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9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Eastside’s Youth Program Opens Opportunities for Youth

Eastside’s Youth Program opened our doors for summer programming on Monday, June 15th and our summer turned out to be very busy. Between June and August, the children took field trips to the Animal Shelter, SouthTown Gym, Canoe Creation at Blue Rock State Park, Dresden Pool, and Coco Key Indoor Water Park . Several times, we visited the movie theatre to see a discounted movie. We even rode on a wagon during downtown’s 4th of July Parade.



To continue the reading skills that we develop each school year, all of our enrolled children took part in the Summer Reading Program at the Muskingum County Library System. Our group read more than 400 books this summer, took part in a teen book talk, and participated in the Library’s field trips to the Columbus Museum of Art, Franklin Park Conservatory, and Blits.

We also celebrated our learning by having an Academic Party at Zemba Brothers’ Farm. Thanks to North Valley Bank for purchasing this item in a local charity auction and donating it to us! Children operated machinery, played in large dirt piles, got their faces painted, and ate pizza at Zemba Brothers’ Farm for earning at least a 2.0 GPA and no “F” grades.



Summer Camp was also an experience we provided all of the enrolled children here at Eastside.

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Eastside Unveils the 2009 Limited Edition Puzzle – Pieces of the Past- A Mosaic of Zanesville History



This year our puzzle comes from an 8 X 10 foot Mosaic Tile Company Mural found in the lobby of Secrest Auditorium in downtown Zanesville, OH. This mural was designed and manufactured by craftsmen of the Mosaic Tile Company for the dedication of the auditorium on April 19, 1940.

The puzzle beautifully reproduces this mural for your enjoyment. The puzzle box provides descriptions of each of the individuals and items depicted in the mural. This will make a wonderful addition to your Eastside Limited Edition puzzles as well as a great gift for history buffs of the Zanesville/Muskingum County area. Puzzles are available in the Zanesville area at: Balderson Motor Sales, Bryan’s Interiors, Campbell’s Foodland, Century National Bank (all Zanesville locations), Comfort Inn, Dena’s Designs, Lumbertown, Muskingum County Convention Facilities Authority and Visitors Center, Ohio Pottery – Norwich, OH, Secrest Auditorium, South Village Floral, Studio Blu, The Sweet Station, or at the Eastside Community Ministry office where previous

years’ puzzles are available while supplies last. These puzzles will provide hours of entertainment and make great Christmas gifts as well. Get yours today by visiting one of our outlets, or you may order using the convenient form on the back page of the newsletter. All proceeds of the puzzle benefit the programs of Eastside.

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From the Director.....

As we approach another Thanksgiving I am reminded once again how blessed we are. In spite of the hard times we are facing we are blessed to have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people who are hungry, who need warm clothes, a little bit of assistance to get them through. Working with at risk children we can help them to be better students, to teach them basic life skills that will help them pursue their dreams and break the cycle of poverty.

As an organization we are blessed with a board, staff and volunteers that truly care for the individuals we serve on a daily basis and take the extra measures needed to help someone in a difficult situation, but also to say "no" when that is what is best for their situation.

We are especially blessed by those who faithfully sacrifice and give so that we may touch many peoples' lives, meet needs and guide them to the steps necessary to move from dependency to self-sustainability.

I want to thank each one who gives of their time, their talent and their treasure allowing Eastside Community Ministry to bring a ray of light and hope to many. As you give, you too touch their lives. Jesus said in Matthew 25: 40 ".... 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' May God continue bless each of you! Have a very thankful, blessed Thanksgiving.

Pack a Sack Fundraiser



This year we have come up with a new way for you to support the work of Eastside called Pack a Sack. We provide you with a lunch sack for you to pack your lunch one day a month and the amount you might have spent eating out you donate to Eastside. Each sack contains a flyer about Eastside and twelve envelopes for you to send in your lunch money. Each month an envelope will be drawn to choose the monthly winner of a gift card to the Java House. In September 2010 a drawing will be had for a gift card to a restaurant of your choice. You can obtain a Pack a Sack from any board member or stop

or call the Eastside office at (740)

452-7519. Our September winner of a \$10 gift card to Java house is Nancy Omen from Zanesville. Congratulations Nancy!

Good Samaritan Nurses Alumni Association 14th Annual Blanket Drive kicks off on November 16.

For the past 13 years, the Association has raised funds and received donated new or gently used blankets for distribution through Eastside Community Ministry. This has been a wonderful effort that has provided more than three thousand blankets and emergency heating assistance to needy individuals and families over the years. Blankets may be dropped off at either the Good Samaritan or Bethesda lobbies from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily beginning November 16th through December 31st. You may also send donations to the Good Samaritan Nurses Alumni c/o Genesis Healthcare Foundation, 1137 Maple Ave, Zanesville, OH 43701. Please mark your check, "Blanket & Heating Fund".

How Can You Help?

We are often asked how individuals and groups can help with specific needs of Eastside beyond the obvious need for financial support. Often throughout the year specific needs arise that are not budgeted items but need support, and so here are a few of those kinds of needs:

Sponsor a Thanksgiving Meal for a Family of Four for \$35!

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching and once again Eastside Community Ministry will provide a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for needy families in our community. We will provide 100 needy families with a Thanksgiving turkey and a gift card to purchase the rest of their Thanksgiving meal. The baskets will be distributed on Monday, November 23rd from 9 -11 a.m. Your gift of \$35 will provide a family with a full meal. When you write your check please mark "Thanksgiving" in the memo. Food donations will also help us serve those less fortunate in our community as we share our blessings. Please consider donating a meal for a family this year.

Volunteering – We are always in search for dedicated volunteers to help with office support, clothing bank, food pantry after school tutors, and loving, listening helpers. We need volunteers for our Clothing Bank. Anyone interested in helping to sort clothes and stock shelves in the Clothing Bank should call Eastside at 452-7519 to arrange an interview. We are asking for a commitment of one morning per week or two mornings per month. Interested individuals need to be able to stand for several hours and carry light loads.

Clothing Bank Items Needed: Tall kitchen trash bags, Childrens' clothing items (we are always in need of good, clean kids' clothing, shoes, underwear, baby things), Adult clothing, small household items.

Youth Program Needs

- Electric pencil sharpeners
- Hosts for educational tours or outings
- Personal care items including deodorant, razors, toothbrushes, soap
- Undershirts and underwear
- Holiday Need: Sponsors for our youth program Christmas party, including individuals willing to purchase gifts from Santa for our enrolled children.

Major Needs

- Our old copier is on its last copies and needs to be replaced. \$3,500 will provide for a new Samsung copier/scanner/fax machine that is networkable to all computer workstations. If you wish to help with this need please mark "Copier" in the memo section of your check or note on the enclosed envelope.
- Our gray 15-passenger van desperately needs rust removed and paint. We use our vans each day to transport the youth from school to ECM, then to their homes. Do you know of a body shop who would donate this work for cost in exchange for a tax deductible contribution?

Vision Statement

"Eastside Community Ministry is an ecumenical ministry seeking to help people transform their lives by meeting their basic needs and offering them education, life-skills training, and relationship building opportunities. ECM is a trusting environment where people are loved, valued and treated with dignity."

Middle school children took part in Camp Adventure at Friendly Hills in June, learning about rock formations and fossils. Many of our children also went to the Muskingum Family Y's Day Camp at Park Central where they went hiking, fishing, swimming, and learned about values. We also enjoyed a wonderful afternoon on the Lorena sternwheeler, enjoying a cruise and pizza lunch while enjoying fresh air and nature.

All of our children at Eastside are enrolled in 4-H or CloverBuds each summer. Children worked very hard on their



Woodworking, Staying Healthy, Tobacco, and Scrapbooking projects this summer, earning 100% "A" blue ribbons on each of their projects at judging in July. We even had three children qualify to compete at the State Fair with their projects! This was a record! Our 4-H'ers went to Camp Ohio for 4-H Camp where they slept in cabins, participated in activities each day, and competed with other tribes each evening around the campfire. Our youngest children made crafts, played games, and swam at 4-H Clover Bud Day Camp at Friendly Hills. We took a trip to the Muskingum County Fair to see all of our blue ribbon projects displayed in the Jr. Fair Building.



On Monday, August 31st, we opened the doors to our 31 enrolled children for school year programming. We are back to doing homework and programming each evening. In July, we tested our children using

the Casey Life Skills Assessment, which tests the kids in age-appropriate questions about their abilities in nine different life-skill areas. We found that our scores had increased 2% in the Self Care area between January and June 2009. We are now working on Housing and Money Management during each evening program, which includes Girl Scouts, 4-H, and Learning for Life.

Trip to North Carolina

As you can tell, our summers are packed full of learning experiences for our enrolled children here at Eastside. We've traveled to many area businesses, parks, and organizations to take part in tours and programs provided for children. With the availability of our 15-passenger vans, we feel it is necessary to provide experiences to our children to see and explore their world while learning in a fun way. At the end of summer 2008, we found out that many of our teens had never been outside of Ohio or had never seen the ocean. We are providing life skills lessons to these young people in the hopes that they have motivation to go on to higher education or get a job and provide for themselves and their families when they are older. We felt that providing an experience for them to spend a week at the ocean may add motivation to apply the life skills that we are teaching to our young people.

The children took part in planning meals and selecting the most affordable place to stay in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. They learned to select a rental home with a kitchen and laundry facilities in order to cut back on costs while on a trip.

They learned how to pack for a trip.

As part of the requirements to go on our learning experience, the youth had to pay for part of their own way to go to North Carolina. If children earn at least a 2.0 GPA and no "F" grades, they are paid



incentives for their learning opportunities at the Youth Center, which include cooking dinner each evening, maintenance, office work, laundry, and lawn care. As part of the Housing and Money Management lessons on which we are working from July to December, the youth had to set a goal to earn their way to go and had to actually save their own money to turn in for the trip. What better way to learn money management than to have to actually earn and save it?

We were fortunate enough to have many other individuals and organizations sponsor parts of our trip or donate items for us to take with us. Many thanks goes to the Muskingum County Community Foundation, Faith United Methodist Church, Market Street Baptist Church Circle, Brighton Presbyterian Church, American Legion, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary, Marcy and Charlie White, Naomi Kirby, and Judy and Ernie Parent.

Eleven teens and six adult chaperones spent the first week of August in Corolla, NC. While in North Carolina, the youth saw and played in the ocean, watched a minor league baseball game, toured the North Carolina Aquarium, learned about the history of flight at the Wright Brothers Museum, toured the Elizabethan Gardens, and saw The Lost Colony Outdoor Drama. We even worked with a non-profit volunteer group to learn about sea turtles and their nests and then actually went out onto the beach and did a sea turtle nest dig. (We didn't tell the children that it was a created scene for them and many still don't know it wasn't real!) For many children, this was a trip of firsts—first time at a baseball game, first time at a theatrical performance, and first time being away from home for more than a night. This has given the teens even more motivation to stay in school, work on getting good grades, and be motivated to get a good job to provide experiences for themselves and their families one day, all while learning money management skills with the money they earn at Eastside.

Meet a Donor




I'm David Ross. I'm 12 years old, a student at West Muskingum Middle School and live in Zanesville, OH. For 4-H this year I did a broiler chicken project and showed my chickens at the Muskingum County Fair. Out of my premium money I decided to give thirty dollars of it to Eastside Community Ministry. I made this donation because I know there are people in the world that cannot afford food or clothes and my dollars will help Eastside help needy people.

“Creating a better community by serving neighbors in need.”

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 Tuesday, November 17, 2009
 11:00 AM to 11:00 PM

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Calendar of Events

- Nov.1-** 2009 Puzzle – “Pieces in Time” kickoff
- Nov. 12** – Holiday Bazaar to benefit Eastside Community Ministry
- Nov.17** – Steak ‘n Shake Benefit. From 11a.m. to 11 p.m. 10% of all proceeds during these 12 hours will benefit ECM
- March 27th** – Magic Show Benefit returns to Secret!

Thank you

The 2009 Tools for School project was a success again this year because of help from generous people like you. We packed and distributed more than 800 backpacks filled with new supplies to area children and teens. Thank you very much to those who donated supplies and money and to those who gave their time and energy helping to pack each individual backpack. We are truly blessed to have such dedicated commitment. The Youth Summer Trip to North Carolina’s Outer Banks was overwhelmed by support provided by area churches, the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit 29, Sons of the American Legion and many individuals and groups for their generous support. Thanks for donating items such as beach towels and bathing suits to our youth program trip to the Outer Banks. Please visit ECM on Facebook to see photos of our trip. It was a once in a lifetime experience for our youngsters made possible by generous friends like you.

Eastside Community Ministry Collectible Puzzle Series

2005 Olde Towne Zanesville Revisited



2007 Zanesville Farmers’ Market



2008 Zanesville Community Churches



2009 Zanesville History Mosaic



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All proceeds of puzzle sales support the programs of ECM

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