

Fairmount Providers' Meeting

Thursday February 18, 2016

****Special thanks to Lisa and the Community at the Villages at Roll Hill for hosting and providing a tasty lunch. We have so many wonderful people doing great work in our community!**

...New Faces..

- Sidney Jasper, Working in Neighborhoods, sjasper@wincincy.org
- Michelle Brooks, Healthy Moms and Babes, mbrooks@healthymomsandbabes.org
- Dr. Pat White, Leadership Scholars, 484-0707, drpatwhite@gmail.com
- Amy Clasgens, Cradle Cincinnati Connections, amy.clasgens@cchmc.org

....Helping Us Get and Stay Healthy...

- **Let's Change Our City conference**, a gathering of citizens, health care and social services agencies will be held Tuesday, March 15, from 3 to 6 pm at Interact for Health conference center. . Goal of the conference is to improve discussions among community resources regarding innovation and efficiency in the care provided to Cincinnatians living in poverty through large and small group sessions.. Sponsors of the event are Crossroad Health Center, the University of Cincinnati College of Education, and Interact for Health.
- **Spring into Being Healthy** will be the theme of a health fair at the Villages at Roll Hill community center Thursday, March 17, from 11 am to 1 pm. More than 22 businesses and agencies will be available to provide information and screenings.
- Shirley Cade, director, says that the new choice food pantry at St. Leo's is getting rave reviews. People are able to choose the food that best meets the needs of their families. Many say it's like shopping at a grocery store. The same respect, caring, and love continues at the new site. Once construction is completed, Catholic Charities will be offering such services as counseling and case management.
- Healthy Moms and Babes will host a luncheon, "Saving Lives: Understanding Infant Mortality Thursday, Feb. 25 from, noon to 1:30 pm at the Roll Hill Community Center. Those in attendance will receive a gift and will be invited to receive a free health screening on the van. Donna Bellamo, community health worker also shared van schedules and information about Healthy Moms Day at the Reds game July 17 and an opportunity to throw out the first pitch.
- Amy Clasgens of Cradle Cincinnati Connections spoke of the group's current focus on encouraging women to not get pregnant again until the previous child is a year old. She said such spacing is good for the mother and helps reduce premature births, a leading cause of infant mortality.
- Neighborhood officer Adrian Gibson shared area crime reports He also shared information about safe sleeping for infants. Of the 522 babies who died in Hamilton County between 2010 and 2014 74 died from sleep-related causes,, which are the most preventable infant deaths. That mortality rate makes it among the worst 10% in the nation.

....Giving Our Children the Best...

- Pat White, executive director of Leadership Scholars, explained the **Parent Academy** program that empowers parents and grandparents to help their children succeed in school and go on to college. **The free program is offered weekly for seven weeks and includes a free meal, transportation and childcare.** Nearby classes will be at DePaul Cristo Rey high school, beginning Tuesday, March 8; Su Casa (English and Spanish), Wednesday, March 9; and Gamble Montessori high school, Thursday, March 10. For further information call 861-5323 and ask for Jana. To register online go to www.leadershipscholars.org/signup The program which is the only one of its kind in the nation has already served over 1100 parents
- Mabel Forsythe of Amicus Children Learning centers says that education, both for children and their parents, is the focus of its programs. She currently has openings at the Millvale center. She says the name "Amicus" is Latin for "friend" and she tries to be a friend to the families she serves.

- The St. Xavier Big Brother program at the Villages at Roll continues to be going well. The boys had an ice skating and pizza party earlier in the month and will go to Lazer Kraze in Erlanger on Saturday. There will be two more months of events ending with a cook-out for boys and their parents in May.
- The Girls' Life Skills group at the Villages at Roll Hill made "Worth the Wait" cookies and had a speaker from Cradle Cincinnati earlier in the month, went to a Cyclones hockey game where they wore the "Worth the Wait" T-shirts they had made. Today they will be discussing what "real love" is and have dinner donated by LaSoupe. The group focuses on their goals and things that are worth waiting for—like sex, smoking, dressing too old for their age.
- Casey Betz spoke of the 4C for Children group for parents and children from birth to age 5 that is held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month from 11 am to 12:30 pm at St. Leo's church basement. The program shows ways parents can teach their children through play using simple household items.
- The Villages at Roll Hill community center will be closed March 21 to 25 but will be open during spring break March 29 to 31 and offer youth activities.
- The golden gloves boxing matches will be held at the Millvale Rec center March 18, 19, and 20. The boxing coach for the center is also the boxing coach for the city

...Job and Learning Opportunities and Stretching Your Dollars...

- There will be a **CAREER AND JOB FAIR** Thursday, April 14 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. Sponsors are the Villages at Roll Hill and Roll Hill school. Any questions? Contact Ms. Thompson 363-4025
- Emma Shirey, community organizer in North and South Fairmount is focusing on small people oriented projects, like community gardening.
- St. Leo's is offering a sewing class Fridays from 9 am to noon at the church offices.
- Sidney Jasper of Working in Neighbors (WIN) is gathering information to share with residents they serve. WIN provides economic learning, community development, and is working with community gardening.
- There will be a **FREE** will and advance planning clinic Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, 215 East Ninth Street. A limited number of spots are available. Call 362-2811 for more information.
- The next CAA heating assistance program will be Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 9 am at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. People can pre-sign up with everything that's needed the day before each date from 2 to 4 pm. One does not have to be a resident of the Villages to take advantage of this program. **The last day for the heating program is Tuesday, March 15. There will be NO more utility aid programs until June.**
- **FREE** tax preparation will again be available at the Millvale Rec Center on Saturdays from 9 am to 1 pm. Upcoming dates are March 5, 19, and 26, and April 2 and 9.
- Eighteen Villages at Roll Hill residents attend the Legal Shield workshop Feb. 12 and learned about identity theft.

...Supporting Each Other...

- Everett Brewer, pastor of President Drive Church of Christ said that the only way the church can do what it does is to work together with the help of other people. There will be a church group coming Saturday to do work at the church and volunteers help with Vacation Bible School and the summer Friday family game nights He said the Providers group not only offers information and networking but has a spiritual dimension as well.
- Lisa Hyde-Miller shared that her church, 1st Baptist Church of Mt. Healthy will offer a Passion play Sunday, March 20, Thursday, March 24, and Friday, March 25, at 7 pm. All are welcome to attend

Because so many providers are involved with the Health Fair at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center Thursday, March 17, there will be

NO FAIRMOUNT PROVIDERS' MEETING IN MARCH

April Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, April 21, 11:30 am to 1 pm
Villages at Roll Hill Community Center
Amicus Learning Providing Lunch

**If you have any information you want to share during that time, please email me at alannoleo@aol.com