



Kennedy Heights News

February, 2009

Dear Friends of The Caring Place,

You have no doubt seen many reports in the news lately concerning food pantries and the difficulty they have had

keeping up with the rising numbers of clients coming for help. Many pantries have had to cut back on the amount of food they give or limit the number of clients they can service. The Caring Place, like others, has seen a significant increase in the number of families needing assistance. However, due to the generous support of the people of our participating churches, neighboring schools and friends in our communities, we have been able to meet the demand.

We prepared Thanksgiving and Christmas food bags for over 250 families. These consisted of chicken, stuffing, gravy, cranberry sauce, potatoes, macaroni & cheese, vegetables, rolls and dessert.

Thanksgiving when our funds were extremely low, someone stepped forward and donated the chickens while others gave cash donations. Many also brought food to fill our shelves. And, of course, there were those who gave their time and hard work to prepare the bags and distribute them.

At Christmas we needed toys for over 300 children. Toys for Tots filled our van until there was hardly room for us, but we still needed more. Again, a generous member of one of our congregations brought in a car load of toys she had bought on sale after Christmas last year. Employees of Fifth Third Bank had a toy and food collection, students from Seven Hills Junior High brought toys, food and winter coats as well as sponsoring a penny war as a fund raiser (amazing how those pennies can add up), and another family called and asked how they could help. After bringing a car load of toys they left word that we should call if we needed more. We did, and they came through again. Members of the Sycamore Township Fire Department came on the Saturday before Christmas and filled our empty shelves before the last group of parents came to choose gifts for their children.



Montgomery Presbyterian Church, St. Vincent Ferrer and Golf Manor Women's Group adopted families for their angel trees. Another generous person called and asked if they could help someone. So a couple with six children who were not exchanging gifts themselves were surprised and grateful.

This is the story of Thanksgiving and Christmas, but this generous spirit is present throughout the year. There are those who give of their time regularly to serve the needs of our neighbors by working in the pantry and clothing room or transporting food from the Freestore and other places. In a troubled world we sometimes dwell on the negative. While we are sorry to see the number of clients increasing, we are extremely proud and grateful for the response of the people of our faith communities.

Thank you and God bless you in the New Year.

*Ceal Bellman, Director
The Caring Place*



The Caring Place

The Caring Place is located in the basement of Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church on Kennedy Avenue.

The Caring Place was established in 1982 by a coalition of churches serving Golf Manor, Kennedy Heights, Pleasant Ridge, and Silverton. It provides a variety of services to members of our communities who find themselves in need of food, clothing, furniture, rent and utility assistance, family development and support groups.

Volunteers primarily come from participating churches and local schools including Nativity School, Seven Hills Academy, and Schroder Paideia High School.

**Open Tuesdays & Thursdays
9-2**

Some Caring Numbers for 2008

- 799 families
- 14% increase over 2006
- 3,109 visits
- 73 utilities
- 56 rent / mortgage
- 23 medical
- 1,841 ... food
- 1,074 ... clothing

**Volunteer...Donate...Inquire
841-1499**

KHCC Meets

2/17/09 7:30

KH Presbyterian Church

Kennedy Heights Community Council

www.kennedyheights.org

**Charles Johnson Inducted into
Kennedy Heights Landscape Hall of Fame.**



- 15 year KH resident
- 3614 Woodford Rd
- Three-time landscape award winner
- Favorite plant: impatiens "they give lots of bang to the landscape with their bright colors".
- Planting tip: allow yourself to be an artist!

**KHCC Seeks Neighborhood Networker
Part-Time Contract Employment**

Compensation

- Position framed on contract, not hourly
- 6 month, renewable contract
- 10-15 hours of work/week
- Although not hourly, average rate is around \$15/hour based on budget
- KHCC will provide 50% of contract fee with the expectation for Networker to raise 50%. Quarterly benchmarks to determine progress.
- Contract can be terminated with 7 days notice with or without cause.

Expectations:

- Computer literate and excellent in Excel, Word, Publisher, and Access as well as strong internet search skills.
- Sales/Customer Service experience a plus.
- May work from home and will provide your own computer/internet/phone service.
- Candidate with connection to Kennedy Heights preferred but not required.

Duties

- Represent KHCC but not make decisions on KHCC's behalf. All direction and expenditures must be approved by the KHCC Board of Directors.
- Help identify and recruit volunteers for the board, committees, events, etc.
- Develop and maintain database of residents and volunteers.
- Develop and manage Street Ambassador Program by identifying Ambassador(s) for each street and coordinating outreach to the community through them.
- Develop and manage Welcome (new resident) program
- Help develop a KHCC Brochure
- Help with existing fundraising events (Sap Brunch and Progressive Dinner), including ticket sales.
- Sell and manage ads for newsletter and website.
- Develop new fundraisers
- Work with President and Board to obtain additional grant funding
- Other duties to be defined.

Apply by February 28
Send resume to
KHCC@kennedyheights.org
or
**Kennedy Heights Community
Council**
6463 Kennedy Ave.
Cincinnati, OH 45213

*Equal Opportunity
Employer*



At ballet tech cincinnati

- Jazz Jam Session 2/15/09 Come enjoy live improvisational jazz in a relaxed, family-oriented atmosphere. Bring your instrument and join in or just relax and listen. Musicians of all skill levels invited. Admission is \$5.
- Fine Arts Fund Sampler Weekend Gospel Brunch sponsored by Macy's 12-2 PM February 22 featuring Hair and Fashion Show, Macy's Gospel Choir and catering by Edibles 'N Such. Free Admission, a la carte menu and drinks
- Fine Arts Fund Sampler Weekend Performance at 3pm, 2/22 featuring a Sneak Peak at *Myth*, favorites from **East vs West Side Story**, and performances by Krucial Hip Hop Crew and **ballet tech cincinnati** school. Free admission
- Salsa Saturdays, Saturday, 2/21, 2/28; 9 pm-2 am
- Friday Night Live! in Kennedy Heights with the QCity Players. Friday, 4/3 8pm

New Classes

- Youth Ballet II on Wednesdays,
- Youth Ballet/Tap Combo II on Mondays
- Video Hip Hop on Thursdays
- Modeling on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Youth Performing Arts Camp: 7/6-8/14

More Information

www.ballettechcincinnati.org
608-6961
6542 Montgomery Rd.

Utility Reminder

- ◆ If you have a shut-off notice from Duke, take it seriously.
- ◆ There is no ban on winter shut-offs
- ◆ \$175 (and agreement to a payment plan) is all that's needed in winter to avoid shut-off.
- ◆ The PIPP payment plan requires payments no more than 15% of your income.
- ◆ Call Community Action and ask about HEAP and PIPP

569-1850

Suspicious Knockers Prompt E-Mail Alerts

Several KH and Pleasant Ridge residents have reported ominous late night visitors.

As neighbors began comparing notes, they found this resident's account fitting a too familiar pattern.

"I had someone banging on my back door last night at 2:14 am. It triggered the motion detection on my back lamp post. I did not go downstairs but my 85 lb. Lab did.

They left when the dog started barking. If it was a legitimate need they would have come to the front door and rung the door bell. I checked and it was not neighbors, who know to yell up to me if it is an emergency."

In another incident the two guys ringing the doorbell near midnight were carrying snow shovels.

The general conclusion: Doors were banged and bells were rung to check to see if the coast was clear for a burglary.

Thanks to e-mail, alerts quickly made the rounds of the neighboring streets. And the seeds have been sown for a block watch network.

Josh Swain is KHCC's block watch specialist. If you want organizational help, you can write or call Josh.

josh@kennedyheights.org
541-4041(leave a message)



Great American Clean-up in Make a Difference

April 25, 2009
8:45 – 10:45 am

- Meet at the Kennedy Heights Presbyterian Church
- Free T-shirts for new volunteers
- A good way for students to get service hours
- Pizza party following the clean-up back at the church

Thanks, Joanie

This is Joanie Weidner's last event after 10 years of service...so do her proud and make it the Greatest American Cleanup!

Questions
631-0051 evenings

Foreclosure Phon-a-Thon 2/24

On Tuesday 2/24, the Home Ownership Center, Legal Aid Society and other organizations will partner with WCET and WCPO TV in a phone-a-thon for homeowners who want to avoid going into foreclosure..

- Homeowners will call a phone number that links them to prevention assistance from the privacy of their phone.
- The phone lines will be open all day .
- 1-877-728-9987

The call will take several minutes, collecting basic information about your situation.

When warranted, attorneys and paralegals from the Legal Aid Society will follow up later with in-depth interviews to lay the groundwork for foreclosure avoidance counseling by the Home Ownership Center.

Counseling includes budget management skill development, mortgage loan analysis and education, lender negotiation, referral services, funding allocation, clinics explaining the foreclosure process and alternatives, and delinquent taxes negotiation

There is also limited funding available to eligible homeowners for foreclosure prevention purposes including the paying of late mortgage payments to become current.

Watch Channel 9 to learn more.

If you've already received court papers, don't wait for the phone-a-thon. Call Legal Aid. You may qualify for free legal representation.

241-9400

KH Arts Center Presents *In A Word*

Share light refreshments and scintillating talk with your talented neighbors and friends who are actively writing, publishing, illustrating books, magazines and literature. A quiet evening to explore the printed word and the neighbors who brighten our world with the published written word. All meet at 7:00 pm

2/22 Meet Don Corathers of KH, editor of *Dramatics* magazine and Linda Vaccariello of Pleasant Ridge, Executive Editor of *Cincinnati Magazine*. They will walk us through the deadline and pressure-filled world of magazine editing.

3/22 Paul Debono of Pleasant Ridge will talk about his Negro Baseball League Research for — *The Indianapolis ABC's* and *The Chicago American Giants*. He will be joined by **Kevin Grace** —UC Sports Historian and Author. You'll also meet some of the Negro League Players who live in our neighborhood

4/26 Peripatetic Cincinnati and Ohio historian **Rick Sowash** will share the passion of his publishing company, his music compositions and Ohio History. Get ready for a full evening of music and jokes. *Ripsnorting Whoppers: Humor from America's Critters and Flitters and Spitters*

5/24 Award-winning and honored youth author Sharon Draper will speak about her new books and awards .

The series is free and sponsored by local merchants and friends of the Center. The Arts Center is a grant recipient of the Fine Arts Fund, Ohio Arts Council, The City Of Cincinnati Arts Awards And The Lindner Family Fund.

Got KH News to Share?
Deadline: 2/27

news@kennedyheights.org

New Preschool Enrollment
School 2009/2010
 8:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Board of Education Center
 2651 Burnet Avenue
Documents
Needed to Enroll

- Birth Certificate
- Immunization Record
- Social Security Card
- Parent/Guardian picture Id
- Medical/Dental Insurance Card (if any)
- Proof of Address
- Proof of Income (within 30 days)
- Childcare Voucher (if applicable)
- Complete Medical (valid for 12 months)
- Complete dental (valid for 12 months)

Piece Meal Worker Needed

- An apprenticeship opportunity for upcoming BTC event
- Portfolio or demonstration of craftsmanship required
- Goody bag & other freebies in exchange for good work
- This is a District A event

Telephone interview
 351-0901

Council Next Meets on
Tuesday 2/17/09

KH Date Book

2/15	.....	Jazz Jam
2/16	.....	President's Day
2/17	.....	KHCC Meets
2/20	.....	Metallic Club at KH; Energy
2/21	.....	Salsa Saturday
2/22	.....	Gospel Brunch
2/22	.....	Don Carathers at KH Arts
2/24	.....	Foreclosure Phone-a-Thon
2/27	.....	Metallic Club at PR; Civil War
2/28	.....	Salsa Saturday
3/6	.....	Metallic Club at KH; Space
3/13	.....	Metallic Club at PR; Generals
3/17	.....	KHCC Meets
3/20	.....	Metallic Club at KH;
3/22	.....	Paul Debono at KH Arts
4/3	.....	Friday Night Live!
4/18	.....	KHCC Sap Brunch
4/25	.....	Great American Cleanup
4/26	.....	Rick Sowash at KH Arts
5/24	.....	Sharon Draper at KH Arts

Just for Fun!

A new music group meets Tuesday evenings at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. Folk and Celtic music, mandolins, violins, penny whistles, flutes and accordions. Any skill invited & welcomed.

For times & dates

jim@kennedyheights.org

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