100 to reserve your space in the workshop is due when you register. The remaining balance is due at the start of the workshop.

Workshop Hours: The workshop begins at 8:30 A.M. and ends at 5:00 P.M. each day.

- **September 20-23, 2004**
Monday-Thursday
- **November 12, 13, 19, and 20, 2004**
Fridays and Saturdays
- **January 19-22, 2005**
Wednesday-Saturday
- **February 14-17, 2005**
Monday-Thursday
- **April 15, 16, 22, and 23, 2005**
Fridays and Saturdays
- **June 13-16, 2005**
Monday-Thursday
- **July 18-21, 2005**
Monday-Thursday

BEFRIENDER DAY

Fall 2004 BeFriender Day

- **Saturday, November 6, 2004**
9:00 A.M.-noon
- Topic to be announced
- Location: University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, MN

Spring 2005 BeFriender Day

- **Saturday, April 2, 2005**
9:00 A.M.-noon
- Topic to be announced
- Location: University of St. Thomas, Saint Paul, MN

New Training Materials

Workshops and Events at Other Locations

The following sessions are open to current program leaders, BeFrienders, and anyone else interested in learning more about the program. Use the registration form on page 4.

Information sessions

Attend a 30-minute information session on the University of St. Thomas campus in Saint Paul, MN, for a presentation about the new training and materials and an opportunity to ask questions of the BeFriender Ministry National Office staff. New materials will be available for purchase. There is no charge for these sessions. You will receive a reminder and details about the location closer to the session date.

- Wednesday, August 18, 1:00 P.M.
- Saturday, September 25, 9:00 A.M.
- Saturday, September 25, 10:00 A.M.
- Saturday, September 25, 11:00 A.M.
- Wednesday, October 6, 6:30 P.M.

Experience "Making Meaning"

Attend a 2½ hour session to experience the new "Making Meaning" process. These sessions, also on the University of St. Thomas campus, are scheduled immediately following the information sessions so you can attend both. There is no charge for the "Making Meaning" sessions. You will receive a reminder and details about the location closer to the session date.

- Wednesday, August 18, 1:30-4:00 P.M.
- Wednesday, October 6, 7:00-9:30 P.M.

Phone conferences

Participate in a 30-minute phone conference with a member of the BeFriender Ministry National Office staff. Hear more about the new training and materials and get answers to your questions. There is no charge for the phone conferences. You will receive a reminder and details closer to the conference date.

- Wednesday, August 18, 12:00 P.M. (CDT)
- Thursday, August 26, 12:00 P.M. (CDT)
- Tuesday, September 14, 12:00 P.M. (CDT)

Workshop Cancellations

In order to be a good steward of funds, BeFriender Ministry may cancel workshops with fewer than the minimum number of participants. If a workshop is cancelled, you may choose to have the fee fully refunded or applied to a future registration.

To register for a workshop listed below or to get more information, contact the person listed. Workshop costs will vary somewhat from city to city.

MICHIGAN

Foundations for BeFriender Ministry (Course description on page 6)

- **February 11-12 and March 4-5, 2005**
Fridays and Saturdays
8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
- Location: Saginaw, MI
- For more information or to register:
Leona Sullivan, 989-797-6671

MISSOURI

Foundations for BeFriender Ministry (Course description on page 6)

- **March 7-10, 2005**
Monday-Thursday
8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
- Location: Kansas City, MO
- For more information or to register:
Ginny Feeny, 816-741-2805, ext. 218

VIRGINIA

Foundations for BeFriender Ministry (Course description on page 6)

- **October 25-28, 2005**
Tuesday-Friday
8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M.
- Location: Richmond, VA
- For more information or to register:
Margaret Johnson, 804-266-2715

REGIONAL CONVENERERS

Regional conveners are a source of ongoing support for BeFriender coordinators outside the Twin Cities area of Minnesota. They host Foundations for BeFriender Ministry workshops and provide continuing education opportunities in their regions.

Colorado - Colorado Springs

Mary Jo Bay719-776-8242

Iowa - Dubuque

Sr. Marci Blum563-556-2580,
ext. 298

Iowa - Sioux City

Kay Morrissey712-233-7532

Michigan - Saginaw

Leona Sullivan989-797-6671

Minnesota - Crookston

Bernadette Dunn218-281-4533

Missouri - Kansas City

Virginia Feeny816-741-2805,
ext. 218

Montana - Helena

Sharon Amor406-442-7842

Ohio - Toledo

Sr. Mary Thill419-244-6711,
ext. 433

Texas - Austin

Barbara Budde512-836-1213,
ext. 203

Virginia - Richmond

Dennis Beeman804-359-5661

Workshop description

Foundations for BeFriender Ministry

“Foundations for BeFriender Ministry” is the core workshop for leaders who want to implement and maintain a listening ministry of lay pastoral care in their church, healthcare institution, or long-term care facility.

This highly-experiential workshop includes:

- Case studies
- Role plays
- Small group discussions
- Individual learning activities
- Reflection exercises

Registrants will receive approximately 2 hours of pre-work for the workshop.

Who attends

A team of leaders (2-5 people) from your setting attends the workshop. The leadership team includes clergy and/or at least one paid staff person, as well as one to three lay volunteers.

New program leaders for existing BeFriender Ministry programs also attend this workshop.

Time

The 30-hour workshop is offered in two formats: 4 consecutive days or a split format (2 consecutive days in each of 2 weeks). Workshop hours are 8:30 A.M.-5:00 P.M. each day.

Dates

Dates are listed by location on pages 4 and 5.

During the workshop

- Experience the training for lay ministers you will ultimately deliver in your own setting.
- Learn skills for facilitating a small group process for learning from ministry. The process focuses on ongoing skill-building for ministry and spiritual growth.
- Learn how to manage the nuts and bolts of the program.

By the end of the workshop

- Understand the three primary functions of program leaders: training, facilitating, and administering.
- Have a roadmap and the tools for implementing and maintaining the program.

More information

For additional information about the workshop, go to the website, www.befrienderministry.org, and click on “Workshops and Services.” You can also call the BeFriender Ministry National Office at 1-800-328-6819, ext. 25775 (651-962-5775 in the Saint Paul-Minneapolis area). ■

Program Materials

The new BeFriender Ministry program materials were introduced at the July 2004 “Foundations for BeFriender Ministry” workshop in Saint Paul, MN.

Candidate Workbook, \$10. For participants in BeFriender candidate training. Also serves as an ongoing reference for BeFrienders. 48 pages. 8.5" x 11". *Replaces the previous Candidate Training Manual.*

Trainer Guide, \$20. Guide to conducting BeFriender candidate training. 155 pages. Trainers also need their own copy of the Candidate Workbook. 3-ring binder with 8.5" x 11" pages. *Covers the type of information found in sections II, V, VI, and VII of the previous Coordinator Manual.*

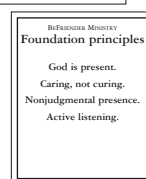
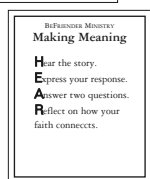
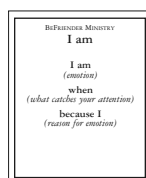
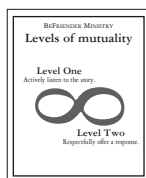
Administrator Guide CD-ROM, \$20. Information, tools, and guidelines for implementing and maintaining BeFriender Ministry. Includes customizable forms. *Covers the type of information found in sections I, IX, and X of the previous Coordinator Manual.*

Facilitator Guide, \$7. Guide to facilitating “Making Meaning,” the small group process for learning from ministry. 24 pages. 5.5" x 8.5". *Covers the type of information found in section III of the previous Coordinator Manual.*

Making Meaning Video, \$25. For teaching the small group process. Includes an introduction to “Making Meaning” and examples of a group participating in the process, with places to stop for group discussion. Choose DVD or VHS.

Tree Ring, \$18. Use in candidate training and as a centerpiece for “Making Meaning” Includes a wire stand.

Participants in “Foundations for BeFriender Ministry” receive one copy of the materials above, as well as samples of the Reminder Card and Bookmark (described on the next page).



Posters (set of 4), \$15. For use in candidate training and group meetings. Folded for convenient storage. 17" x 22". Set includes 1 each of Mutuality, I am, Making Meaning, and Foundation Principles.

Reminder Card (package of 10), \$5. Wallet-size card for use by BeFrienders in preparing for a visit or preparing for small

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BeFriender Ministry
Foundation Principles
 God is present.
 Caring, not curing.
 Nonjudgmental presence.
 Active listening.

BeFriender Ministry
Making Meaning
 Hear the story.
 Express your response.
 Answer two questions.
 Reflect on how your faith connects.

group meetings. Foundation Principles on one side and the small group process for learning from ministry on the other.

Bookmark (package of 10), \$3. For use as

an inexpensive leave-behind for those befriended. 2" x 7". 2-color. Features quote from Henri Nouwen on being a friend.

The following items are not pictured.

Pastoral Care Video, \$25. Recommended as an optional resource in candidate training.

It is a general overview of pastoral care that clearly defines how pastoral care is different than social visiting. Examples of pastoral care in healthcare settings are included. Also appropriate for recruiting BeFrienders. VHS format only.

Note Cards (package of 10), \$8. Boxed set of 10 note cards with envelopes. White note cards with BeFriender logo in burgundy and blue on the front. Plain white envelopes.

BeFriender Pin, \$5. Enamel cloisonne lapel pin with the BeFriender Ministry logo in burgundy and blue. For presentation to new BeFrienders when they are commissioned.

BeFriender Candle, \$15. Pillar candle (9" high, 3" diameter), ivory color, vanilla scent. BeFriender Ministry logo in burgundy. To be discontinued. ■

Materials Order Form

Mail: BeFriender Ministry, 2260 Summit Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55105
 Fax: 651-962-5790
 Phone: 1-800-328-6819, ext. 25775 (651-962-5775)
 Web: befrienderministry.org

YOUR NAME _____

PAYMENT

SHIPPING/BILLING ADDRESS (no P.O. boxes):

- Send the invoice with the materials
- A check for \$_____ is enclosed (payable to BeFriender Ministry)
- Charge my credit card for the total due (complete the credit card information below)

The address above is my: home church/org.

Phone number: (_____) _____

SHIPPING AND HANDLING

Please allow 2 weeks for processing and shipping. Most orders are shipped via UPS Ground. If faster delivery is requested, you will be billed for any additional charges. Prices are subject to change. Shipping/handling costs depend on the total weight and size of the order.

If your church or organization has a trained BeFriender program leader, an invoice will be sent with your shipment. If you prefer to pre-pay by check, call 1-800-328-6819, ext. 25775 (651-962-5775 in the Saint Paul-Minneapolis area) to determine the amount of the shipping/handling fee.

- ____ Candidate Workbook, \$10 ea.....\$ _____
- ____ Trainer Guide, \$20 ea.....\$ _____
- ____ Admin.Guide CD-ROM, \$20 ea.....\$ _____
- ____ Facilitator Guide, \$7 ea.....\$ _____
- ____ Making Meaning Video.....\$ _____
 DVD VHS tape, \$25 ea.
- ____ Program Leader Package, \$50*.....\$ _____
 (one of each item above – please indicate DVD or VHS)
- ____ Tree Ring (with stand), \$18 ea.\$ _____
- ____ Posters (set of 4), \$15 per set.....\$ _____
- ____ Reminder Cards, pkg. of 10,
 \$5 per pkg.....\$ _____
- ____ Bookmarks, pkg. of 10,
 \$3 per pkg.....\$ _____
- ____ Pastoral Care Video, \$25 ea.....\$ _____
- ____ Note Cards, boxed pkg. of 10
 with envelopes, \$8 per pkg.\$ _____
- ____ Pins, \$5 ea.....\$ _____
- ____ Candles, \$15 ea.**\$ _____
- Subtotal.....\$ _____
- Shipping and handling fee (call the National Office if pre-paying by check)\$ _____
- Total Due.....\$ _____

* The regular price of the Program Leader Package will be \$70 beginning November 1, 2004.

** Due to low demand, candles with the BeFriender logo will be discontinued when the current stock on hand runs out. A very limited supply remains.

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

To pay the total due by credit card, please provide the following:

- Master Card VISA

 Name on card (please print)

 Card number

 Expiration date

 Signature

National Office News

Regional Conveners

We bid good-bye and extend our thanks to four individuals who have served as regional conveners: **Mary Sherman**, Green Bay, WI; **Rev. Grant Story**, Omaha, NE; **Judy Scharf**, Lansing, MI., and **Lou Cocchiarella**, Toledo, OH. We welcome **Sr. Mary Thill** as the new regional convener in Toledo.

We also thank **Dick Frost** from Duluth, MN. Although he ended his term as regional convener two years ago, he graciously served as a contact for BeFriender Ministry in the Duluth-Superior area.

We are grateful for the support Mary, Grant, Judy, Lou, and Dick have provided to local BeFriender Ministry programs.

National Office Staff

Community and Event Coordinator Angie Fitzner has accepted a position as the director of volunteers for another non-profit organization in Saint Paul, MN. Angie has been on the National Office staff since November 2001. We wish her well in her new job. It has been a joy to work with her! ■



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Your support today will help meet the ever-growing need for pastoral care.

Name: _____
 Address: _____

The address above is for my:

Home Church or Agency Other _____

I am a: BeFriender Coordinator
 Staff person Friend

I want to give a gift today in the amount of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$_____

Check all that apply:

- A check is enclosed (payable to BeFriender Ministry)
- I have also enclosed my employer's matching gift form
- Charge my credit card. *Complete the information below:*

VISA MasterCard

Name on card _____

Credit card number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

Your gift to BeFriender Ministry is tax-deductible.

- LISTENING CIRCLE
\$1-49
- BEFRIENDING CIRCLE
\$50-99
- HEALING CIRCLE
\$100-249
- CARING CIRCLE
\$250-999
- LEADING CIRCLE
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