

Dayton Christian Center

1352 West Riverview Ave

Dayton, OH 45402

Phone: 937-275-7174

Fax: 937-275-3222

www.DaytonChristianCenter.org

2008-2009 Mission
U.S. Mission
#214
#2008, 2009
Mission 2008-2009



Partner Agency
America's
Second Harvest
The Nation's
Food Bank Network
Ending Hunger

The Family Focus

1352 West Riverview Ave

Dayton, OH 45402

Phone: 937-275-7174

101 Linden Ave

Dayton, OH 45403

Phone: 937-424-3550

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2008

DAYTON CHRISTIAN CENTER

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

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Volunteer Business 2

Supply Donations 2

All About Childcare 3

Staff Spotlight 3

Thank you letters from others 4

Semester of Service Student 5

Are You Ready?? 6

Congratulations 6

The Fridge Page & Make a Difference 7

Executive Director Article

We are realizing in our ministry at the Dayton Christian Center that the summer is coming to its' end. We hosted a Back to School Festival on Friday, August 8 at our West campus. It was a beautiful day to enjoy hot dogs and music outside while at the same time gifting our children and families with school supplies and backpacks that had been graciously donated. Many of our school age children began school on Monday, August 11, so this was a perfect "wind down" to begin the journey back to school. Our East Campus is also gearing up for the teens we serve to return to school by providing support for their educational process through our various tutoring programs and classes for families. Education is paramount to what we are called to do as a Christian center.

Our website "went live" on August 1st. If you have not had an opportunity to surf the site, please take a moment to do that. Parts of it are still under construction, but you will be able to get a good idea of what we do and our ongoing needs. The address of the website is:

www.DaytonChristianCenter.org

In addition to discovering our many ministries and services, you will also be able to donate online through a secured server if you prefer to donate in that fashion.

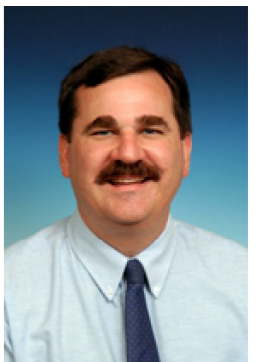
Dayton Christian Center is in the process of obtaining certification for our reentry programs as well as our drug and alcohol service programs. Both of these certifications will allow Dayton Christian Center to take these programs to a new level of excellence. The people we serve (the people you help support) will receive the benefit of that excellence. This benefit will allow us to better serve the needs of people in our ongoing journey of empowering individuals and families.

Our ministry continues its exponential growth pattern of numbers of people we serve. We are trying to service this growth on limited resources. Your commitment to us through prayer, volunteers and finances is needed now more than ever. As you experience the typical crisp, cool fall, please support the Dayton Christian Center so we can provide a "cup of cold water in Jesus' name" through all we do.

Thank you so much for your partnership with us.

In God's Blessings,

Rev. Bob Bishop,
Executive Director



Our Dedicated Staff and Volunteers

Board of Directors

Dr. Carl Marquette,
President

Mrs. Mildred Archie

Mrs. Louis Foy

Mrs. Johnelle Kennedy

Dr. Robert Koerker

Rev. Roland Marcus

Mrs. Shelley Outlaw

Mr. Steve Williams

DXC West Staff

Rev. Robert Bishop, Executive Director

Sarah Williams, Associate Exec. Director

Marilynn Welsh, Finance Manager

Tasha Johnson, Childcare Administrator

Tiffany Taylor-Robinson, CHOICES

Ruby Easley, Staff Lead Teacher

Sharita Corbitt, Infant Care Giver

Jonika Easley, Lead Preschool Teacher

Lonetta Goines, Lead School-age Teacher

Angel Tillman, Lead Toddler Teacher

Yvonne Norvell, Toddler Teacher

Janelle Ringer, Childcare Assistant

Crissy Moore, Childcare Assistant

Asia Roberts, Cook

DXC East Staff

Jodi Cole, Program Director

Kevin Ballentine, Alternative Educ. Specialist

Abdur Rashid, Community Program Leader

Andre Morris, Community Program Leader

Jacqueline Klumb, Receptionist

Univ. of Dayton Semester of Service Student

Dorothy Allen

Tiffany Brown

Bob Carpenter

Marilyn Craig

Betty Green

Bev Harrell

Libby Hornbeck

Emily Taylor

Frances Williamson

Volunteers

Dawn Kalbfleisch

Heather Kalbfleisch

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.

Volunteers & Donations

Volunteers

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.

Some of our potential volunteering opportunities at both sites are:

- ◆ Grounds Maintenance
- ◆ Cleaning of the Annex
- ◆ Sorting of donated items
- ◆ General Handyman work
- ◆ General Cleaning
- ◆ Office assistance
- ◆ Transportation/Vehicle maintenance
- ◆ Reading Stories
- ◆ Mentors for all ages
- ◆ Writing thank you notes
- ◆ Community presentations

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 swilliams@daytonchristiancenter.org for more information or to schedule your work group to come to the center.

We would love to have more volunteers participate at the center and hope you would give strong consideration to taking on a project here at the center.

Donations

We would like to thank everyone who has been making donations of clothing, household goods, and supplies for the Dayton Christian Center.

In the box below you will find our current supply needs.

Our needs change on an ongoing basis, but at this time we are not accepting donations of used clothing. Our garage is overflowing and we are currently in the process of re-evaluating how we will be accepting these donations in the future. We will post on our website as well in the newsletter once we start accepting these types of donations again. We thank you for your past support of these types of donations. If you would like to still make donations of new clothing please do so as we will be getting ready to put together our Christmas packages for our families.

Did you know that the Dayton Christian Center is now accepting donations online? Please go to our web site (www.DaytonChristianCenter.org) and click on the "Support Us" link on any page. You can make a donation through our secure server using your credit card or directly from your account.



The Fridge Page

Calendar of Events



September 1	LABOR DAY (CENTERS CLOSED)
September 21	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
September 11	Berry Extreme Makeover (DXC-West & East) Volunteer Group
September 28	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
October 19	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
October 24-25	United Way Join Hands Miami Valley
October 26	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



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



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, 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 utility bill and 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 her 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.

Congratulations!!

Congratulations to Tasha and BJ Johnson and Sarah and Danny Williams on the birth of their daughters. For those who weren't aware, Tasha and Sarah's due dates were one day apart and it was a race to see who would go first. We knew from the beginning that Tasha was having a girl, but had to wait and see what Sarah would have.

Sarah ended up winning the race and had Mackenzie Nina Williams on Friday, June 13th at 2:56 am and Tasha had Carissa Leanne Johnson on Monday, June 30 at 2:09 pm. This is Sarah's second child and Tasha's third. Congratulations!!!!

All About Childcare

This summer was a super busy time. The children at the Dayton Christian Center had many adventures that took them all over the Miami Valley and even to Cincinnati and Columbus.

We would like to thank the following people:

- ◆ Mr. Nate Spellman (Dayton PD) - for talking to the children about how drugs will have a negative effect on our lives and how they can hinder our progression as an individual.
- ◆ Agape Youth Services Inc. - for the donation of Dayton Dragon's tickets and hats so we could enjoy a night of baseball with our family and friends.
- ◆ University of Dayton Basketball Players - for sharing their life experiences and encouraging our children to get an education first and worrying about sports last.
 - ◆ Sandra Sanders - for the donation of bottles of water for the kids to drink.



- ◆ Mr. Miller, Mrs. Wendy, and Mr. Vontz - for the donation of tickets for the Victoria Theater show where we saw the production of Little Women.
- ◆ Altrusa Club of Dayton - for backpacks for our children at both locations and also for planting our vegetable garden again this year.
- ◆ PriceWaterhouseCoopers - for backpacks filled with school supplies and door prizes.
- ◆ Mr. Minus - for the beautiful letter and gift. You touched the heart of Ms. Goines and she is very blessed to have met you.
- ◆ Niyana - for the opportunity to see your perform at Mary Queen of Peace. Ms. Goines is very proud of you and is lucky to have had the chance to see Rev. Daniel E, Archbishop of Cincinnati..
- ◆ UD Semester of Service Students Kevin and Krysten - you worked hard while here and we are so very lucky to have met you and experienced your talents. We look forward to your visits in the future.

Staff Spotlight:

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: Jodi Lynn Cole

Staff Position Title: East Campus Program Director

How long at DXC: 1.5 year

Hometown: none

Currently lives: Huber Heights

Birthday: February 20, 1967

Family: 2 daughters, 2 sons, 1 son in law, 2 granddaughters

Education: Victim Advocate, Guardian Ad Litem, Sinclair: Mental Health Tech

Hobbies: Decorating & Crafting

Pets: 2 cats

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite Book: *The Alchemy of Race and Rights* by Patricia J. Williams

Favorite Game: Uno

Favorite Song: *Into the Mystic* by Van Morrison

3 Random Facts about Jodi:

- ◆ I rarely sleep
- ◆ Grandmother of 2 beautiful grand daughters
- ◆ 99% of my relatives live in other states.

Favorite Quote: "Regrets are a waste of time, they are the past crippling your present."

Thank You's

Thank YOU!!!

Thank YOU!!!

Greetings from Olean,
Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your mission and share God's blessings with others. May God continue to guide and direct you as you reach out to others in his love.

In Christian Love,
Judy Wightman

Thank you so much for Sunday! Rashid and Andre did a superb job!!! To put it in baseball terms, "They hit it out of the park."

Thank you all for taking a day out of a busy schedule to come relax and share with us. Now we just pray that your sharing turns into more money for missions. I believe it will.

In Christ,
Pastor Donald Wells
Piqua Baptist Church

Dear Dayton Christian Center,
My only regret in writing this letter is that our group did not get to spend more time seeing and helping the ministry of Dayton Christian Center out more! Our group loved helping to clean up the area in and around your building, and getting a feel for your ministry by participating in your modeling class. Thank you for allowing us to minister alongside you as you try to be a light in the city of Dayton. We would allow us to visit for a weekend in the spring so we can help minister with you again. Please stay in touch as we are excited to see what God will and can do in the following months.

In His Matchless Grace,
Pastor Dan Cosentino
First Christian Church - Kendallville, Indiana



Miamisburg Christian Church

We would like to once again thank the Miamisburg Christian Church youth group for coming back to the Dayton Christian Center for a day of fun. They not only were a huge help for our Back to School Block Party, but they also helped out doing some art projects in the rooms with the kids, sang songs, played games, and even did some cooking for the party. Their masterpieces hung like beautiful artwork for several weeks, before the kids took them home. Kudos to Scott and the youth at Miamisburg Christian Church yet again for a wonderful day at the center.



UD Semester of Service Student—Krysten Cotone

We would like to thank Krysten for a wonderful summer of service with us at both the West and East Campus location. She was instrumental in helping out in our classrooms and also managing several projects at our East Campus location. Krysten played an instrumental role at the East campus doing client intakes, managing the volunteer groups that came out, helped out in the food pantry, participated in conflict resolution group, organized recreation time for the younger kids, and assisted Jodi with compiling stats to see where service gaps were. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to the Dayton Christian Center.