

Fairmount Providers' Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 17, 2015

*****Special thanks to St. Leo's for hosting and providing lunch and for the great work that they do in the community.**

***How Good it is and How Pleasant
When Brethren Dwell in Unity (psalm 133)***

**After a summer packed with activities we've come back together to network and collaborate
For the benefit of our communities**

...New Faces...

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...Feeding the Hungry...

- Casey Betz, development director at St. Leo's said that Archbishop Dennis Schnurr asked churches to collect food and money to support food pantries as part of the Catholic Church's "Food for All" campaign. He also asked parishioners to write letters to their representatives encouraging support of food programs such as WIC and the food stamp program. Goal was 5000 letters. He received 10,000 and will be blessing them at the new St. Leo food pantry site Friday, Sept. 18.
- Shirley Cade of the St. Leo food pantry said 347 families with a total of 1400 people come to the food pantry last month. They receive about two weeks' worth of food, "enough to make a difference." She says the new pantry across the street is due to open in October and will be a choice pantry. The pantry received 2000 pounds of food from Our Lady of Visitation as a result of the Cincinnati Archdiocese's "Food for All" campaign. She also received \$300 in cash which she is spending for soap, an item not able to be bought with food stamps. People are asked to bring 3 cans of food to the Reds' game Sept. 25. St. Leo's will benefit from that collection. The pantry also received two carloads of food from employees at the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.
- Free breakfast and lunch was provided through Whole Again ministries to a total of 2042 children this summer at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. Childhood Food Solutions (CFS) delivered a total of 4,127 food sack during the summer and started distributing weekend sacks at Roll Hill academy three weeks ago and will resume distributing sacks at Taylor Academy next week.

***We Know They are Amazing
Now Everyone else does, too!!!***

- **Lisa Hyde-Miller, of the Villages at Roll Hill will receive the "Champion of Change Award" Wednesday, Sept. 23 at the meeting of the Hamilton County Commissioners**
- **Shirley Cade, director of St. Leo's Food Pantry will receive the Molina Health award as a "Community Champion" at a reception and event in Columbus the same day. The pantry will also receive a \$1000 prize.**

.....Caring for Our Children and Families...

- Lindsey Cencula, program director for Cradle Cincinnati Connections spoke of the services offered in our communities. Focus is on pregnant women and mothers with preschoolers. Connections sees itself as a gap filler, collaborating with other services such as Healthy Moms and Babes. Its work is mostly short-term meeting immediate needs, dreaming with clients to set goals and making referrals. They meet one or two times with clients. So far 112 moms have participated. Staff includes a nurse, dietitian, and social worker. More information is available by calling 818-7300.
- Rev. Everett Brewer of President Drive Church of Christ said the church had an eventful summer with its vacation bible school and Friday evening Family Game Nights. Three different service teams came to the church during the summer to help with maintenance projects. The first two groups worked so efficiently that the third group did a three-day fun fest for neighborhood children.

- Rev. Brewer also spoke of the 2nd annual day of hope, a back-to-school event sponsored by neighborhood churches on August 22. It offered entertainment, clothing and school supplies. 260 school bags were given away at the event.
- Summer at the Villages at Roll Hill included weekly field trips to places like the Zoo, Kings Island, and Coney Island. La Soupe Cincinnati sponsored the Girls' Life Skills night out to the opera and will provide a catered dinner once a month for the group. Most Valuable Kid (MVK) sponsored Roll Hill boys at the NFL alumni football camp at the end of July and will sponsor the boys to attend a Bengals' game Oct. 4. In order to go to the game the boys had to do a community service project and chose writing letters to military men and women.
- Union Savings Bank provided 500 book bags for Roll Hill and other children who live in the Villages at Roll Hill. Union Savings will also provide Thanksgiving meals both catered and the turkey and fixings to do yourself. So far 179 have signed up.
- The St. Xavier Big Brothers' program begins in October. The Meet and Greet for parents of both big and little brothers will be Sunday at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center Sunday, Oct. 11, at 1:30 pm.
- **St. Leo's offers ESL (English as a Second Language) classes on Thursday mornings from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm and Saturday from 10 am to noon. All are welcome.**
- Scott Stephens of Catholic Charities sought feedback about what services Catholic charities could offer to the community from its offices in the food pantry building. He's open to suggestions and creative ideas.

...Improving Our Health...

- Julie Mc Gregor of Santa Maria spoke about the 12th annual Woman's Health Fair Saturday, Oct. 3, at the Price Hill Recreation center 9 am to 1 pm. It will include health information, health screenings and other resources.
- Lisa Hyde-Miller of the Villages at Roll Hill reports that fall activities are getting underway. There will be workshops on stress, eating disorders and low back pain .Dr. Dan Buchanan from Kenwood Rehabilitation is providing one on arthritis and low back pain. The Women's listening group led by TriHealth outreach nurse Mary Beth Basch is growing as is monthly transportation to the grocery store.
- **A reminder—Villages at Roll Hill community center is a subsite for CAA community utility aid. ONE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE A RESIDENT AT THE VILLAGES TO PARTICIPATE. The subsite operates from November through August. Dates will be available at the next meeting.**

...Keeping Us Safe...

- Neighborhood Police Officer Adrian Gibson reports that the summer saw an increase in thefts from autos. A campaign to remind people to either take things into the house or "leave your junk in the trunk" has helped decrease these kinds of thefts. He also spoke of upcoming clean-ups in the Price Hill area and a FREE SHRED DAY Saturday, Sept. 19, from 11 am to 2 pm at the Warsaw Federal Bank 3533 Warsaw Ave.
- How do you report suspected drug dealing in your neighborhood? Vice and narcotics units deal with these crimes. They can be contacted at 353-2555. You can also call district 3, 263-8300 and ask to leave a voice message for the violent crimes squad supervisor. Be sure to leave a number where you can be contacted. If you have made a complaint and haven't seen a police response, be assured the police are at work. It takes a lot of time to build a solid legal case for court.

**If you weren't at our September meeting, we missed you
Be sure to join us for our October meeting
Thursday, October 15, 11:30 am to 1 pm
Site Being Determined**

***Catholic Charities to Host November meeting**