

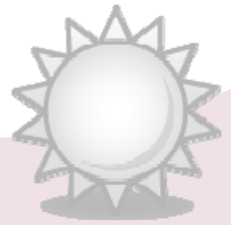
June
2009



NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES:

Putting Jesus First and Changing Lives!

The Good News



Newsletter

Personal Ministry

By Mark Samuel, Executive Director



As an organization with four community centers, the challenges of administration and coordinating programs and services can occupy a good deal of time for staff members. But at our heart

and core we remain a ministry committed to serving individuals one person at a time and seeking God's best for everyone we meet.

A few weeks ago I had lunch with a young man who graduated with a degree in graphic design. He was a part of an arts program we had years ago and was also involved in our after-school program as a child. Knowing his love for drawing, at Christmas staff members would give him art supplies in his family Christmas basket. After graduating from high school he wanted to study graphic design. A staff member took him to a school in Pennsylvania and we provided the resources for him to get the supplies he needed for college. Our lunch visit was an opportunity to get caught up and also to ask for his help designing shirts for Neighborhood Ministries. He had also looked at our website and said he was willing to help us with that as well. "You helped me out a lot and I want to help you back," he said.

Yesterday I gave someone a ride to a neighbor's house. He had been caring for his neighbor, who is elderly, and was concerned about him. We talked for a few

minutes in the car about his life and how he was helping his neighbor. It was nice to just sit and talk and affirm and laugh with him. He has been unemployed for a number of years with no real prospects for steady employment now. We have been able to help him with food, transportation and other needs.

Another gentleman had been in earlier that same day to give me an update on how he was doing in school. After years of health problems and living in a high crime neighborhood, he is making substantial progress. I recently took him to get his driver's license and we worked to get him enrolled at Youngstown State University where he is studying Social Work. He told me that we have helped him a lot, it feels good to help people, and he is studying Social Work so he can help people too. He said that he wakes up with a smile every morning and thanks God for his blessings.

Simple, direct, personal, affirming ministry. That is what we are all called to do. And that is what happens every day at Neighborhood Ministries. Your partnership with us make this possible. Thank you for being a part of Neighborhood Ministries.



You can get more information about the programs and services we offer and see more pictures by visiting us online at:

www.ohionm.org

Camp Is A Life-Changing Experience

It's that time of year again, time when we ask you to partner with us so we can send children to Christian camp this summer. During the course of the year we talk to many of our "children" who have grown up. The conversation always comes around to their time at camp and how great it was. They might laugh as they talk about their first experience with poison ivy or about how silly their camp counselor was. They might talk about the food or the drive to or from camp or the friends they made. They might talk about the fish they caught or the name of the horse they got to ride. Older campers might talk about their strategy for paint ball camp and how many bruises they got. They often sing camp songs in the van on the way home. None forget the experience.



The truth is, a week at camp is a life-changing experience for many of our children and is one of the best opportunities we have to share the love of Jesus with them. At camp they receive lots of hugs and affirmation. They get to eat three meals a day and snacks. They get to be part of a family unit that

works together. In short, they get to be loved.

A number of the children who would like to go to camp this year have no father at home. Some have family members in prison. Some parents have lost jobs and have no way to send their children to camp. Some come from rough neighborhoods where everyone stays to themselves and negative influences surround them. Your investment this year will give these children the opportunity to be loved unconditionally and to have a break from the stressors they face every day at home.

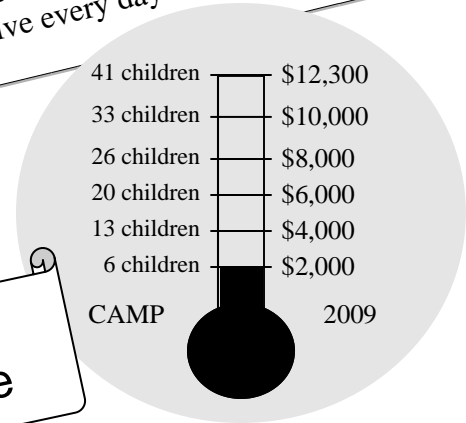
It will cost us \$300 to send a child to camp this year. We currently have 41 children registered. This number includes 10 children from our West Side Community Center that opened in February and 31 children from our two housing development locations.

If you cannot afford to sponsor a child, perhaps you would consider a partial sponsorship, or ask a Sunday School Class or another family to help make camp a reality for our children. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated!

G.E.M.S. BAKE SALE
 AUXILIARY OF
 NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES
JUNE 20, 2009
10:00 AM
UNTIL SOLD OUT
SAM'S CLUB
BOARDMAN
6361 SOUTH AVE.
BAKE, BUY OR BOTH
BRING YOUR FRIENDS

We would like to give a BIG Thank You to American Baptist Churches of Ohio. We recently received a letter notifying us of \$2,000 they were giving to us for summer camp scholarships. Your continued support of ABC Ohio makes a huge difference to us, not only because of the camp scholarships but because of the affirmation and support we receive every day in so many ways.

Camp Update



Camp Goal: 41 Children @ \$300 each = \$12,300

Clothing Bank Needs Clothes

By Donna Thorpe, Office Manager



One of my new responsibilities is coordinating our New Clothing Bank. I am a bit disappointed in the progress of the clothing and donations we have received. I thought we would have been up and running by now, but we have not received enough donations of clothes, furniture, and household

items. We have some volunteers who have been bringing donations and have been helping to organize the room. And I want to thank everyone who has donated and volunteered so far. But the truth is, we need more donations. I love the idea of having a Clothing Bank at the center and I know for a fact that the residents and families in Campbell need it. I have faithful residents that come every Wednesday to see if we have received anything new and it breaks my heart to say "no". We had new residents move in recently with children, and they are starting over with nothing. They need all the help we can give them. This is a plea to anyone who has used or new clothes, furniture, or household items they want to donate. We take donations on Wednesdays from 9:00-5:00 p.m. If you are not able to drop your donation off on a Wednesday or if you have any questions, please call me at 330-755-8696. I appreciate any help you can give us. Thank you and God bless all of you.

It's Not Too Late

Dentist Rudy Braydich and his team are raising funds for Neighborhood Ministries by offering Teeth Whitening for a fraction of the regular cost (\$100) and donating 50% of the proceeds to Neighborhood Ministries and 50% to juvenile diabetes research.

To Schedule an Appointment Call:

The Braydich Center for Advanced Dentistry
Drs. Mark and Rudy Braydich
45 E Liberty St
Hubbard OH 44425
330-534-5408

We have a new mailing address!
Please update your records!



Neighborhood Ministries
PO Box 640
Campbell, OH 44405



From Disaster to Victory

By Tamika Williams, Rockford program assistant

At this year's banquet on May 18, potted flowers were presented to our volunteers for all the work they do at Neighborhood Ministries throughout the year. When I was first asked if I would be willing to help the children do this, I quickly volunteered. I love flowers! However, I had no idea of what I was getting myself into. It did take some time and preparation to buy the materials (pots, flowers, soil, etc.), but I am referring to the time it took to plant these with the children. It was definitely an experience!



Some of the kids were complaining about getting their hands dirty and not wanting to touch the potting soil. Others complained of the smell. And there were some who just said they didn't want to do it. As I began to instruct them on how to plant the flowers into the dirt, some of the children accidentally broke the stems of flowers. I thought to myself, "This is going to be a disaster! No one is going to want these flowers!" But God reminded me... "Isn't that how you were before I sent my son to die for you? Dirty in your sins and broken before me?" I was amazed. He was right. In that moment I paused, took a deep breath, asked for His patience and carefully guided each child with their plants, teaching them the proper way to plant a flower.

The flowers turned out beautifully and I received many compliments on how nice they looked. You see, God can take something not so "pretty" and turn it into something wonderful. He said in his word, "we are fearfully and wonderfully made." (Ps. 139:14) and we are to praise him for it!



The Good News Newsletter is a monthly publication of Neighborhood Ministries. To contact us for tours, speaking engagements or other special needs, please write or call the following:

Business Office (330) 755-8696
 PO Box 640 Fax (330) 755-8699
 Campbell, OH 44405 mark_samuel@ohionm.org

Ministry Sites

Kirwan Homes Rockford Village
 75 Jackson Street 1402b Dogwood Lane
 Campbell, OH 44405 Youngstown, OH 44505

West Side Fairview Arts and Outreach
 304 Matta Avenue 4220 Youngstown-Poland Road
 Youngstown, OH 44515 Youngstown, OH 44514

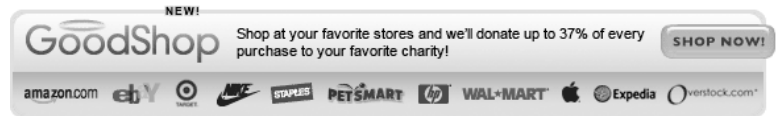
Website: www.ohionm.org

Go online and help Neighborhood Ministries

You can help us simply by doing what you usually do online. Goodsearch will make a donation to Neighborhood Ministries for each search you do. If you wish, a Goodsearch toolbar can be added to your internet browser, making it simple.



If you shop online, by using the Goodsearch website, you can shop at a number of stores you may visit already, like Walmart, Target, Best Buy, Home Depot and many more. A donation will be made to Neighborhood Ministries for each purchase made.



To sign up, visit www.goodsearch.com. Select Neighborhood Ministries (Campbell, OH), as the non-profit organization you wish to support, and then do what you do already. Each year Goodsearch will send us a check based on the number of searches and the amount of shopping done.

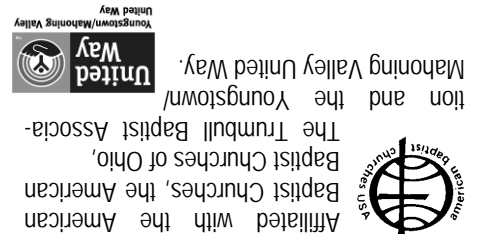
Just a Reminder...

The Youngstown Foundation will provide a 5% match for any gift of \$100.00 or more given to Neighborhood Ministries. Donations can be made out to The Youngstown Foundation with a note earmarking the gift to Neighborhood Ministries. Donations can be sent to:

**The Youngstown Foundation
 PO Box 1162
 Youngstown, OH 44501**

**Thank you for considering
 this extra giving opportunity.**

Please remember your church and Neighborhood Ministries in your will.



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

P.O. Box 640, Campbell OH 44405



NON-PROFIT ORG.
 U.S. POSTAGE
 PAID
 CAMPBELL, OHIO
 PERMIT NO. 29