

**Fairmount Providers' Meeting
Thursday, September 15, 2016**

Special thanks to St. Leo's for hosting, providing lunch, and for their ongoing commitment to our community.

Coming together after a summer apart reminds us "How good it is and how pleasant when brethren dwell together in unity." (psalm 132) God surely smiles on our united commitment to our communities.

...New Faces...

- Ken Wilson, Cincinnati Works, kwilson@cincinnatiworks.org
- Ashley Keith, Working in Neighborhoods, akeithwincincy.org
- Nate Webb, Santa Maria Community Services, Nathaniel.webb@santamaria-cincy.org
- Jamila Richards, Pathways for Women, jamila.richards@talberthouse.org
- Marquisha Harrism Healthy Moms and Babes, mhcms@healthymomsandbabes.org
- Ed Thornton, De Paul Cristo Rey high school, ed.thornton@dpcr.net
- Randy Aragon, Villages at Roll Hill Community Center randyaragon@gmail.com

Congratulations to

**Molly Luken, Taylor Academy CLC
on the birth of her daughter Gabrielle
And
Healthy Moms and Babes Celebrating its 30th Anniversary**

...Celebrating Our Collaborative Work...

...For Children and Families...

- Santa Maria Community Services is collaborating with Children's Hospital and Toyota for a Free Car Seat/Booster Seat event at the Price Hill Recreation Center 959 Hawthorne Avenue Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 10:00am. Advance registration is required as is a one hour classroom presentation to qualify. Car seats must be installed in your vehicle at the end of the class. Register by September 30 by calling Stephanie at 513-636-0576
- Lisa Garofilo of 4 C's for children says the group plans to repeat 2 successful literacy events for parents and young children at Taylor Academy in January and March. The programs are designed with input from teachers and care givers. Last year's Transition to kindergarten for Taylor children and their parents was successful and likely to be repeated.
- Twenty-five youth received bikes at the end of summer annual cook-out at the Villages at Roll Hill. The gently used bikes were donated by St. Ignatius parish and then refurbished. Union Savings bank provided the helmets.
- The annual St. Xavier high school Big Brothers program with boys from the Villages at Roll Hill will begin Saturday, Oct. 9. The program pairs a boy with a St. X junior or senior for twice monthly activities. There will be a meet-and-greet for parents of both the little and big brothers at the center before the outings begin. The Girls' Life Skills group will begin Thursday, Oct. 6. Dinner will be provided once a month by La Soupe.
- Jim Boyle, director of the Millvale Rec Center said the summer programs were very successful. After school programs begin at 2:45 pm, provide a hot meal at 5 pm and wrap up at 6 pm for elementary students. The center is open from 6 to 9 pm for teens and adults. Jim is working with the Urban League on job readiness and with CMHA with the First Steps program that helps parents support their children's learning.
- The Children's Workshop to provide tutoring help for 2nd through 6th grade will meet Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 2:45 to 4 pm beginning Oct. 4th at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. Students from the University of Cincinnati will help tutor and Randy Aragon, a teacher who is new to the area will work on improving computer and digital skills.
- DePaul Cristo Rey high school is a school for low income students who want a college prep program and are willing to work at Cincinnati companies to earn part of their own education costs. 100% of its first two

graduating classes were accepted into college. Cristo Rey will offer shadow days for 8th graders who would like to get a taste of this unique kind of education. Call 861-0600 to set up an appointment.

- Sixteen youth from the Villages at Roll Hill will attend a basketball camp at the Jewish community center Sunday, Oct.2
- Christmas sign up will be Saturday, Oct. 8 and Monday, Oct. 10 at St. Leo's church basement from 9 am to 1 pm
- Sidney Jasper of Working in Neighborhoods joined other providers in declaring the Day of Hope in August a Success. The event is sponsored by local pastors and community groups.

...To Keep Us Nourished and Healthy...

- The 18th annual free Price Hill Women's Health Fair will be Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 am to 1 pm at the Price Hill Recreation center 959 Hawthorne Avenue. There will be blood pressure, BMI, depression, glucose, cholesterol, pregnancy testing, STD and other screenings. There will be a mobile mammography van (financial assistance available. To make appointment call 859-655-7400), carotid artery screenings (call 557-2700, ext. 200 for appointment) There will raffles, refreshment, and child care available.
- St. Leo's will collaborate with Willing Spirit Baptist church for the First Ladies Family Health Day Sunday, October 9, from 12:30 to 4 pm at St. Leo's. Free health family (children included) services and screenings will include flu shots, blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, lung disease, dental, behavioral health, Healthy Moms and Babes mobile van, "Ask a doctor" and more. There will also be gifts, raffles, and health care materials.
- Lisa Hyde-Miller of the Villages at Roll Hill said the summer lunch program was a success with 2205 free meals served. She also noted that Childhood Food Solutions distributed 5726 bags of food Villages at Roll Hill and a total of over 8000 sacks in the area. It has \$28,000 on hand to feed 4000 children at Thanksgiving. CFS's goal is to provide 20,000 food sacks through all the elementary schools at Christmas.
- Donna Bellamo of Healthy Moms and Babes said that approval for Medicaid will allow them to get another van and serve more neighborhoods. Healthy Moms is continuing to work on its 4 unit housing for homeless pregnant women. Marquisha Harris, also of Healthy Moms spoke of the Help Me Grow program that provides interventions and support for identified children from birth to age three.
- Emma Shirey of the Community Building Institute at Xavier University says new outdoor exercise equipment obtained through a grant will soon be installed at the park on Carll Street. She is also exploring the housing stock in the area and is working with code enforcement to prevent more demolition of the core of the community. Some 90 houses are scheduled to be torn down as the result of the Metropolitan Sewer project.
- Thanksgiving dinners will again be provided by Union Savings Bank for residents of the Villages at Roll Hill. Sign-up is in progress and ends Oct. 18.

...To Keep Us Safe...

- Neighborhood Officer Gibson says overall crime is decreasing. He also spoke of cards that officers carry with them to raise a complaint or give a compliment about interactions citizens have with police.
- Sergeant Chapman spoke of the increasing number of heroin overdoses in district 3. She said if anyone sees someone they believe may have overdosed to call 911 and to not pick up or touch needles.

...To Improve Learning Skills and Job Opportunities...

- Catholic Charities is collaborating with the Metropolitan Area Religious Coalition of Cincinnati (MARCC) to provide identification cards to improve the potential for individuals to be recognized and provided with equal protection and due process under the law and receive governmental services in Cincinnati. The **MARCC ID card is for any resident who may have limited access to government issued forms of identification.** It is recognized as a valid form of identification within the city of Cincinnati. It is not a replacement for a driver's license or state ID and does not provide the right to vote. It is accepted as identification to get a library card or open a bank account. Over 500 people took advantage of the first ID event in August. **There will be a MARCC ID event** at Woodward high school on Reading road **Saturday, Sept. 17** beginning at 9 am with a mandatory orientation at 9:30 am and at 1 pm with a mandatory orientation at 1:30 pm. Persons seeking the IDs need to bring a form of identification and proof of residency. Cost is \$15.
- Cincinnati Works is partnering with Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Association (CMHA) for its annual fall job fair Wednesday, at CMHA headquarters on Western Avenue.
- Ken Wilson of Cincinnati Works is working as a community engagement specialist as part of the Hands Up Initiative. Cincinnati Works provides job training and readiness

- There will be an adult Education Fair Thursday, Sept. 22, at noon at the Villages at Roll Hill Community Center. Representatives from Job Corp, Chatfield College, Cincinnati Works, and Queen City Vocational GED/ABLE programs will be there.
- La Shona Carpenter employment specialist at Working in Neighborhoods says she is getting lots of calls from flyers she placed in the St. Leo food pantry. She also said that residents are interested in small businesses in the neighborhood.
- Nate Webb, an Americorps worker at Santa Maria Community Services spoke of the wide variety of services the agency provides ranging from early childhood support for infants and parents, help with Medicaid, food stamps, notary service, pro bono counseling and human trafficking outreach, to bilingual parenting support groups, ESL classes, and collaborating with other community agencies for neighborhood projects

...To Feed Our Spirits...

- Pastor Everett Brewer of President Drive Church of Christ said collaboration with Third Presbyterian church on McHenry continues to grow. They joined together for the annual National Day of Prayer evening walk of prayer and song from McHenry to Baltimore in May and had a joint outdoor prayer service at the corner of McHenry and Baltimore on Sunday, August 7. Another praise service is planned at the same location on Sunday, Oct. 2, from noon to 3 pm, Pastor Brewer also said that four weeks of service from volunteers from different communities helped both them and President Drive parishioners to better understand people whose lives are different from their own.. The Friday family game nights were also successful.
- Sidney Jasper of Working in Neighborhoods said the 4th annual family reunion in South Cumminsville drew more than 500 people, more than 80 people helped with a neighborhood clean-up blitz, the community garden harvested its first peach crop, and they are continuing to work on health and safety and green space issues.
- Jamila Richards of Talbert house Pathways for women says they have women who can volunteer to help with neighborhood projects. Call Ms. Rush 557-2500 to arrange for volunteers.

October Fairmount Providers" Meeting Thursday, October 20, 11:30 am to 1 pm Millvale Rec Center, Beekman Street

****Interested in hosting or providing lunch? Contact Angela at alannoleo@aol.com**

- **Millvale Rec will also host in November**
- **President Drive Church of Christ will host in April**