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BREAKING THE CYCLE OF POVERTY ONE CHILD AT A TIME

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 while providing services to help break the cycle of poverty.



The Eastside Community Ministry Youth Program one of our oldest programs and works towards preventing poverty. We pick up 30 children at their school each day and bring them to the center for programming. After having a nutritious snack and completing homework, programming is offered each evening. Programming includes 4-H work, Girl Scouts, arts lessons, math enrichment, and science lessons throughout the week. While our younger children take part in that, children in 5th grade and older take part in our nightly



“Learning for Life Program”, which is two-fold. One week the youth spend their time in the kitchen preparing, serving, and cleaning up after the evening meal, as well as other duties around Eastside including copying,



filing, stocking pantry shelves, mowing the lawn, cleaning vans, and assisting in the general maintenance and upkeep of our facility. The other week, they

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

From the Director...

Fall is now upon us and as the leaves turn color and the temperatures, along with the leaves, begin to fall, the needs that exist within our community become more real. Day after day Eastside is flooded with requests for assistance for food, clothing, and utilities. This year the continued decline in the economy has made many individuals desperate for any assistance available. I am often asked where resources come from to help needy individuals. We have been fortunate to have programs available to us such as the AEP Neighbor to Neighbor program that can help with some utility needs. We also network with other agencies within the county that also offer some assistance. But the bulk of our resources come from individuals like you. We are blessed with donors who give generously to help. Whether through cash donations, clothing, food, or household items; each of these donations provide us with the means to help make a difference in the lives of people of all ages. Churches, civic groups, school clubs, 4-H'ers, scouts run food and clothing drives which help keep people warm and fed. Without all of these efforts we would not be able to offer assistance.

In November Eastside Community Ministry will help nearly 100 families with groceries and a turkey for a thanksgiving meal. With the help of Sam's Club, Thrivent and volunteers from local Lutheran churches, the Byron Saunders Foundation, and individuals gifts, food and volunteer their time, families will enjoy the blessings we often take for granted.

At this time of year we often face a situation where the need outpaces the supply. Especially in these difficult economic times we are all feeling the pressure as individuals, businesses, churches, and yes we here at Eastside, seek ways to tighten our belts and be able to provide for our own families and congregations while continuing to serve those less fortunate. Your prayers and gifts are important to us especially as we head into the winter months. We are always mindful and THANKFUL for each, gift, donation, and the many hours of volunteering service you provide. Thank you again for your support, and may God bless you for your generosity.



Bob Davidson
Executive Director

Vision Statement

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YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE

Eastside's Youth Program opened our doors for summer on Monday, June 14th with 31 school-aged children enrolled. Our summer was busy! We enjoyed many summer days by taking fun and educational field trips, provided each child with the opportunity to attend a summer camp, and completed projects and life skill lessons each day. We also met many notable benchmarks.

Throughout the summer, we completed 34 Blue Ribbon-Grade "A" 4-H projects and read more than 550 books for the Muskingum County Library System's Summer Reading Program. Twelve children attended 4-H Jr. Camp at Camp Ohio, another 12 younger youth attended 4-H CloverBud camp, nine youth attended Muskingum Soil & Water Conservation District's Camp Adventure, one young lady earned a week of Girl Scout Day Camp at Dillon State Park, 14 youth took part in Girl Scout's Fun & Fit Day Camp at Coburn UMC, and 12 youth participated in a week of Muskingum Family Y's Day Camp at Park Central. We also had four Zanesville High School students take part in weekly Gear Up programming that included college visits and planning for future careers.



We took more than 25 field trips this summer, which included tours of the Columbus Zoo, John & Annie Glenn Museum, Muskingum County Courthouse, Zanesville Art Center, Terra Cotta Vineyard, and Hartstone Pottery. We also took outings to Tom's Ice Cream Bowl, Colony Square Cinema, Dresden Pool, Muskingum County Fair, canoeing at Mohican, and ice skating at the Chiller in Columbus. Through the Muskingum County Passport Program, we also visited PNC Bank to see Leslie Cope's painting of downtown, the New Concord Post Office to see the Public Works painting of New Concord, and the Muskingum County Library's "Rubbing Wall." We also visited the Muskingum County Genealogical Library, Ohio Pottery, the world's largest basket in Dresden, and the Ohio Bicentennial Monument at Mudgett's Monuments.

When we weren't out and about, we were at the Youth Center learning how to tie dye, pour concrete stepping stones, make soap, create and paint molds of

our own faces, as well as taking part in life skill lessons such as how to resolve conflict, make healthy snacks, and sort laundry. Our life-skill lessons paid off with our test results in



"Daily Living" going up by 7% in just 6 months! For the next year, we will focus our programming on "Housing & Money Management."

On Tuesday, September 13th, we opened our doors for school-year programming with 29 enrolled youth. We welcomed nine Muskingum College students and one Zane State student to help with our nightly homework this fall and appreciate each minute they spend with our children! We also welcomed new staff member, Lora Thomas, who has been a great addition to our staff upstairs. Since opening for the school year, we've already taken our monthly trip to John McIntire Library, had our first Girl Scout meeting of the year, and hosted our first Family Night at McDonald's Corn Maze with Ark Spring Baptist Church. Our schedule for the rest of 2010 is full and fun!

JOIN US

Tuesday, November 16, 2010
11:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Steak 'N Shake
914 Zane Street, Zanesville, Ohio



10% of all profits during that 10 hours
will be donated to

Eastside Community Ministry

BREAKING THE CYCLE (CONT'D)

are in the classroom learning how to do laundry, write a resume, start a checking account, and many other life skills. They are paid a small incentive for their work at the center, which allows the youth to manage their money---another life skill.

The Youth Program provides monthly family activities. These have ranged from trips to COSI and the Columbus Zoo to a cookout and talent show at our Youth Center. These Family Nights are valuable in several ways. We provide safe, educational trips and outings to our participating families who may not be able to afford to give their children the memories that most families share over a lifetime. By building communication and relationship-building skills, we hope to make our youth, and in turn their families, successful in these life-skill areas. Also, these Family Nights are beneficial to Eastside's staff because this gives us the opportunity to get to know our youths' families. By building this bridge from Eastside to home, we are better able to serve as advocates for our children and cut down on discipline programs at the Youth Center.

As part of our enrollment, we require a copy of each child's report card as soon as it is sent home. We use these grades to identify students who need help in certain subjects. We also celebrate academic successes by inviting all children to take part in our annual Academic Party. All students who maintain at least a

2.0 GPA and no "F" grades are invited to a special outing, which has included a pizza dinner at Tat's, an ice cream treat at Maysville Dairy Queen, and a special field day at Zemba's Family Farm. After a student is in 6th grade and maintains this GPA, money is set aside for that student to pursue higher education through



our Academic Incentive Program. If a child graduates from high school and our program, and maintains a 2.0 GPA, he/she will have earned \$1,400 towards higher education or the military.



Not only do we have good programs teaching our children how to break the cycle of poverty, but we have the data to prove that our programming is working! We test the youth in nine different life-skill areas to identify in which the children's

scores are the weakest. We work on that area for the next six-month period through our Girl Scout projects, 4-H projects, and other lessons. At the end of the six-month period, we give the children the same age-appropriate assessment to compare scores. After six months of intensive lessons, their scores went up 6% in social relationships, 7% in self care, and 22% in housing and money management. We truly are teaching the children the skills necessary to break the cycle of poverty.



Upcoming Eastside Events & Fundraisers

There are many ways in which you can help Eastside by supporting one of our many upcoming events. These events raise money for Eastside's many deserving programs and also bring awareness to the public about the good works of Eastside. We hope you are able to attend AND share this information with your friends!

Ongoing – Kroger Plus Card Rewards can equal money for Eastside! Each time you use your Kroger Plus Card, you can earn money for your favorite charity – all at no cost to you! All you have to do is obtain a card if you don't have one, go to www.kroger.com, enter your card number, and select Eastside Community Ministry as your charity of choice! Participants must re-enroll in April each year.



Thursday, October 21st through the holidays (or while supplies last). Eastside is hosting an **amaryllis bulb sale**. Amaryllis bulbs come in four beautiful colors (red, apple blossom, candy cane, and white) and the cost is \$10/bulb. Bulbs come in a kit perfect for gift-giving.

Tuesday, November 16th (11am-9pm) Steak 'N Shake Fundraiser Day for Eastside. Eat out and help us feed the needy! Order at Steak 'N Shake on this day and 10% of all sales will be donated to Eastside.

Wednesday, December 1st (5:30pm-8pm) Kids' Craft Room in the basement of the Welcome Center during downtown's Miracle on Main Street. Multiple Christmas projects will be available for kids of all ages to create and take home for a small fee. All crafts are planned and lead by Eastside's Girl Scout Troop 833 and proceeds benefit our Girl Scout Troop's purchases of books, patches, badges, and learning materials.



Tuesday, December 7th (10am-10pm) Bob Evans (Underwood) Fundraiser Day for Eastside. Eat out for a good cause! Turn in the flier on our website (www.eastsideministry.org) for 15% of your bill (dine-in or carry-out) to be donated to Eastside.

Coming Soon!!!!

Walden Books Fundraiser Weekend benefiting Eastside Community Ministry. Finish your holiday shopping at our local Walden Books this weekend and turn in the coupon on our website (www.eastsideministry.org) for a portion of your purchase to be donated to Eastside. Eastside will earn at least 10% of sales this weekend. Check out our website for date, time and more details.

Matching Gifts Double or even Triple your giving by utilizing your employer's matching gift program. Many companies will match, dollar for dollar, your donation to Eastside community ministry. Check with you HR, Benefits office, or give us a call at 740-452-7519 and we'll check for you. It is easy and multiplies your gift and our ability to grow and serve the community.



Friends, Food & Fund Raising!
To Support

Eastside Ministry

**Tuesday, December 7, 2010
10:00 AM to 10:00 PM**

We'll earn 15% of Sales when
you present this flier* at

Bob Evans®

**450 Underwood St., Zanesville
on our Community Fun Night.**

*Flier must accompany check for donation!

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Sponsoring a Thanksgiving Basket is a generous way to say Thank you for the blessings you have received over the past year. Each year Eastside Community Ministry provides groceries and a turkey for up to one hundred of our most needy pantry clients. The baskets will be distributed on Monday, November 22 from 9 -11 a.m. Your gift of \$35 marked for Thanksgiving Baskets in the memo will provide for a family of four. Food donations will also help us provide for the baskets as well. Please consider sponsoring a family this year.

From the Board President

While I was volunteering at Eastside recently, a couple came in to use the Food Pantry. It was obvious that this was their first visit. They found it difficult to ask for the food but, because of a decrease in the husband's work hours, the supplemental food would help them keep current with their living expenses.

This scenario brought back memories of the time my family used food stamps when my husband became unemployed. Those stamps played a big part in enabling us to pay the mortgage and other bills until he found a new job. The downside of using food stamps was the embarrassment I felt as I checked out at the grocery store. Having heard remarks about people "on the dole," I was sure I was being judged in a negative way.

This is stressful time for many who have either lost their jobs or have had hours reduced. Eastside Community Ministry's Food Pantry and Clothing Bank are here to help them get through the rough times. As the couple left, they were hopeful that they wouldn't have to return and thanked Eastside not only for the food, but for being treated with dignity.

Thanks for any donation you can make to Eastside Community Ministry so that people in need have a place to come for help without feeling judged or embarrassed.

Anna Marie Katt
President, Eastside Community Ministry Board



The Pack a Sack is Back!

Last year's popular fundraiser called Pack A Sack provides you with a lunch sack for you to pack your lunch one day per month and the amount you might have spent eating out you donate to Eastside. Each sack contains a flyer about Eastside that you can share with

a friend 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 \$10 restaurant gift card. In September 2011 a drawing will be held for a \$50 gift card to a restaurant of your choice. You can obtain a Pack A Sack from any board member, stop by or call, the Eastside office at (740) 452-7519 for a sack or further information.

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

This year Eastside Community Ministry and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #29 was again able to supply 800 children with backpacks filled with the required supplies needed to begin the 2010-11 school year. We are so blessed with individual donors, volunteers, churches and businesses that are truly what makes this project so successful.

Our deepest thanks to Kevin Appleman of the Zanesville City Schools for all of his help and assistance. Also a big thanks to Primrose Retirement Community, Wal-Mart, WHIZ – FM, WYBZ, Community Bank, Century National Bank, HuntingtonBank, Muskingum County Library, The American Legion and a host of others without whom we could not serve so many children.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The Good Samaritan Nurses Alumni will be conducting their annual blanket drive for the benefit of Eastside Community Ministry. This is the 15th year for the drive. Last year 165 blankets were collected and \$1,920.00 for the emergency heating fund. This brings the total to 3,257 blankets and \$20,000.00 for the past 14 years. The annual drive will start on November 22nd and continue till December 31st.

Blankets may be dropped off at either hospital, Genesis Good Samaritan lobby or Genesis Bethesda lobby. Donations can be sent to Good Samaritan Nurses Alumni at Genesis Healthcare Foundation, 1137 Maple Ave. Zanesville, Ohio. 43701.

Please mark your check Blanket and Heating Fund”.



2010 Lace Up For Kids Program A Success

For the first time this year, Eastside Community Ministry partnered with Wendy's and WHIZ to sponsor the "Lace Up for Kids" project. On August 20 over 900 happy children

received a brand new pair of shoes and socks to help them "start the school year off on the right foot."

Wendy's coordinated donations of money from local citizens and organizations and collected shoes at all of their restaurants. Parents registered their children in July and August, and Sue Thuma did the shopping. Lisa Rooks of Girl Scouts and Ed Mulholland of the Boy Scouts handled collection of socks. Zanesville Civic League provided the location for the distribution, and the ZHS football team helped with setting things up.

On the day of the distribution over 50 volunteers helped with fitting shoes, and making sure that each child received a pair of shoes that fit well. Volunteers came from Muskingum County Children's Services, Huntington and Century National Banks, and several area churches.

The Lace Up event proved to be a great success, and Eastside looks forward to partnering again next year for this exciting and worthwhile project.



GIVING

Eastside depends on the faithful giving of individuals like you to support the outreach programs that meet the emergency needs of children, families, and individuals needs in our community. Perhaps you would consider a one time gift, a pledge to be met over the year, or perhaps you would like to sponsor a family meal per month, a child in the youth program. If you have any questions please give us a call 740-452-7519 or e-mail ecm@east-sideminity.org. Thank you for your generosity!

VOLUNTEERING

- ❖ Front Desk – Answering phones, entering information into our Charity Tracker
- ❖ Clothing Bank – individuals to sort clothes, stock shelves, and assist clients in finding sizes etc.
- ❖ Youth Program – tutors, craft assistants, homework helpers, special program needs
- ❖ Food Pantry – shelf stockers, assist individuals with bagging their orders and selecting food.
- ❖ Website Updater – update our website on a regular basis. You must be able to use Macro Media Studio 8 software.
- ❖ Office work -Prepare mailings, write thank you notes, letters, etc.
- ❖ Yard work – weed, cut grass, mulch beds etc.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, or have things you like and are willing to do that are not listed, please call us at 740-452-7519. Our volunteer coordinator will contact you.

Needs List

- ✓ A live 6-8 foot Christmas tree for the Youth Program (Need by December 6th)
- ✓ Christmas craft supplies (jingle bells, red, white, green pipe cleaners, clothespins w/a springs, pieces of craft foam and felt).
- ✓ Someone with a Santa suit, willing to play Santa for our youth program Christmas party on the evening of December 22.
- ✓ Disposable dinnerware (plates, cups, plastic spoons, forks and knives)
- ✓ Gas cards for our 15 passenger vans for daily transportation of children
- ✓ Glass and metal baking dishes
- ✓ Plasticware with lids for storing leftovers
- ✓ Personal care items (deodorant, tooth brushes, etc.)



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THANK YOU!

We have been blessed with donations of many of the items you have read about in our past newsletters. We would like to say **THANK YOU** for your generous gifts that have provided:

Family Night at McDonald's Corn Maze - thanks to the generosity of James & Susan McDonald, our friends at Ark Springs Baptist Church providing fun, food and fellowship and an all around great outing.

Muskingum Valley Presbytery – providing a grant for purchasing new display refrigerator for the Food Pantry.

A gift that provided a much needed “new to us” 15 passenger van for transporting our youth.

Faith United Methodist Church – volunteers to paint the stripes on our basketball court

The Muskingum University sorority XAN which helped to paint the chain link fence and did other much needed maintenance projects.

Sponsorship of fees to send our youth to the Dresden pool

Scrap booking supplies

To the Zanesville City Schools for donating the 60 folding chairs we desperately needed.

To First Baptist Church volunteers work on weeding and yard work!

For these and a whole lot more.....**THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**