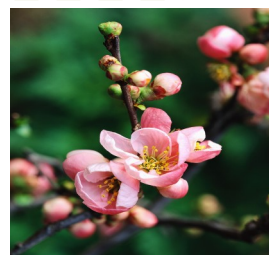


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The Family Focus

DAYTON CHRISTIAN
CENTER

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A FAITH-
BASED
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CENTER
THAT
NURTURES
YOUTH,
EMPOWERS
FAMILIES,
AND
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Executive Director Article

The ministry and the service of the Dayton Christian Center receive a special highlight and focus during the months of March and April. The America for Christ emphasis that most churches are undertaking identifies many missions and needs throughout the United States. I am thankful for several opportunities I have had to share our story with churches and association groups.

Dayton Christian Center continues to grow in our scope and quality of growth. In this newsletter, you will read a biography on our newest staff member, Sarah Williams. Sarah has been hired as Associate Director to grow our ever-expanding donor, volunteer and grant base. Sarah is incredibly gifted, has solid people skills and has relationships with many people, funders, etc in the greater Dayton and Cincinnati areas. Dayton Christian Center has been blessed with solid opportunities to grow and serve. I thank you as always for the role you play in supporting our ministry as our service grows exponentially.

Please remember that as you provide support for our center, you are helping to change lives in the following ways, among many others:

- ◆ Babies, toddlers, preschool and school age children received safe, quality care.
- ◆ Families were provided free income tax return preparation instead of paying an average of \$500. In reparation and early refund fees.
- ◆ Gentlemen coming out of prison were aided in skills necessary to provide quality jobs, housing, etc.
- ◆ Single mothers were aided with clothing, food and support necessary to stabilize their family.
- ◆ Teenagers who are not in the public schools are receiving education through our learning initiative.

This month, when you see the sunshine and the warmer weather, please remember that a big part of our job at Dayton Christian Center is to "Warm up and light up" the people we serve. We can only do that effectively through the love of Christ and your support.

Thank you beyond what words can express.

Blessings to each of you,

Bob Bishop,
Executive Director



You Can Help!

Have you been wondering what your financial donations can do at the Dayton Christian Center and how you can make a BIG impact?

The following gifts can go a long way:

- ◆ \$5,000 - New flooring for the Toddler and Preschool classrooms.
- ◆ \$1000 – 2 full weeks of case management services at our East Dayton location.
- ◆ \$500 – New windows for our food pantry that will be reopening in East Dayton.
- ◆ \$500 – 3 months of everyday supplies for our Childcare program in West Dayton
- ◆ \$250 – Feeding programs and food for approximately 100 children and adults at both locations
- ◆ \$100 – 2 months of programs/trips for our children in West Dayton

- ◆ \$50 – Approximate cost of serving one child for one week
- ◆ \$25 – Approximate cost of serving one adult client one time.



There are several ways you or your group can make these items a possibility for the Dayton Christian Center.

- 1) Make a one time financial gift. Don't forget you can do this in memory of, in honor of, or in celebration of someone or a special event.
- 2) Set up a pledge for the remainder of the 2008 year by contacting Sarah at (937) 275-7174.
- 3) Check with your company's Human Resources Department to see if a matching program for employee donations exists. Many

companies sponsor programs that enable their employees, spouses and retirees to double or triple their personal contributions. Some companies use electronic filing which eliminates the need for a matching gift form. If your employer does have a Matching Gift Program, request a matching gift form from your employer (or fill one out electronically), and send your part completed and signed with your gift to the Dayton Christian Center

In your gift, please let us know if there is a specific project you would like to support so we may designate your gift appropriately. Any gifts undesignated will be used where the need is the greatest and are always welcomed and preferred. Also, if you wish to remain anonymous, please indicate that as well and we will respect your privacy.

Thank you for your support of the Dayton Christian Center. If you have questions please contact Sarah Williams at (937) 275-7174.

Supply Donations Are Always Welcome

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

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| ◆ Paper towels | ◆ Dishwashing liquid | ◆ Triple Antibiotic |
| ◆ Napkins | ◆ Dishwasher detergent | ◆ Band-Aids/First Aid Supplies |
| ◆ Disposable gloves | ◆ Laundry Soap | ◆ Canvas Tote Bags |
| ◆ Disposable wipes | ◆ Bleach | ◆ Raw material for sewing needs |
| ◆ Diapers | ◆ Hand Sanitizer | ◆ Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Meijer, or Target |
| ◆ Liquid hand soap | ◆ Globes/Maps of all types | |
| ◆ Plastic grocery bags | ◆ Casio FX260 Calculators | |



All About Childcare

As I type this article the sun is pouring in the window of my "new" office. For those of you who haven't been to our site in a while (or ever), we did a major face lift to the building this year, including moving the Child Care Director's office to the front of the building. It was an opportunity to be able to provide better security for the building and be able to greet our visitors and families immediately.

It is a sunny day in March and after a few days of rain we were excited to be able to have the sun shining, to be able to take the children outdoors to get some fresh air and play in the sun for our vitamin D deprived bodies. This spring brings many things to mind from celebrating the Easter season to new buds on the trees and bright green grass (almost here). This year the School Age children are on intercession for only a week and half, having it cut back due to an over usage of snow/hot days in the fall. So we are excited to go skating, bowling and out for a fun pizza party. We are also looking forward to having our friends from Chillicothe Tab-

ernacle come and perform with their puppet team.

As always there are many ways to help the Christian Center. We are still in need of items for our classrooms and for our daily operations. If you would like to help out with some of our larger items (maybe in cooperation with another group) please contact Tasha at (937) 275-7174 for some ideas of how you or your group can support our programs.

Tasha Johnson
Childcare Administrator



Staff Spotlight

We would like to welcome the newest member of the Dayton Christian Center Staff, Sarah Williams as our Associate Director. Her primary responsibilities will be donor relations, fundraising, special events, marketing, and operations management.

Sarah is a 2004 graduate of Wright State University with a Bachelors in Science and a certificate in Nonprofit Management and a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). She has a long history working in the nonprofit sector with agencies such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and most recently, the Tom Geiger Guest

House in Cincinnati.



On a more personal note. Sarah, her husband Danny, and son Alex live in Middletown where they are working to fix up their 1929 Sears catalog home. They are expecting their 2nd child June 28th and are very excited to find out if it will be a boy or a girl.

She's looking forward to meeting everyone who supports the Dayton Christian Center. Feel free to drop in (or a note) and say "hi"!

Other random information about Sarah:

Hometown: Elyria, OH

Family: Mom (Linda), Dad (Lennard), Brother (Ben)

Other titles: Aunt (times 2), Godmother

Favorite Color: Pink

Hobbies: Quilting, sewing, music, gardening, classic car restoration

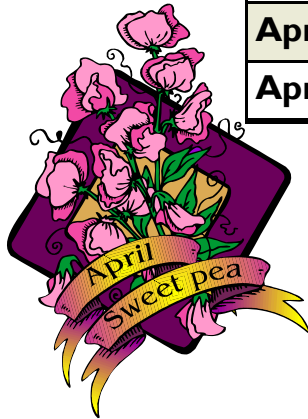
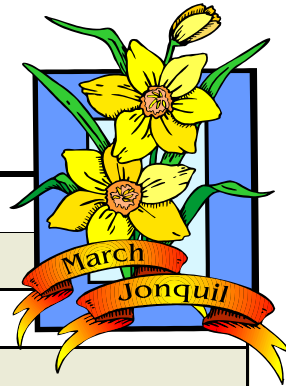
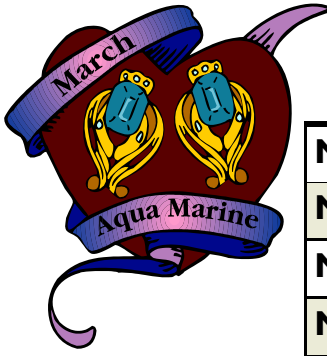
Pets: 3 cats

Favorite Quote: "What we do in life, echoes in eternity." - Gladiator -

The Fridge Page

Calendar of Events (March/April)

March 16	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
March 21	Good Friday - Center Closed
March 23	Happy Easter - No Martin's Meal
March 30	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
April 5 (9a-12p)	Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training (DXC-East)
April 14 (4:00pm)	Last Day for Tax Preparation (DXC-East)
April 15 (6p-9p)	Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training (DXC-East)
April 20	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
April 27	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 collect labels from everyday products and send them to the Dayton Christian Center

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

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

www.labelsforeducation.com



Volunteering Opportunities

Would you like to get involved with your time and talent at the Dayton Christian Center? Do you have a volunteer hour requirement that needs filled for a group you are involved in? Why not consider spending a few hours helping out at the Dayton Christian Center.

Our Current Volunteer Opportunities at both sites are:

- ◆ Grounds Maintenance
- ◆ Cleaning of the Annex
- ◆ Fixing up Pavers
- ◆ Sorting of Thrift Store
- ◆ Clean out radiators
- ◆ Painting (only on week-

ends)

- ◆ General Handyman work
- ◆ General Cleaning
- ◆ Office assistance
- ◆ Transportation/Vehicle maintenance
- ◆ Reading Stories
- ◆ Mentors for all ages
- ◆ Weekly Bread Pickups

We are in the process of making our volunteer program a more formalized process. This is mainly so we can better utilize our volunteers talents, fit the needs of the center, track hours and projects as well as for reporting purposes.



If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sarah Williams either by phone (937) 275-7174 or by email swilliamsdxc@aol.com for a short volunteer survey or to discuss. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us to be more organized.

Semester of Service



Semester of Service (SOS) is a unique opportunity for University of Dayton undergraduate students to take a semester away from classes and

serve full-time in non-profit centers for inner-city children and teens, individuals who are homeless, and neighborhoods undergoing revitalization. Students gain new skills, insight into social justice issues, and earn a stipend -- all while continuing their UD education.

The Dayton Christian Center has been blessed to be an agency who has benefited greatly from this program since Fall of 2004.

Each student has to apply to the SOS program, tour all of the agencies that they are interested in, and the student then calls to set up an interview with the agencies they wish to work in. After the interviews have been completed each student ranks their top choices and the agencies in return get to rank the students.



This semester (January—May) our SOS student has been Kevin Berry and boy have we kept him busy. He has been working at both the East and

West locations helping out where needed like painting projects, assisting in the school age rooms, and moving furniture.

The Dayton Christian Center allows the students to take ownership of a project of their choice. Kevin's project has been setting up Big Brothers, Big Sisters at the West Campus. The Big Brother's and Big Sisters (UD Students) get together each Friday with the kids at the center and do things like play games, extra activities like skating and a trip to UD. The main purpose of this program is to develop one on one relationships and creating a role model for the younger kids.

We deeply appreciate Kevin's dedication to the Dayton Christian Center and hope he will continue his involvement after his semester of service is over.