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MEMBER CHURCHES

Beulah Presbyterian
Cedar Creek Baptist
Fern Creek Baptist
Fern Creek Christian
Fern Creek United Methodist
Good Shepherd
Highview Baptist
Lighthouse Christian Center
Louisville Chinese Christian
New Vision Ministry Center
St. Alban's Episcopal
St. Bernard Catholic
St. Gabriel Catholic
St. Stephen C.E.C.
St. Stephen Lutheran
Seaton Park Baptist
Solid Rock Church of God
Summit Heights United
Methodist
Trinity World Outreach
Center
and the
Fern Creek/Highview
Ministerial Association

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FCHUM.ORG**

RON'S RAMBLINGS

Greetings, Blessings come in unusual forms sometimes. In June we were informed of changes in our Individual & Family Assistance Center's new lease. Our rent doubled, our already limited space was constricted and our lease was shortened to just six months. Needless to say we realized we were going to need to relocate. How, you may ask, is this a blessing? Since our beginnings back in 1988, our emergency assistance program has had to migrate to various locations every few years due to changing space needs and availability of resources. Volunteers and staff have dreamed of having our own facility. That dream can now become a reality. One of our member churches, Beulah Presbyterian has stepped forward and has made a piece of their property available to us to build our own center.

Yes, we are going to build our facility! But only with God's blessings and your help!

Already a builder, a member of Cedar Creek Baptist (another of our member churches) has stepped forward and has been helping us with drawings and plans. Others have indicated their willingness to help with various tasks. Our Council people have voiced their support and willingness to work with us to find funding and other nuts and bolts support. Churches have stepped forward offering temporary space for special programs like our Holiday Cheer food baskets and Christmas baskets and Santa Shoppe. Thank you Fern Creek Baptist and Beulah! But this is only the beginning! We are starting a Capital Funds campaign, anticipating this project will probably cost upward of \$250,000 to \$300,000. Our churches are being asked to help us, we are seeking funds through various foundation grants and our Metro Council, but we need the help of everyone in our community. We are building to serve, serving to build a better community. Will you help?

God's Peace & Blessings,

Rev. Ron Louahru, Executive Director

CHRISTMAS BENEFIT CONCERT

**Saturday, December 3rd, 7:00 P.M. AT
FERN CREEK CHRISTIAN, 9419 Seatonville Road**

**A LOVE OFFERING WILL BENEFIT
FERN CREEK/HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES**

**FEATURING GOSPEL GROUP "GLORYBOUND" AND
CHILDREN & ADULT MUSIC GROUPS FROM AREA
CHURCHES**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 239-7407

Fern Creek/ Highview United Ministries Programs

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER -

Renee Bryant, MSW, Director

"Come you who are blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you...for I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat...to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers or sisters of mine, even the least of them, you did it for me." - Matt. 25

In mid September we unloaded over 4,600 lbs. of food, but by the end of the month many of our Food Pantry shelves were bare!

Toward the end of September a young mother and two children came into our office seeking assistance with her LG & E bill. After providing financial assistance we asked her about food. She was hesitant but the children had only eaten toast that morning since all they had in the house was a partial loaf of bread. The children were normally in school and would have eaten there, but they were out that day for doctor appointments. She had to be off several days with sick children so her pay check was short. She was literally choosing between paying the rent and utilities and buying food. Her income was just over the limit for food stamps. While filling a food order for her we gave the children peanut butter crackers and juice. Seeing the food basket they kept asking if all of that was for them, they were thrilled seeing fresh apples!

ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER -

Rev. Ron Loughry, Director

Jonas Salk once wrote, "The reward for work well done is the opportunity to do more." At the Adult Day Center God blesses us with the work of caring for the frail elderly and helping their families. Even as state funding has been frozen (it is only just now beginning a slow thaw with a few new people receiving financial assistance) the ADC has continued to receive new participants into our program. Many families have visited, been impressed with what they see and enroll in our program. Some have commented on visiting other facilities, saying they just don't compare with the warmth, homeliness, and professionalism of our ADC. Many note that the "ministries" background for what we do makes a big difference with them.

On Thursday, October 20th our ADC will hold an Open House celebrating our 15th Anniversary of serving the frail elderly and their families. We continue to be blessed by St. Bernard's provision of a home for the ADC. They have provided our facility to us free of charge and continue to bless us with broad support. We are thankful for dedicated volunteers, some of whom have served since our opening. We have been blessed with wonderful staff who care deeply about what they do. God continues to reward us with this opportunity to serve!

HEALTH EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM (HELP)

Health equipment (wheel chairs, walkers, shower stools, elevated and portable toilets, canes, etc.) is available for loan. For more information call 239-7431. Equipment is stored in space donated by the Fern Creek Space Center.

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries serves as a facilitating agency in partnership with the Jefferson County Family Courts System implementing a court ordered program for all couples with children under 18, undergoing divorce, designed to enhance parents sensitivity to the special needs of their children during this transition. Sessions take place at Summit Heights United Methodist Church. For more information call Renee Bryant, 762-0630.

Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries is a not-for-profit 501 C 3 organization and all donations are tax deductible. IFAC is funded in part by Louisville/Jefferson County Metro government. The ADC is funded in part under a contract with KIPDA and the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Cabinet of Health & Family Services with funds from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and with funds from Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government.

WISH LISTS

IFAC: CANNED TOMATOES,
PASTA, CANNED MEATS
(tuna, chicken, stew, etc.)
SHAMPOO, BAR-SOAP,
DISHWASHING LIQUID,
TOILET PAPER, SOUPS,
TOOTHPASTE/BRUSHES
Call Renee or Alice at 762-0630.

ADC: HANDIWIPE (in plastic
containers), NAPKINS,
PAPER TOWELS,
COLORED COPIER PAPER
3-WAY LIGHTBULBS,
FRUITCOCKTAIL in pear
Juice, 100% FRUIT JUICES
Call Ron at 239-7431

COMMUNITY FRIENDS

SUMMER BENEFIT CONCERT: \$1,660 !!!

Thank you Cedar Creek Baptist for being wonderful hosts, and thank you to Glorybound and all our church groups who participated.
God was glorified!

FERN CREEK ROTARY: \$1,100 !!!

From various fund-raising efforts including their 2004 Putt-Putt event. Thank You for your support.

G.E. MATCHING FUNDS:

Our calendar year total stands at \$525, last year's end total was \$2,089. We have until the end of December to meet or surpass last year's total.

ADC NO-SHOW BARBECUE:

At the end of September we had collected \$475. Since this is a non-event you can still make your donation.

2005-2006 LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT FUNDING SUPPORT

Fern Creek Highview United Ministries (FCHUM) continues to be blessed through funding support from our local government. Mayor Jerry Abramson, our Councilpeople (Thank you Robin Engel, James Peden, and Stuart Benson) and the Department of Human Services recognize the value of our work, the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of our operations, and the key role all fifteen area community ministries play in caring for people in our community. There have even been occasions that extra funds were directed to community ministries in recognition of our success in filling the gap of human services provision. Please be sure to acknowledge this help to our officials whenever possible and to encourage continued support.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP: Respond to Wish Lists...Use our Thornton Fund Cards...Use our Kroger Gift Cards or purchase Valu Market Certificates from our office...Designate donations to Goodwill to benefit our IFAC office...Designate FCHUM in Wills, Bequests, and Memorials...G.E. Employees participate in our Matching Funds program...Recycle computer ink cartridges...Support and Attend special events like our Annual GALA, picnics, festivals, and benefit concerts. And most importantly keep Fern Creek Highview United Ministries in your prayers!!!

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COOKBOOKS: We still have some COOKBOOKS available. Just \$10 !!! Almost 500 recipes in an attractive hardback, 3 ring vinyl binder. The best recipes from all the best church cooks! Great gift ideas for birthdays, weddings, graduations, housewarmings, and collectors!

LIGHT UP FERN CREEK 2005

Saturday, December 3rd, 4-6 pm at the Fern Creek Fire Dept. #1 on Bardstown Road in the heart of Fern Creek.

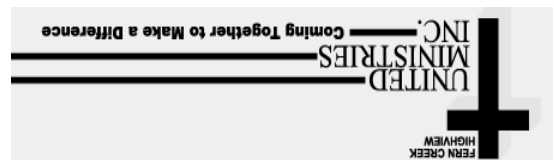
Festivities include: tree decorating contest sponsored by WAL-MART and local community organizations, business light up challenge, organization showcase, "Taste of Fern Creek", Santa & Mrs. Claus, Santa's Basket (food collection), and the Love Light Tree and community lighting ceremony. Sponsoring organizations include: F.C. Women's Club, F.C. Lion's Club, F.C. Rotary, F.C. community Assoc. & Chamber, FCHS Alumni Assoc., F.C. Fire Dept. and Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries.

See front page for information on Christmas Benefit Concert following Light Up festivities!

IN HONOR

Gifts in honor of individuals totaling \$600 have been received in honor of *Millie Rice and Charlie McCubbins.*

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