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*A FAITH-BASED
COMMUNITY
CENTER THAT
NURTURES
YOUTH,
EMPOWERS
FAMILIES, AND
PROMOTES
COMMUNITY*

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Executive Director Article

Our attention as a nation currently appears to focus upon two questions:

Where is our economy headed?

and

Which presidential candidate is going to make the climate in America conducive for growth?

We live our lives as Christians traveling through a series of hills and valleys from birth until death. I would like to remind you of some long lasting truths during this time of "valley" for our country:

God is still in control – Thankfully, this is an eternal truth that will never end. I have found in my own experience that it is during the difficult times that God teaches me some of the deepest lessons. I usually do not want to learn those lessons, but I need to. I encourage you to use this time to search your heart about the things that really matter.

This too will pass – Difficult times are interspersed with "hilltop experiences". We will come out of the valley and again to the mountainside, strengthened for our next time when we go into the valley.

There are others who are hurting more than we are – I am always reminded that no matter how difficult things seem for me personally, there are many who are struggling more than I am. People are struggling today spiritually, relationally,

financially and in almost every other category mentionable. Dayton Christian Center exists to do everything within God's power to meet as many of these needs as we can. Your partnership with us is critical at this difficult time in our nation's history.

It is vital that we continue to give of ourselves – When difficult times come, we as humans have a tendency to focus more upon ourselves than at other times. We are called by God to look out for the welfare of others at all times. Please keep you prayer, volunteering and giving strong not only for the Dayton Christian Center, but also for your church and community. You will continue to benefit from reaching out to others during difficult times.

May God richly bless your holidays. Please call upon us if we can be of service to you, your church or your association. We value these ties and pray that they will continue to grow stronger and deeper.

In God's love and blessing,

Bob Bishop
Executive Director
Dayton Christian Center



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Wilma Landis

Charlotte Lewis

Joan Silver

Jim Stokes

Mary Thompson

Sam & Daisy Neil

And a host of others who dedicate their time.



Volunteers & Donations



Volunteers

We would like to thank the following groups that have volunteered recently:

The Berry Company, Miamisburg Christian Church, Chillicothe Tabernacle Baptist Church, Spring Valley Academy, Sinclair Community College, Dayton Job Corps

There is always work to be done at either campus and volunteer groups are always welcome. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sarah Williams either by phone (937) 275-7174 or by email swilliams@daytonchristiancenter.org.

Donations

Thank you to everyone who has been making various monetary donations or donations of clothing, household goods, and supplies for the Dayton Christian Center. In the box below you will find our current supply needs.

Last newsletter we had informed you that we are currently not accepting donations of used clothing. We are proud to announce that our garage has been emptied due to two things: staff and community volunteers and a free clothing giveaway on October 25. With the help of youth from Chaminade Julianne High School and staff who volunteered, we set up tables, put out the items and then the community came. Many of the individuals and families that came out on that very brisk morning left with large bags full of items they needed.

With a cleaned out garage, we are now re-evaluating how we will be accepting these types of donations. We will post on our website and newsletter when these types of donations will be accepted again. Thank you for your support. Donations of new clothing and household are still being accepted. Did you know that the Dayton Christian Center is now accepting dona-

tions online? Please visit our web site (www.DaytonChristianCenter.org) and click on the "Support Us" link on any page. You can make a donation using your credit card or directly from your bank account.

We would like to thank everyone for their financial support of the Dayton Christian Center in 2008. Your church should have received a request from the Dayton Christian Center concerning your church's 2009 budget. Please prayerfully consider how your church will partner with us in 2009. Our needs grow almost every day and we need more prayer, volunteers and financial support to handle those growing needs. Thank you for your continued partnership in this ministry and your consideration for the New Year.

If you have any questions regarding how you can support the Dayton Christian Center please contact Sarah Williams either by phone (937) 275-7174 or by email swilliams@daytonchristiancenter.org

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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)
- ◆ Plastic grocery bags
- ◆ Stamps
- ◆ Brown/White Sugar
- ◆ Dishwasher detergent
- ◆ Household Items - brooms, dustpans, irons and ironing boards, curtains, dishes, pots/pans, silverware, cooking utensils, etc.
- ◆ Cookie Sheets
- ◆ Laundry Soap
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer
- ◆ Globes/Maps of all types
- ◆ Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Meijer, Target, Kroger, Lowes, Home Depot or Staples
- ◆ Canvas Tote Bags
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer
- ◆ Dictionaries/Thesaurus
- ◆ Round Coffee Filters
- ◆ Disposable gloves
- ◆ Baby wipes
- ◆ Diapers (all sizes)



The Fridge Page

Calendar of Events



November 15	First Baptist-Kettering Volunteer Group (DXC-West)
November 16	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
November 20	DXC Thanksgiving Community Dinner (House of Bread)
November 23	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
November 27-28	DXC CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING
December 21	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
December 25-26	DXC CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS
January 1, 2009	DXC CLOSED (HAPPY NEW YEAR!!)

You Can Make A Difference!

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education helps schools earn cash for the things they need, from books and computers to playground equipment. All you have to do is collect labels from everyday products and send them to the Dayton Christian Center.

- Some products include:
- ◆ Cheerios
 - ◆ Betty Crocker
 - ◆ Pillsbury
 - ◆ Ziploc
 - ◆ Kleenex
 - ◆ Hefty

Visit the website below to find out more information and to see a full list of all eligible products.

www.boxtops4education.com



Labels for Education

Help your family, school, and community. Join the Labels for Education™ family, and be a part of a wonderful community tradition. All you have to do is clip and collect labels from everyday products and send them to the Dayton Christian Center (**Please clip the label so it looks like the picture below, not just the UPC**).

- Some products include:
- ◆ Campbell's Soup
 - ◆ Pepperidge Farm
 - ◆ Swanson
 - ◆ V8 Beverages
 - ◆ Prego Pasta Sauces
 - ◆ Franco-American
 - ◆ MarketDay
 - ◆ Campbell's Suppers

Visit the Campbell's website below to find out more information and to see a full list of all eligible products.

www.labelsforeducation.com



Please help us update our files and let us know if you no longer wish to receive this newsletter or the 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.

Are You Ready for the 2008 Holiday Season?

The Dayton Christian Center is getting ready already for our busiest time of year and also the time of year where our requests for assistance skyrockets. Because of many companies downsizing in the area along with high fuel prices, many of our families are struggling just to get from one day to the next. Not only that, but we have had an increase in families who have never needed help before. A few things to consider financially helping the Dayton Christian Center with this year:

- ◆ Every November we put together a Thanksgiving Dinner that serves 150 meals. It takes a lot of donated time and materials to pull this meal off. We are expecting double the amount of people we served last year just because of the economic impact on these individuals and families.
- ◆ In December we also put together boxes of gifts and food supplies for our families. These boxes include: games, clothes, toys, personal hygiene products, towels, washcloths, a Bible and food.
- ◆ We are also seeing an increased need for our East Campus clients as well, and expect an even greater increase in the next several months when it comes to rising food costs. Also, when it comes to household items: buckets, mops, brooms, dustpans, sweepers, irons and ironing boards, pots and pans, silverware, dish sets (plates and cups for a service of 4), baking pans, bath towels/washcloths, etc.



Please consider making a financial or material donation to help us meet the needs of these individuals. Remember your donation is tax deductible. If you would like to help in any way please call Sarah Williams at (937) 275-7174 or email at swilliams@daytonchristiancenter.org. Please consult your financial advisor for more information. We do provide a tax receipt at the end of the year for your tax records.

Change Is Coming!!!

Beginning in 2009, the Family Focus will have a new look and will only be published 4 times a year. Since we have launched our web site in August, we have decided that we will be utilizing it greater to get news and messages out and reducing costs all at the same time. This means that financial donations we receive will be going towards client costs instead of toward the cost of creating, printing and mailing out our newsletter. We realize that this will take some time to get used to, but we welcome your feedback. Please send your questions or comments to info@daytonchristiancenter.org or call (937) 275-7174.

All About Childcare



It seems like it has been a long time since I have written an article and looking back it has. I have been back from maternity leave for about a month and back into the swing of serving children. My staff did a superb job looking after the center while I was away and now we are looking forward to the holiday season. Thank you to everyone in the Child Care program who helped out while I was away!

We are preparing our School age program for intercession. We have planned many fun filled activities to keep our youth busy during their two week break from school. We are going to the area parks, Cox Arboretum, a pumpkin patch for a hayride and bowling. We are including a nutritional component this year to have the young people help prepare a healthy snack. In addition we are including a service piece where the young people are going to visit the nursing home.

With the coming changing of seasons we are preparing our children for our Annual Thanksgiving party at the House of Bread, where the young people will be able to show case all they have learned throughout the year by singing some songs. We also look forward to being a

light in a world of darkness by providing a meal to our community.

As you may remember each year we put together Christmas boxes for all the children enrolled in the "In God's Hands" program. I have been told in years past that many of our families rely on this gift as their sole Christmas present. Thank you to all of our partners for continuing to support the Dayton Christian Center with your White Cross donations and Care and Share items. We are able to be so generous with our families because you are so generous! This year we will be able to fill the boxes with an outfit, a stuffed animal, a puzzle, a game, school supplies, diapers (for the little ones), blankets (also for the little ones), a toy (doll, ball or other like item) and hats & gloves. These boxes are filled with your love and ours to celebrate the Reason for the Season, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for making this possible!

Thank you to our supporters who have read our newsletter and committed to meeting our needs. We have seen donations of the items listed in our newsletter come in just when the last item was used and a supply run was needed. Thank you for being the arms and feet of Christ!

~Tasha Johnson
Child Care Administrator

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):

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(Circle One) In Celebration of: _____ In Honor Of: _____ Memory Of: _____

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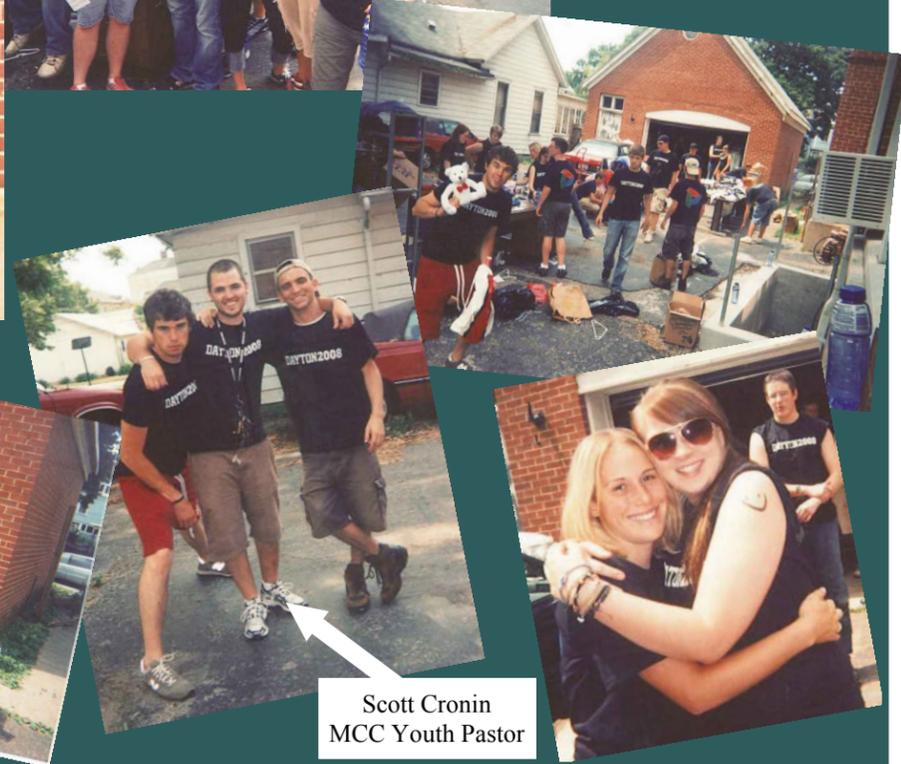
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Thank YOU!!!

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Scott Cronin
MCC Youth Pastor

Miamisburg Christian Church

Thank you to the youth at Miamisburg Christian Church. The youth pastor, Scott Cronin, has done a wonderful job rallying his youth to get involved in their community. The youth have adopted the Dayton Christian Center as a main project site and are in the process of raising funds towards a new basketball hoop. They will also be decorating our school age

classroom for the Harvest Party and then coming back the next day to spend time with the kids. We have been very blessed by their hard work, dedication, and passion to serve. Thank you again for all you are and all you do for the Dayton Christian Center!!

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Tabernacle Baptist Church - Chillicothe

The East Campus has been busy at work setting up the food pantry at the former ESP building. We have been meeting with the Newcom Plains neighborhood and they are very excited about taking on this project with the Dayton Christian Center overseeing the overall operation.

The Chillicothe group that came out trimmed

weeds, hauled out massive amounts of trash, cleaned out appliances, and organized shelves. Rumor has it that they will be coming back out to install some plumbing necessities and other projects.

We greatly appreciate their hard work and dedication in getting the food pantry back up and running!

Join Hands Miami Valley - Make a Difference!

The Dayton Christian Center participated in Join Hands Miami Valley October 24-25. On October 24 we had youth from Spring Valley Academy, Dayton Job Corps, and Sinclair Community College spend the day at the West campus with our children. We were very luck because the School Age youth are on their intercession break so they played games, sang songs, participated in a bible study and had some one on one reading time with the volunteers. The Spring Valley Youth also helped move and sort donations into their

various locations. On Saturday, October 25 with the help of some of the Dayton Christian Center staff and youth from Chaminade-Julianne High School, we cleaned out our garage and gave away clothing to the community. We will have pictures uploaded to our web site very soon of this wonderful give-away. Thank you to our staff and volunteers for all their hard work and making Join Hands Miami Valley-Make a Difference Day so successful!!