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CENTER THAT
NURTURES
YOUTH,
EMPOWERS
FAMILIES, AND
PROMOTES
COMMUNITY*

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Executive Director Article

The stories of ministry, growth and human need surround the Dayton Christian Center as I write this article. Just this morning, one of our young men reminded others that he was “on his way to school at the Dayton Christian Center” at our East Campus. This is a young man who is completing his education through our ECOT program. ECOT stands for Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow and is designed for students to complete their education who are no longer in the public schools; either by choice or removal. ECOT offers students an offsite, traditional high school education instead of dropping out of school or completing their GED. Dayton Christian Center East Campus is pleased and honored to be an ECOT site. Through your continued support, we can provide this education to more and more students. Your funding makes this and many other ministries possible.

Dayton Christian Center is one step closer to being able to communicate our ministry via the World Wide Web. Our planning team met to design the website, which will be multi-faceted. The target date for “going live” is the first week of July. Please add our website address to your files and check us out in mid-July. Our new web address will be:

www.daytonchristiancenter.org

The children in our childcare at our West Campus are EAGERLY awaiting the end of the school year. Once that occurs, our

summer programming kicks into full swing. Our children will immerse themselves into good fun, good learning, good field trips, good food and more! Please take time to read through this whole newsletter as well as view the pictures here and on our newly coming website. Please pray for our staff and volunteers for strength for the journey.

Please remember to keep your prayer and financial support of the Dayton Christian Center strong throughout the summer. Our ministries increase and do not take a summer holiday. Your strong support will enable us to continue the ministries you have read about in this article as well as many, many more services we provide. God has blessed us with your partnership. We could not serve to the extent we do without your help. Thank you and have a wonderfully blessed summer!

In Christian Love and Care,

Rev. Bob Bishop
Executive Director
Dayton Christian
Center



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Doris & Pat Landis
Wilma Landis
Charlotte Lewis
Joan Silver
Jim Stokes
Mary Thompson
Sam & Daisy Neil

And a host of others who dedicate their time.

East Campus Hustle n' Bustle

With school letting out for the summer, Dayton Christian Center East has numerous activities to offer the youth in and around the community. The center is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and three Saturday's a month from 9am-1pm. We plan on implementing summer activities and developing new friendships, all while learning something new in class and group.

Youth ages seven and up may participate in recreation, computer lab, and movie viewing, just to name a few. They also will partake in conflict resolution and anger management classes, along with sessions on self-esteem, communication skills, and listening skills. Youth will be attending a party that is created solely for them where they can eat, drink, watch movies, and play ping pong, air hockey among many other activities.

Youth have been attending conflict resolution class consistently and are

learning appropriate ways to handle situations that would have previously led to a fight. Youth are applying the tools that they are learning and are working diligently to understand why they are angry and that it is alright to become angry about some things as this is a human feeling. The youth then recognize the feeling and respond appropriately to situations as opposed to reacting and getting into a physical fight.

GED class and study is available Monday thru Friday. Please feel free to contact us or come and visit to see the computer and study area.

ECOT class is coming to a close and the youth have signed up for their classes for the 2008-2009 school year. Our ECOT students have officially moved to the next grade. Congratulations ECOT students!

Dayton Christian Center East will be hosting various volunteer work

groups over the summer who will be assisting with various tasks, such as helping get the building ready for VBS which Dayton Christian Center youth attend. VSB for the East Campus is June 23rd to the 27th from 6:30pm to 8:45pm.

Our DCI community service workers continue their commitment to helping the Dayton Christian Center improve as it grows in leaps and bounds. The workers have given hundred of work hours painting the building, cleaning numerous rooms, and building walls that are needed for creating new rooms in the building.

Please come and visit us at the Dayton Christian Center, East or call to see what new events and classes are going on and will be coming soon, at 937-424-3550.

Jodi Cole

Program Director

Supply Donations Are Always Welcome

We are always in need of supplies for our continuous operations. Please consider donating the following items:

- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Dishwashing liquid
- ◆ Headphones
- ◆ Canvas Tote Bags
- ◆ Dishwasher detergent
- ◆ Dictionaries/Thesaurus
- ◆ Round Coffee Filters
- ◆ Laundry Soap
- ◆ Older kids games
- ◆ Disposable gloves
- ◆ Bleach
- ◆ Stamps
- ◆ Disposable wipes
- ◆ Raw material for sewing
- ◆ Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Meijer, Target, Kroger, Lowes, Home Depot or Staples
- ◆ Diapers
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer
- ◆ Plastic grocery bags
- ◆ Globes/Maps of all types



The Fridge Page



Calendar of Events

July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY (CENTERS CLOSED)
July 8-10	United Way EMERGE Volunteers (DXC - East & West)
July 26	Momentum Volunteers (DXC - East & West)
July 27	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
August 24	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)

Please post this page on your fridge as a daily reminder of the Dayton Christian Center. Thanks for your continued support !

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 swilliamsdxc@aol.com, or call (937) 275-7174.

We appreciate your help in keeping our records up to date.

C.H.O.I.C.E.S

Thank YOU!!!

Thank YOU!!!



“Think Pink”



A special thank you to Mrs. Tiffany Taylor-Robinson for making C.H.O.I.C.E.S a reality for the youth of the Dayton Christian Center.



“Polo Party”



All About Childcare

Early in June the In God's Hands Child Care program was awarded funding through the United Way of Greater Dayton. Thank you so much to everyone who was a part of the process in seeking the funding as well as those who participated in the decision making process.

I write this as the summer seems to have become full blown heat. Our youth are out playing in the sun and having lots of fun. Our school age schedule is full of fun field trips and the summer reading program. We are thankful to have plenty of children enrolled in the program and willing to participate in our planned and unplanned activities. Our other classrooms are making plans for off site and on site activities.

We look forward to the end of the summer as we are preparing to submit our Step up to Quality application. This is the State of Ohio's voluntary quality rating scale. It is another opportunity for the Dayton Christian Center to show our clients and the com-

munity our commitment to quality child care.

Please continue to keep in your prayers our plans to open a new infant/toddler room. This room is greatly needed based upon our growing waiting list. We have encountered several stumbling blocks including an outdoor egress (for a fire escape) and construction costs. Please consider contributing to this greatly needed new classroom. There are also plenty of classroom items that will need to be purchased. If you have any questions or would like to contribute to this great new opportunity to serve please contact Ms. Tasha at (937) 275-7174 for ideas of how you could help.



Tasha Johnson
Childcare Administrator

Staff Spotlight: Jonika Easley

We have chosen to add this section in our newsletter as a regular feature. We feel that it is important to share with those who support the Dayton Christian Center the people who make the programming and activities happen. Keep reading to learn more about our staff at the Dayton Christian Center.

Name: Jonika "Niki" Easley
Staff Position Title: Lead Pre-School Teacher (West Campus)

How long at DXC: 2 years
Hometown: Charlotte, NC
Currently lives: Dayton, OH
Birthday: June 15
Family: Mom (Ruby), Brother (Terry)
Education: Belmont High School, Sinclair Community College
Hobbies: Shoes, Purses, Music

Pets: Snowball (dog)
Favorite Color: Fushia
Favorite Book: "Coldest Winter Ever" by Sister Souljah
Favorite Game: Monopoly

Favorite Song: Silver & Gold - Kirk Franklin

3 Random Facts about Jonika:

1. I love to shop!
2. Live, Love, Life to the fullest!
3. I'm addicted to shoes.

Favorite Quote: Pain only endures for a night, Joy cometh in the morning.

Volunteers

Thank YOU!!!

Thank YOU!!!



Spring Valley Academy



If you would like to volunteer at the Dayton Christian Center we can use your help with various projects and events.

Please call us at (937) 275-7174 or email swilliamsdxc@aol.com for more information or to register your work group.



United Way's Day of Action - AGAPE for Youth



Tabernacle Baptist Church—Chillicothe



More Volunteers

Thank YOU!!!

Thank YOU!!!



Miamisburg Christian Church

Thank you for your Heart of Service Glana Earnest!



Dayton Christian Center wants to extend our deepest appreciation for the life of one of our volunteers, Glana Earnest. Glana went to be with her Lord on Friday, June 13. Glana and her husband Jim faithfully, as health would allow it, photocopied the thousands of pages for our monthly newsletter. Glana at one time served on the Board of Directors for the center and held many positions within the American Baptist Churches and various organizations within the city of Dayton. She will be greatly missed by us all. Thank you, Glana, for serving your Lord through the Dayton Christian Center.