

Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 2017

Special thanks to Rev. Everett Brewer and the President Drive Church of Christ for hosting and providing lunch and for their ongoing commitment to our community.

...New Faces...

- Kendell Dorsey, Orion School, 57.kdorsey@nhaschools.com
- Amelia Wehr, Santa Maria, amelia.wehr@santamaria-cincy.org
- Donna Cooper, Orion school, 57.dcooper@nhaschools.com
- Nick Reynolds, Free Store Good Bank, nreynolds@freestorefoodbank.org
- Michaela Oldfield, michaela@greenumbrella.org
- Dorian Mundy, Hamilton County Health Department, dorian,mundy@hamilton-co.org

...We Pray Together...

Prayer Walk: For many years we have come together to pray and thank God and call down God's blessings on our communities. Here is the schedule for 2017. Join us for any or all the stops. There will also be a prayer walk that evening beginning with prayer and singing at Third Presbyterian church and walking to President Drive Church of Christ. The walk will end with an ice cream social. There will be prayer and praise at the corner of Baltimore and McHenry Sunday, May 21, at 1 pm. All are invited.

National Day of Prayer Caravan Schedule

10:00 - Villages at Roll Hill - 3691 President Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45225
10:15 - Taylor Academy - 1930 Fricke Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45225
10:30 - Hopple Street Health Center - 2750 Beekman St, Cincinnati, OH 45225
10:45 - St. Leo Prayer Wall, 2573 St Leo Pl, Cincinnati, OH 45225
11:00 - North Fairmount School, 2001 Baltimore Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45225
11:15 - Sav-a-lot Parking Lot - 2435 Harrison Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45211
11:30-- District 3 Police Station - 2300 Ferguson Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238
11:45 - Talbert House for Women, 1616 Harrison Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45225
12:00 – Back at the Villages of Roll Hill

...and We Act Together...

Lace up your walking shoes. It's Time for the Annual Hunger Walk. The Biggest Fund Raiser for St. Leo's Pantry (our choice pantry serves more than 1,300 monthly and provides meat and fruits and vegetables as well as staples) ***Sign up by mail or on line: cincinnati-hungerwalk.org or www.saint-leo.org. There is also a printable registration form on Saint Leo's website. Be sure to indicate St. Leo Food Pantry as the agency you're walking for.

...To Lead Healthier Lives...

- St. Leo's food pantry will be open the 4th Saturday of each month from noon to 2 pm. April date is Saturday, April 22,
- The Health Fair at the Villages at Roll Hill was very successful. Over 200 people attended and 23 agencies were represented. There were door prizes and Lisa received a \$500 grant from Baby 1Network which was matched by Cradle Cincinnati to purchase pack n' plays and other baby items. There were so many items that the Center will have a Mothers' Day Luncheon Friday, May 12 from 11:30 am to 1 pm to give out the remaining baby items.
- Michaela Oldfield of Great Cincinnati Food is working to increase access to more healthful food in food desert neighborhood. One aspect of the work is working with small mom and pop stores to provide more nutritious food.
- Nick Reynolds of the Free Store Food Bank spoke of the Healthy Harvest mobile market which just recently brought its 24 foot trailer of healthy food, especially fruits and vegetables to the Millvale area in front of Taylor Academy. The food is available at low prices and accepts EBT cards with a special bonus for buying fruits and vegetables.

- Theresa Diersen of Healthy Moms shared the current van schedule and said the organization is continuing to collect new and gently used shoes that can be repurposed or given to needy people in very poor areas of the world. The organization will receive \$2 for every pair of shoes collected. Only 300 pairs of shoes have been collected so far. Many more are needed.
- Dorian Mundy of the Hamilton County health department who is working on the disparity between infant mortality between black and white infants will have a community meeting Wednesday May 24 at Youthland Academy on Beekman at 6 pm and a focus group on May 30 at the Villages at Roll Hill.

...To Do the Best for Our Children...

- The new LEAP academy in the former North Fairmount School building on Baltimore has 100 pre-school spots available. The new Spanish Language magnet school which will begin with pre-school to grades 3 this fall will also have a community learning center and will be seeking input from the community about services they would like to see offered.
- Lisa Hyde-Miller of the Villages at Roll Hill said summer field trips which include Kings Island, the Zoo, Reds' Game the Skatin Place, Paddle Fest, and many other activities. Judy Kuhlman, new youth minister at St. Leo's will work with her on some of the events. The center will offer free lunch from June 12 to August 11. Lacrosse will be back every Wednesday from 11 am to 12:30 starting June 21. The Vineyard church will lead a block party June 22 at the center from noon to 3:30 pm .The opera Ladies' Night out will be June 13 with dinner catered by La Soupe.
- Two new Kaboom playgrounds are being built in the East Westwood area, one on Hawkins Street, near the Villages at Roll Hill and another at the 3rd Presbyterian Church on McHenry during the 3rd week of May. Volunteers are needed to help.
- It's a busy time of the year for Taylor Academy. Career day is Friday, April 21. Millvale Fest, the neighborhood festival will be Saturday, May 20. The annual fund raiser for the school Spring Fling will be Saturday, May 13. And the school is well underway to become a new tech school next year. There will be a ribbon cutting for the new school August 9.
- Mabel Forsythe of Amicus Children Learning Center said she is looking for new locations for her programs since the Cincinnati Recreation Center, where the programs were located, are now doing programs of their own. Programs which are focused on education and empowering parents accept vouchers. Call 681-400 for more information or call Mabel at 313 575-4114
- Casey Betz of St. Leo's said that Judie Kuhlman will be joining the staff as youth minister in May and will plans to collaborate with other churches and centers in the neighborhood. Casey also noted that Fairmount Providers' summaries can be found on St. Leo's web page saint-leo.org Go to "works of mercy" and Fairmount Providers.
- In order to ensure that students had positive activities and a good lunch, the Villages at Roll Hill offered activities and lunch during spring break from 10:30 am to 2:30 pm
- An 8-week mindfulness training for parents will be coming soon to the Villages at Roll Hill. It will be taught by two residents and two nurses. Participants will be paid for taking part and child care and lunch will be provided.
- Both the St. Xavier Big Brothers program and the Girls Life Skills group continue to be successful. The boys went bowling with their big brothers and will go to Gorman Farms. The final activity is a picnic for little and big brothers and their families at the school May 13. Lisa will be keynote speaker at St. X's volunteer night May 15 at 7 pm. The girls are working on their mothers' day gifts. The program will end May 4 with a review of the year and a party.
- Lisa provided an update on the progress of the Girls and Boys Club and gym which will be built on land next to the community center. More to come
- Women from the Villages at Roll Hill helped design the Cradle Cincinnati Safe Sleep billboards that were displayed March 6 through April 22 at 9 locations in Cincinnati.
- Donna Cooper, recruitment director for Orion K-8 charter school says the school is based on four pillars— educational excellence, parental partnership, moral focus, and college focus. She introduced principal, Kendell Dorsey, and said students there tend to score 125 to 145 % above grade level.
- Rev. Everett Brewer of President Drive Church of Christ said the church will resume its Friday Family Games program June 10 and run until August 11. The program begins with hotdogs at 6:30 pm outside the church followed by family games in the air-conditioned church.

- The Faith Alliance Coalition Team from district 3 will have its annual Day of Hope program Saturday, August 12, at Wayne Playfield on Beekman. Some 20 social agencies will provide information. There will be food and clothing and hygiene kits. More information to come.

...To Further Enhance the Quality of Life in Our Communities...

- Amelia Wehr of Santa Maria's Stable Families program talked about the diversion program that helps families at risk of homelessness get into housing within 30 days. There is a housing specialist and case management to help prevent homelessness.
- Officer Adrian Gibson reported that overall crime is down, though crime tends to spike when the weather gets warmer. He shared important non-emergency phone numbers including how to report drug activity 513 352-2555. His direct phone number is 513 263-8345. He also shared tips on how to protect identity online: create strong passwords, protect your smartphone, and know what information to share on social media
- Cincinnati Works will have a job fair on Thursday, May 18, at City Links, 800 Bank Street beginning at 10 am. Over 18 local employers will be there and Cincinnati Works will offer classes the week before on how to succeed at a job fair.
- Emma Shirey of the Xavier Community Building Institute said that there is some community development going on in the neighborhood with the rehabbing of one house on Beekman. The developer would like to rehab more houses in the neighborhood.

**May Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, May 18, 11:30 am to 1 pm
St. Leo Church Undercroft**