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Come and Light the Fire

It's that time of year where you can hear, feel, and smell the change in the air. The kids are all back to school, we do the ever famous changing of the wardrobe, fall sports are in high gear (Go Bucks!), days are shorter and nights are longer, and well... the mail that comes in piles that pulls on your heartstrings and asks for a donation. This is peak giving season and organizations alike are all going to be approaching YOU for help.

We at the Dayton Christian Center are doing our best to not fit into that stereotype of sending a lot of mail and trying to live within our financial means. With that said, I would like to challenge everyone who this newsletter reaches near and far to "Come and Light the Fire" (can you tell who else is involved in the Boy Scouts?).

With the launching of our new mission statement as of the last newsletter (Dayton Christian Center enriches and empowers lives one choice at a time.), we are taking a very close look at the programs and services we are providing. Our staff have 'Come and Lit the Fire' by taking a closer look at how they do things in the classroom, in the computer lab and out in the community. Our board has also 'Come and Lit the Fire' by making some tough decisions over the past year and are stepping up to meet the current and future challenges. And now, dearest reader, it is time for you to "Come and Light the Fire".

We are excited to announce that we are many steps closer to opening our new Infant/Toddler Room AND renovating our Kitchen at West Campus. We are also excited about the possibilities surrounding several collaborations with East Campus to better serve the families and community we have become such great friends with. Not only that but having the possibility of

starting a sports and wellness program to combat childhood obesity issues.

BUT... our fire is in need of fuel and our fuel source is the green kind. My hope is that if every reader for just this one newsletter were to sit, pray, talk about, pray more, and then write a check for \$10.00 we would be that much closer to reaching the financial goals for those projects (an envelope is enclosed to make it that much easier when you are finished reading this cover to cover). We have some major financial commitments already in place, but those donors are hoping we can leverage a match for their dollars. Can you meet the challenge and "Come and Light the Fire?"

As we move closer and closer to the end of this year, 2009 has been filled with new staff, new volunteers, new partnerships, new challenges, and a new mission statement. I am truly blessed to be part of such newness and feel that I have "Come and Lit the Fire."

I am constantly reminded that life always has ups and downs. Yes, I am prepared that 2010 may not be so full of newness, but the fire must be tended and maintained. If fueled the right way (and it doesn't rain) it will burn bright and be perfect for making the perfect (flaming) Smores or better yet, Dutch oven peach cobbler (or anything for that fact!).

What will 2010 bring? Will you "Come and Light the Fire" with Dayton Christian Center? I pray that you will.

In His Service,



Sarah Williams
 Associate Executive Director



DAYTON CHRISTIAN CENTER

EMPOWERING AND ENRICHING LIVES ONE CHOICE AT A TIME.

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Volunteers & Facts

Volunteers

Thank you to our volunteers during the 3rd quarter:

- ◆ Camp Extreme - Camp Kirkwood
- ◆ Miamisburg Christian Church - youth group for 2 days
- ◆ The Blair family
- ◆ LexisNexis Cares - Peggy Worrell, Patti Lewis, Kelly Ritzler and Jessica Vincent
- ◆ All of our YouthWorks youth!
- ◆ Our board of directors

If you would like to become a volunteer at the Dayton Christian Center, bring a volunteer group or find out more information regarding volunteer opportunities please email Betsy Fox at bfox@daytonchristiancenter.org or call the office at (937) 275-7174.

FACTS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING

A few recent findings about Volunteering in America (from www.volunteeringinamerica.gov):

- ◆ In 2008, 61.8 million Americans of the adult population contributed 8

billion hours of volunteer service worth \$162 billion, using Independent Sector's 2008 estimate of the dollar value of a volunteer hour (\$20.25)

- ◆ Over 441,000 more young adults (age 16-24) volunteered in 2008 than 2007, representing an increase from about 7.8 million to more than 8.2 million.
- ◆ Volunteers were much more likely than non-volunteers to donate to a charitable cause in 2008, with 78.2% contributing \$25.00 or more compared to a 38.5 percent of non-volunteers.
- ◆ Despite the challenges of a tough economic situation, the volunteering rate held steady between 2007 and 2008, while the number of volunteers slightly increased by about one million.
- ◆ Since 1989, the Midwest has had the highest volunteer rate among US regions for all adults, with a rate of 23.9% in 1989 and 30.2% in 2008.

In Dayton:

- ◆ Between 2005 & 2008, Dayton had an average volunteer rate of 28% and 441 service hours annually per resident.

- ◆ On average, volunteers in Dayton contribute a total of 30.3 million hours of service per year (based on 2005-2008 data).

The Dayton Christian Center thanks all the volunteers during 2009 for their time, dedication and service.

See you next year!!!

Where to find us:

- www.daytonchristiancenter.org
- daytonchristiancenter.blogspot.com
- www.facebook.com/daytonchristiancenter

The Fridge Page

Calendar of Events

October 8-9	University of Dayton Community Service (West)
October 15-17	ABC Ohio Annual Gathering (Columbus)
October 18	Martin's Meal (West)
October 23-24	Join Hands Miami Valley Day (West)
October 25	Martin's Meal (West)
November 15	Martin's Meal (West)
November 22	Martin's Meal (West)
November 26-27	Thanksgiving - OFFICES CLOSED
December 12	Christmas Party (West)
December 20	Martin's Meal (West)
December 25	Christmas - OFFICES CLOSED
December 28- Jan 1	Childcare CLOSED - Offices open with limited hours. Please Call.

Please help us update our files and let us know if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter or the mailing information is incorrect or outdated. Either mail back the mailing label with the corrections, email info@daytonchristiancenter.org, or call (937) 275-7174. We appreciate your help in keeping our records up to date!

Extreme Makeover KITCHEN EDITION

Have you heard? The kitchen at West Campus is in extreme need of renovation. Would you like to help feed children 3 meals a day? Would you like to help provide a space for the Sunday meals to be prepared that are open to the community, which provides roughly 40 meals each time? Well, do we have the opportunity for you. Please fill out and send back the contribution form to help us meet our goals.

EXTREME MAKEOVER KITCHEN EDITION CONTRIBUTION FORM

- YES, I would like to contribute to the Dayton Christian Center's 2010 Kitchen Project!
The new kitchen will provide an updated facility for serving 3 nutritious meals each weekday to the Center's children and for serving the Martin's Meal on Sundays.

Donor Name(s) _____ I/We wish to remain anonymous
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone (____) _____ E-mail _____

I/We would like to support the **2010 Kitchen Project** by contributing \$_____.

I/We would like to pay In Full. My/our payment is enclosed.

1/4 payment now and 1/4 payments on February 1, April 1, and June 1.

Go to <http://www.daytonchristiancenter.org> and click on "DONATE NOW"

Please designate your gift "2010 Kitchen Project"

Please send a statement/invoice Yes No I/We would like to receive the newsletter Yes No

Please contact me about making my/our pledge payment by credit card Yes No

Supply Donations Are Always Welcome

We are always in need of supplies for our continuous operations.

Please consider donating the following items:

- ◆ Spices (bulk size)
- ◆ Brown/White Sugar
- ◆ Ellison Die Cut Machine
- ◆ Tin Foil/Plastic Wrap
- ◆ Disposable gloves
- ◆ Baby wipes
- ◆ Diapers (sz 1,2,4,5)
- ◆ Kleenex
- ◆ Plastic Spoons & Forks
- ◆ Dish Soap (Dawn)
- ◆ Dishwasher detergent
- ◆ Laundry Soap
- ◆ Stamps (Forever)
- ◆ HP 95 & 97 Color/98 & 96 Black Ink Cartridges
- ◆ Craft supplies—feather, glitter, beads, pipe-cleaners, sequins, buttons, foam shapes/letters
- ◆ Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Meijer, Target, Kroger, Lowes, Home Depot or Staples



Kidz Corner



Another season turns since the last time I have written to you. As the air cools and the leaves begin to change, I am so thankful for God's goodness. We have experience so much growth in our children and in our program. It is wonderful just to hear the quiet noise of babies laughing and preschoolers hard at work!



I am overjoyed to announce that we are now a ONE STAR rated center in Ohio's Step Up to Quality rating program. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff and families we have been successful in our work. Thanks for your support in our efforts to improve the quality of our program for families and children.

The vision of a new Infant/Toddler room is in progress (much further than previously). We have requested a building permit from the City of Dayton and are waiting impatiently for its arrival. We are excited that we have been able to raise part of the money needed for the project, enough to cover the construction costs. I still do have need of some dollars to purchase tables and chairs, cribs, and shelving, and all the fun things that children need to play with to learn. Thank you so much to our wonderful supporters who have been with us in prayer as we continue to reach out to our community to meet the needs of many more families! Your faithfulness is greatly appreciated! Since we are two steps further in this journey we should be closer to the Grand Opening and the Baby Shower please look for an announcement on our website and in our next newsletter.

We have wrapped up our summer program with field trips to COSI and the Cincinnati Zoo. The kids had so much fun and we are glad to see them back at school (at least my ears are glad because it is peaceful in the front office with no school age classroom active during the school day!)

As always please consider stopping in to see how God is working in our walls. We will welcome you at any time and would love to show you around our place! If you have any questions about our current Child Development needs please do not hesitate to call me or email me at (937) 275-7174 or tjohnson@daytonchristiancenter.org

Tasha Johnson
Child Care Administrator



Vaniti Byrd

Hello my name is Vaniti Byrd and I am participating in the AmeriCorps Volunteer program and I am looking forward to this wonderful year with the Dayton Christian Center as the Childcare Staff Assistant. I will be assisting the staff in the classrooms and working on putting together some programs for the center's families.

I am currently in my third year of college, studying Early Childhood Education at Central State. I have a one year old son Tervon who is the love of my life and also a *handful*. In my spare time I enjoy bonding with my son, shopping, decorating, spending time with family and enjoying good food.

If you would like to contact me in regards to parent programming that I will be working on please email: vbyrd@daytonchristiancenter.org or call the office at (937) 275-7174.



Betsy Fox

Hello! My name is Elizabeth Fox, but you can call me Betsy. I began working at the Dayton Christian Center as part of the AmeriCorps Program in August and will be for the next year as the Volunteer Community Outreach Coordinator. During my year of service, I will be working with the volunteers and in the Dayton community and so far, I love it!

I graduated in May from Wilmington College with a degree in Communication Arts. I absolutely loved college and someday may continue my education. I live in Hamilton with my wonderful parents and our dog named Digger. I also have three sisters who I am very close to and call my best friends. I got engaged recently, actually on June 12. His name is Eric and we have been dating for almost 7 years! I also work part-time at JC Penney in Hamilton on the weekends. In my free time, I enjoy playing the piano, working on various arts and crafts projects, and walking Digger at the park!

I also love doing volunteer activities in our community and I especially love being involved with Relay For Life. God has blessed me with the opportunity to work at the Dayton Christian Center and I look forward to all the new adventures this year will bring!

If you would like to contact me to set up a volunteer group or opportunity please email: bfox@daytonchristiancenter.org or call the office at (937) 275-7174.



MAKE A DONATION IN MEMORY/HONOR OF SOMEONE SPECIAL



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To (person(s) gift is being named for):

Address (of person(s) gift is being named for):

From: _____
(please print your address on back of form)

(Circle One) In Celebration of:

In Honor Of:

Memory Of:

Donation: \$ _____

Office Use Only:

Received By: _____ Date: _____

Recorded By: _____ Date: _____

Thank You's

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Camp Extreme - Camp Kirkwood Volunteers

Can you imagine a camping experience that also includes a service component? Can you imagine a group of teens from everywhere who just met each other AND stayed up the night before completing team challenges into the wee hours of the morning? How about cayenne flavored jell-o? No?

Well, let me introduce you to just such a camping experience right in our own backyard. Camp Kirkwood, located in Wilmington, OH, has all sorts of camping experiences for all ages all summer long. Dayton Christian Center has been fortunate to work with the Camp Extreme group ever summer for 3 years now. They have done all sorts of projects from tackling crazy brush and getting Extreme cases of poison ivy to Extreme play with the kids at the center.

This summer was a good combination of projects from the time they walked in the door until they left to go back to camp to finish their Extreme week. They completed projects such as assisting in the preparation of the meals, reading stories to the kids, tackling the grass that was trying to take over a corner of the playground, sorting donations that had just arrived, marveling at how good of basketball players the "twins" were, to the reflection at the end of the day... "Of the counselors there, which one best resembled a fish" (which was totally hilarious to see).

The Dayton Christian Center wishes to extend a HUGE round of applause and hugs to the youth that spent the day deep in service and reflection.

If you would like more information on Camp Kirkwood and the camping experiences they have please visit: www.campkirkwood.net or become a fan on their FaceBook page at: www.facebook.com/

We look forward to Camp Extreme and all their Extremeness next year and for many years to come!!

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Semester of Service Student Fall -

Peter Ryan

Hi everyone! My name is Peter Ryan and I am a student at the University of Dayton. I came to the Dayton Christian Center through a program called the Semester of Service. I will be helping out in the different classrooms assisting the staff and helping the children in any way that I can.

well as hanging out with my friends. I hope my time at the Dayton Christian Center will result in new friendships and that I will have a positive impact on the lives of those at the DXC.



I am just starting my third year over at UD with a major in Psychology. I live in the northwest suburbs of Chicago and spend most of my time rooting on the Cubs, Bears, and Bulls. I also enjoy playing basketball, football, and baseball as

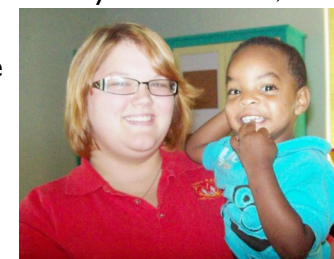


Wright State University Tutors

READ ABOUT TWO OF OUR WSU TUTORS!

Nichole Siders has been with DXC since October of last year, helping out in the toddler room. Nichole is 19 years old and is a sophomore at WSU majoring in nursing. While she isn't at DXC or in class, she enjoys watching movies, reading and art projects. Her hometown is in the small town of South Charleston, OH.

Nichole still has at least 3 more years of school, but she plans to become a flight nurse. Her favorite thing about DXC is the kids and she said that this was the first job she ever truly liked!



Sophomore Tineesha Goode has been with DXC for four weeks and loves working with all the kids! Tineesha is 20 years old and is a Nursing/Pre-Med major at WSU.

Her favorite food is Chipotle and she loves sleeping in her downtime. Tineesha is from Dayton and has three brothers and one sister. After she graduates, she plans to go to medical school.

THANK YOU WSU TUTORS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION AT DXC!!!