

Fairmount Providers' Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2015

****Special thanks to St. Leo's for providing lunch and the Millvale Rec Center for hosting Great things happen when we work together!**

...New Faces...

- Desiree Swan, admission and financial aid coordinator at De Paul Cristo Rey high school. 861-0600, ext. 375, desiree.swan@depaulcristorey.org
- Peter Moorhouse, community organizer for Choice Neighborhoods, petermoorhouse@gmail.com

...Our Collaboration Continues into 2015...

...Through...

...Sharing Blessings...

- Shirley Cade, director of the St. Leo food pantry says the numbers keep increasing with more than 350 families, including 1500 people using the pantry. Because of the increased numbers, the pantry is open every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of the month from 1 to 4 pm. She said with increasing numbers, donations have increased. "We've really been blessed," she said. "People come in with a smile and leave with a great big grin."
- Lisa Hyde-Hill of the Villages at Roll Hill also shared blessings. She said her taking residents to the grocery store program is producing more than the initial intended results. She now sees seniors sharing advice with young mothers and developing relationships with them. "I'm seeing them live out the proverb that 'it takes a village...'" Lisa also saw this in the Girls' Life group where older girls helped younger ones build a gingerbread house and then took the houses apart so everyone could have some to take home. There are 37 boys from the Villages at Roll Hill who are in the St. X big brothers program. In the past, they were packing snack bags for themselves on outing days. Now they're also packing them for their big brothers.
- Everett Brewer of President Drive Church of Christ thanked members for prayers for his son David who is now doing well.

...Providing for our Children...

- Healthy Moms and Babes will sponsor an informational luncheon on "Saving Lives: Understanding Infant Mortality" Wednesday, January 28 from 12:30 to 2 pm at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. Children are welcome and childcare will be provided. Attendees will receive a gift and will be invited to receive a free health screen on the van. Call 377-2328 if you want to attend. Ask for Veree Russell. Please let her know if you are pregnant.
- Childhood Food Solutions (CFS) has been trying to set up a meeting with Mayor Cranley and has one scheduled for Feb. 4. The Mayor's wife is scheduled to help pack food sacks at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center Tuesday, Jan. 20. It is hoped the Mayor can suggest ways to expand and support CFS's mission.
- Margie Weller of Healthy Moms and Babes says the organization has a new CEO, Sister Trisha Cruise and a new program director Anne Scheid Jasinski. Healthy Moms provides parenting support through pregnancy and the early years of life through a variety of programs including home visits, and mobile van services. The van provides pregnancy testing, health education, and health promotion. Margie shared the current van schedule. Healthy Moms also works to improve and reduce infant mortality and pre-term birth.
- Lisa Garofalo, School and Community Facilitator at 4C for Children reports that the Early Childhood Network of community based child care providers in Fairmount continues to meet at Ethel Taylor School on a regular basis. Our network participation includes: Cincinnati Union

Bethel, AMICUS, Wm. Mallory Early Childhood Center at Cincinnati State, HIPPI and ECS home visitation, and the early childhood staff at E. Taylor School. Please contact Lisa Garofalo, 758-1306 for more information.

- Father Joe Folzenlogen of the Claver Jesuit community said the ministry will be relocating its office to Mother of Christ church in Winton Hills. That site will be advantageous because he is involved in several initiatives in that community, including the pre-school promise. He will still be involved with the Providers' group.
- Yasmeen Kahn, admissions director of Cristo Rey high school said the school will have its first graduation this year. Seniors are already receiving college acceptances and a staff member will be following them and seeing that they succeed in college. The school offers a unique program of college prep education and corporate work study. Applications are still being accepted for next year for 8th graders and transfer students. There are 8 shadow days planned between now and April 1. Dates are Jan 16, Feb. 3, 9, and 27, March 6, 23, 24, and April 1. Admission information evenings for parents are at 7 pm on Jan. 27, Feb/ 19, March 12, and April 9. Call Yasmeen 861-0600 for more information. Desiree Swan is an admission and financial aid coordinator at Cristo Rey. Follow De Paul Cristo Rey on Facebook (DePaul-Cristo-Rey-High-School-Cincinnati); YouTube, DPCR Media; twitter, @DePaulCristoRey; instagram, DePaul Cristo Rey High School.
- Jim Boyle of the Millvale Rec Center says Sara Robers is now working with the seniors program and a new staff person is set to start in February. The Center has been named the Police Athletic Association's boxing program site. This designation will help pay for housing and travel accommodations for the boxers. Jim says the Rec Center collaborates with Taylor Academy for an after-school program that includes a snack at 2:15 pm and activities from 3 to 6. He says they are averaging 50 to 60 youth for the hot meal evenings from 5 to 6 pm.

....Utilizing Available Resources (Many are FREE)...

- There will be free tax service at the Millvale Rec Center Saturdays, Feb. 21, and March 7 and 21 from 9 am to 3 pm. Santa Maria is also sponsoring a west side free tax preparation site for persons earning less than \$52,000 a year at Elder high school's Schaeper Center, 4005 Glenway. Avenue from 9 am to noon, January 31, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28, and March 7. Appointments are required. Call Price Hill Financial Opportunity Center, 235-3835 to schedule an appointment.
- Julie McGregor of Santa Maria says the agency provides free short-term family, individual, and couples counseling through Mental Health America of Northern Kentucky and Southwest Ohio. There are both English and Spanish-speaking counselors. The counseling is for those who cannot receive care from another source, including the uninsured, underinsured, those unable to receive public or private help, and the unemployed. Call 557-2700 for more information
- Gisela Camba of the Welcome Center at Roberts Academy said they are now certified by the Mexican government to provide an individualized program to help Spanish-speaking persons get their high school degree in Spanish so they will be able to get better jobs if they should return to their home countries. Registration is now open. Interested persons can come to the welcome center Monday through Friday from 10 am to noon or call 363-4693 for more information.
- Luz Ruvalcaba-Alvarez is a new Spanish-speaking community health worker who will be helping Spanish-speaking persons negotiate the health systems. An employee of TriHealth, she will be at St. Leo's Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesdays and in Price Hill the rest of the week.
- The Villages at Roll continues to be sub-site for the Community Action Agency's HEAP program that helps people learn to pay their bills on time and can erase outstanding balances if they stay in the program for 2 years. CAA will be at the community Center Tuesdays Feb. 3 and 24 and March 17 from 9 am to 1 pm. On January 13, 31 families were enrolled in the program. People need to bring a current ID, social security cards for all family members living at the residence, proof of income for the past 90 days, and a current utility bill. If persons bring their paperwork to Lisa a day or two in advance, she will have it ready and see that they are seen

- Santa Maria Community Services is providing “Rent Wise: Tenant Education” on Wednesdays, Jan 28, Feb. 25, and March 25; and Saturdays, Feb. 14 and March 14; from 9:45 am to 3 pm. Lunch is provided. Topics to be covered are budgeting and affordable housing, finding and applying for housing, tenant/landlord rights and responsibilities. Childcare is available on request for Wednesday class only. Contact Tonicia Dean 587-6920, ext. 301 for more information and to register.
- Mabel Forsythe of Amicus Children Learning Centers says she is planning to start a women’s group that will link parents to the myriad of resources that are available to them to deal with physical, emotional, spiritual, and educational issues. Her goal is to empower women to access all that is available and make choices to improve their own and their children’s lives. More information to come.
- Lisa Hyde-Hill will be involved in a mini health and career fair Tuesday, Jan 27, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Healing Center, 11345 Century Circle West. Call 346-4080 for more information.

...Enhancing the Safety and Quality of Life in our Neighborhoods...

- Peter Moorhouse will be working as a community organizer to help implement the Choice Neighborhoods plan for English Woods and North and South Fairmount. He will be working 15 to 20 hours a week and will have an office at St. Leo’s. There will be an information meeting Tuesday, January 27, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the former North Fairmount School 2001 Baltimore Avenue.
- Officer Adrian Gibson reported that applications are being accepted for the Citizens Police Academy, a program designed to provide better understanding between citizens and the police. The eight week program will cover such topics as laws of arrest, mental health response team, use of force, investigation, gangs, domestic violence and personal safety. It will be held on Thursday evenings March 19 to May 7 from 6 to 9 pm at the Cincinnati Police Academy, Spinney Field complex. For more information call 357-7554.
- Officer Gibson also provided other safety tips. To sign-up for the do not call registry call 1-888-382-1222 from the phone you want to register. You will remain on the list until you remove them or discontinue service. He warned against schemes that tell elders they have won a prize, require a fee to claim the “prize” or requests a down payment. He said overall crime is down, but car thefts are up. He cautioned against leaving running or unlocked or leaving valuables visible on the seat of the car.

February Fairmount Providers’ Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 19, 11:30 am to 1 pm

Villages at Roll Hill Community Center

****Try to get there by 11 am to see the program that center volunteers are preparing.**