

**Fairmount Providers' Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 15, 2018**

**Special thanks to Paula Taul and Willing Spirit Baptist Church for hosting and providing lunch and for their involvement in the community.**

**...New Faces...**

- Denise Hill, Bethany House, [dhill@bhsinc.org](mailto:dhill@bhsinc.org)
- Lindsey Cencola, Cradle Cincinnati Connections, [lindsey.cencola@cchmc.org](mailto:lindsey.cencola@cchmc.org)
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**...Working Together...**

**To Provide the Best for Our Children...**

- Felicia Selvie of the Children's Home is working with a kindergarten readiness program at Roll Hill and is recruiting 3 year-olds. She is also working with the free SPARK home visitation kindergarten readiness program which brings trained home visitors in the home to partner with parents in getting children ready for school. Each visit provides children with a new book, a lesson activity, educational supplies, and a learning opportunity. Contact Felicia at 272-2800 for more information
- Lisa Garofalo said that there was a pancake and pajama literacy program for pre-K and kindergarten students at Taylor Academy
- Paula Taul of Willing Spirit Baptist church shared information about the 2018 Breaking Barriers Essay contest sponsored by Major League baseball for students in grade 4 through 8 to share their stories about they use Jackie Robinson's nine values—citizenship, commitment, courage, determination, excellence, integrity, justice, persistence, and teamwork to face their own barriers. Entries can be emailed to [breakingbarriers@scholastic.com](mailto:breakingbarriers@scholastic.com) by March 14. She also said the Faith Alliance is working on its summer Day of Hope program
- Jean Johnson of Working in Neighborhoods (WIN) spoke of the after school tutoring program in South Cumminsville.
- Eneida Uehlin of LEAP Academy said there are 80 students enrolled in pre-school and there is a waiting list. The school nurse there is looking for parenting classes. There will be a community wide celebration Thursday, May 17.
- Lisa says both the St. X big brothers program and the Girls' Life Skills programs are doing well at the Villages at Roll Hill.
- Villages at Roll Hill is partnering with Cradle Cincinnati for a monthly lunch and ladies group at which a nurse answers questions.
- Childhood Food Solutions will be bagging 1500 food sacks Wednesday, Feb. 21 at 9:30 am at Village at Roll Hill community center. Volunteers are always welcome.
- St. Ursula Academy adopted 35 Villages at Roll Hill families and now they have become pen pals.
- Denise Hill of Bethany House Homeless Assistance is child/parent coordinator for 1390 individuals including 897 children. She partners with Children's Home to do assessments twice a week since 60% of those served have mental health issues. Bethany's Kids' Zone on McHenry is now open Monday through Thursday from 6 to 8 pm providing coping skills and support. Volunteers are always needed. The agency also has apartment rentals available.

**...To Keep Us Healthy...**

- The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Spring into Being Healthy health fair will be Friday, March 16, from 11 am to 1 pm. More than 20 agencies will be represented and will be doing free health evaluations and chair massages. The event is open to all and there will be raffles and a lot of give-aways for attendees. There will be a walk down President Drive to kick off the fair at 10 am followed by a balloon release. **Free mammography screening will be offered by the TriHealth Women's Services van between 10 am and 1 pm. To schedule an appointment call 559-6565**
- Lindsey Cencola of Cradle Cincinnati is working with the Villages at Roll Hill to provide wrap around services for moms through classes and helping them set goals and plans for life. She had a pop-up non-smoking program at the playground.
- Greer Aeschbury, also of WIN is planning for the South Cumminsville community garden. Raised beds are \$10 per space per year.

**...To Help Us Save Money...**

- *The CAA winter heat crisis program will be available at the Villages at Roll Hill community ends on Tuesday, March 6, beginning at 9 am. In order to be served faster people are encouraged to bring the required documents: photo ID, social security cards for all people living at that address, proof of income for the previous 90 days, and current Duke bill to the community center the day before at 3 pm so their information can be copied and they will be assured a spot in line*
  - *Free tax service will once again be offered at the Millvale Rec center on Saturdays, February 24, and March 3, 17, and 31 from 9 am to 1 pm. Services are offered on a first-come first-served basis.*
  - Ken Wilson of Cincinnati Works says the group's mission to help people get long-term sustainable income and it is planning a spring job fair in April. He also said that the Hamilton County Justice Center is offering services to inmates while they are still incarcerated working with probation officers and Talbert House
- Lisa Hyde-Miller of the Villages at Roll hill reported on two successful programs that are in progress— BB&T Bank's Healthy Finance and the Ohio State Extension Expanded Food and Nutrition. Participants learn about healthy foods and prepare a meal to take home to their families.

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LEAP Academy**