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New Thoughts for a New Year

I would like to take the opportunity to welcome you officially to 2009! I am always amazed that as we do mission and ministry, we can sometimes lose sight of the fact that life moves on. I hope and pray that your Christmas and New Years were wonderful opportunities to take time to focus upon Christ, His birth and His plan and desire for you for another year. The Bishop's focus and refocus every new year to understand how God's will shall impact our lives and family for that year. I pray that your family and your church family go through a similar journey to stay fresh with your relationship with God.

You will notice in this newsletter that we are moving to a quarterly, still high quality, mailed format. We desire to be good stewards of the resources entrusted to us by keeping our printing and delivery costs down. We are currently looking at a plan to supplement our print copy with online and/or email updates on a regular basis. We have come to understand, as everyone is learning, that we can communicate through the internet to as many people as possible very quickly and at a reasonable cost. I have heard many comments this year from people who love to pull up our website to see the latest developments. Please look for a diversity of communication formats from the Dayton Christian Center in 2009. For those of you who enjoy a published copy and a cup of coffee, you will still be receiving this printed copy four times per year. Sorry, we cannot provide the coffee or tea however!

and management staff will be conducting a joint retreat this winter to look at our mission, vision, goals and plans for 2009 - 2011. I am excited to share with you the directional steps that come from this process. In order for Dayton Christian Center to fulfill what I believe we will discover, we will need extra partners in prayer, volunteerism and financial support. Please ask God in this New Year to lay on your heart and the heart of your church or organization what He would have you to do in 2009 concerning the ministry of the Dayton Christian Center. Thank you in advance for seeking God's heart with us.

You will see many articles in this newsletter about the people we serve and the services we provide. Your time and gifts make this possible. As you read the stories and understand the events, please say a prayer for a ministry we provide, a client we serve and a staff member who gives his or her all. Dayton Christian Center is ALL OF US IN 2009! May God bless your 2009 and ours.

In God's Love,

Bob Bishop
Executive
Director



DAYTON CHRISTIAN
CENTER

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

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2009 will be an exciting year for the Dayton Christian Center. Our Board of Directors



Volunteers & Donations



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

First Baptist Kettering Youth, NCR Employees, Miamisburg Christian Church, Newsletter Group, Chillicothe Tabernacle Baptist Church

While it may be cold and gloomy outside, there is always work to be done at either campus and volunteer groups are always welcome. We would like to encourage you if you are interested in volunteering please contact Sarah Williams to schedule your group or for opportunities. You can reach her either by phone (937) 275-7174 or by email swilliams@daytonchristiancenter.org. The sooner you schedule the better prepared we will be to make your experience the best possible.

We have also added a volunteer application on our website in the resource section under volunteers, if you are

interested in volunteering. This is a new policy that begins January 1, 2009 for those wishing to volunteer at the Dayton Christian Center on an ongoing basis. We are also required to have these volunteers screened by having a medical and background check. If you should have any questions regarding these new policies please don't hesitate to ask. This is for the safety and security of our children and clients we serve.

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. Donations of **new** clothing and household items are still being accepted.

Did you know that the Dayton Christian Center is now accepting donations 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 securely.

We would like to thank everyone for their financial support of the Dayton Christian Center in 2008. In December, we sent out a Christmas wishes appeal to our individual and household donors. If you have not sent back your contribution there is still time. While you may not be able to use it for 2008 taxes, think about starting the new year off on a supportive foot and make a pledge to support the Dayton Christian Center 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 upcoming support in 2009!

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

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
- ◆ Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Meijer, Target, Kroger, Lowes, Home Depot or Staples
- ◆ Canvas Tote Bags
- ◆ Plastic Shoebox size containers
- ◆ Disposable gloves
- ◆ Hand Sanitizer
- ◆ Baby wipes
- ◆ Toilet Paper/Toiletries
- ◆ Kleenex
- ◆ Rubbermaid Containers



The Fridge Page

Calendar of Events

January 18	Martin's Meal (West)
January 19	CENTERS CLOSED (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)
January 25	Martin's Meal (West)
February 15	Martin's Meal (West)
February 16	CENTERS CLOSED (President's Day)
February 22	Martin's Meal (West)
February 25	Ash Wednesday
March 13-15	First Christian Church Retreat/Volunteer Group
March 15	Martin's Meal (West)
March 22	Martin's Meal (West)
March 29	Martin's Meal (West)

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.

East Campus NEWS

The Holidays were a busy time with lots of food and gifts for families. 40 families received gifts as a joint effort of the Dayton Christian Center East and the Epiphany Lutheran Church just before Thanksgiving. Many families were adopted for Christmas and 40 families were provided toys for children in their homes and food for the families.

On the programming track, the East site has shifted to specific programming serving the Adult Parole Authority, Probation, the YWCA, and many more organization in Montgomery County. Programming then allows case management services as clients go thru the program. We have been serving numerous clients with employment services such as resume and employment readiness services.

We continue the teen pregnancy prevention classes two days a week and use the computer lab five days a week at the East site. Our youth utilize the ECOT computers Monday thru Friday between 10am and 2pm to work on their high school education. This ECOT school year has gotten off to a good start and the youth have passed all their tests to date.

Conflict resolution classes continue to be a critical piece of our site for the youth. The classes help the youth learn to appropriately respond to situations as opposed to the previous negative reaction they had before. Youth to date even come to staff and request more classes when they feel that they need them and tensions are rising. This is exactly what we teach the youth to do and lets us know that the classes are working.

GED class and study is available Monday thru Friday. To date we have had seven clients for GED study at the East site. Please feel free to contact us or come and visit to see and use the computers and study area. Each student receives a study packet to start the process. To date we have had 10 students and are looking forward to many more as we move forward and in the beginning stages.

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

Jodi Cole, Program Director
Dayton Christian Center, East

Thanksgiving 2008 Wrap Up

Thanksgiving came a week early at the Dayton Christian Center. On November 20th our 5th annual Community Thanksgiving dinner was held at the House of Bread. Tremendous thanks goes out to Logan Services for underwriting the entire cost of the event this year!

The evening began with a prayer featuring one of our students, Ja'karah Arnold as well as three of our teaching staff, Angel Tillman, Chrissy Moore and Karen Powell who led us in praise. The feast was prepared by the House of Bread staff and served by 41 volunteers from the Dayton Police Department. Thank you to all who volunteered their time and energy to making this year's event so successful.

Close to 150 guests enjoyed turkey, eleven in all, and all of the trimmings including the Dayton original Mehaffie pies. Guests were also eligible to receive door prizes and excitement filled the room as our own Bob Bishop facilitated the drawing of names. Just look at the smiling faces and you will see what a blessing it is to serve the Lord by serving others.

~ MariyInn Welsh
Thanksgiving Dinner Guru



Change Is Here!!!

Beginning with this first newsletter of 2009, the Family Focus will only be published 4 times a year. Since launching our web site in August, it was decided that it will be a main tool to get news and messages out to our supporters and reduce 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.

Kidz Korner

It always amazes me during the season leading up to Christmas and the celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the amount of support we have from our American Baptist Churches and Women's Ministries. We are completely bombarded with gifts of love that we are in turn able to offer these gifts to our young people enrolled in programs at the Christian Center. Thank you so much for you gifts of love, prayer and items. We cannot do this ministry without YOU!

As I look toward the next year, there are many different opportunities on the horizon! We have the opportunity to (hopefully) expand our Child Care program to include an additional infant/toddler classroom. We are in need of so much stuff to make this exciting opportunity happen! There are construction costs, supplies, furniture, and loving teachers to make it all happen. We are hoping to make this new classroom come to life sometime in the early spring after the weather breaks. If you would like to help us in this venture please contact Tasha or Sarah at (937) 275-7174.

We are continuing on our journey to Step Up to Quality. I am actively seeking a preschool teacher to add to our staff. If you are in the local area and would like to join our staff,



please send me a resume at tjohnson@daytonchristiancenter.org. If you are not in the local area, please pray that God would raise up the right person to minister to our young people.

Please pray about how you can help to move the ministry here at the Christian Center to the next level. Consider donating some disposable items that can be used in the classrooms. Thank you for your ongoing support for us!

Yours in Christ,
Tasha Johnson
Childcare Administrator



MAKE A DONATION IN MEMORY/HONOR OF SOMEONE SPECIAL



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

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NCR Saves the Day!!!

Can I just say that I LOVE NCR and their employees!!! I received a phone call from the United Way Volunteer Connection regarding a wonderful opportunity to have some volunteers from NCR for two days on VERY short notice. Well, let's just say after 6 groups of 20 volunteers over 2 days (Thursday and Friday)... I was almost out of projects for another group that was volunteering on Saturday. A few of the projects the NCR volunteers undertook:

- ◆ Cleaning our fish tank
- ◆ Packing up all the used clothing so we could get it out into the hand of those who need it most
- ◆ Cleaning and sorting our sewing and craft closet.
- ◆ Playing with children and helping the teachers.

Because we welcomed 120+ volunteers, we were able to spread the news of DXC and have been very blessed to develop a wonderful relationship with NCR. I look forward to working again with NCR employees in the future!

- ◆ Organization of the Christmas Room
- ◆ Packing up Christmas Boxes for DXC Children
- ◆ Yard work all over DXC
- ◆ Cleaning out the food pantry and reorganizing it

~Sarah Williams

Associate Executive Director

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Christmas Party 2008 -

Thank you Altrusa Club of Dayton

On Saturday, December 13 from 2p-4p at the Dayton Christian Center the Altrusa Club of Dayton hosted the annual Christmas party for the families we serve. There was food, games, crafts, activities and singing. We were even lucky enough to get a visit from the big man himself, Santa.

Each child in attendance re-

ceived a gift from Santa and had a wonderful afternoon of fun.

We would like to thank all who have sent us items so that our boxes for the children and families could be stuffed to the top. The smiles are ever so priceless!



Newsletter Volunteers Always Needed

and Give Big Helping Hand to DXC!!!

What a team the Dayton Christian Center is lucky to have for the main purpose of the newsletter. This dedicated bunch of ladies (and sometimes a few guys join in the fun) come every time there is a newsletter to be put out to fold, stuff, label and send off. One would think that with almost 1500 that have gone out every other month this past year their poor little fingers are probably excited about the transition to a quarterly

newsletter, but you would be sorely mistaken.

Over the past months, I have gotten to know so much about this group, their families, and about DXC. I'm sure with all the new ideas that will be coming about their time will still be just as much important as it has in the past. For my sake and theirs.

Please feel free to join in the fun. If you are interested in helping out, please call Sarah at (937) 275-7174.

