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and the
Fern Creek/Highview Ministerial
Association

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FCHUM.ORG

Ron's Ramblings: execdir@fchum.org

More than ever, after a full fiscal year in our new facility, we realize what a blessing we have been given. This past year, our Individual & Family Assistance Center has seen, on average, approximately 50% more people coming in for assistance. At the old site we would have had to turn people away. The new Adult Day Center space, specifically designed for Adult Day, has allowed our staff and volunteers to better meet the needs of our frail older adults and their families. The generosity of individuals, churches, civic groups, government, foundations, and many others have also afforded the blessing of having the building almost completely paid off.

Yet, the challenge is before us. More and more government funds are frozen; there is less and less help for families seeking our assistance. At a time when we are facing dramatically increasing needs, our everyday operating funds are dropping.

That is why you will soon be hearing more about "Building To Serve, Phase II - Investing to Serve". This is an effort to strengthen our financial foundation to provide greater resources for maintaining our great facility and enhancing our ability to better serve our community.

*God's Peace & Blessings,
Rev. Ron Loughry, Executive Director*



SUMMER BENEFIT CONCERT



Saturday, August 29th,

7-8:30, doors open at 6:00
Beulah Presbyterian Church
6704 Bardstown Road

All proceeds benefit Fern Creek Highview United Ministries

Fern Creek/ Highview United Ministries Programs

INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY

*Renee Bryant, MSW,
Director*

Just in time! Finishing our first full fiscal year in the new facility we are so thankful because we have been able to minister to the increased needs of our community. We would not have been able to handle the increased numbers in the old space. These past 12 months we have distributed 51% more food orders and we have assisted 33% more families. Including pledges we have provided over \$85,000 in financial assistance which includes 333 families helped with gas & electric, 82 families helped with rent, 61 families helped with water and 8 families with prescriptions. Another way of looking at that is to realize we have provided approximately 8,875 services. We want to thank everyone who has helped in so many ways, we have received over \$176,000 of in-kind donations! Gardeners, as we enter the summer gardening season please keep us in mind to share your surplus produce. Many people plant extra rows just for FCHUM. Also please note the school supplies needs on a flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Last year we provided over 600 children with backpacks full of supplies, we anticipate at least a 40% increase in need this August.

To volunteer or visit please call Renee at 762-9611 or e-mail at ifacdir@fchum.org

HEALTH EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM (HELP)

For more information call 762-9608
Thanks to Fern Creek Space Center for donating a storage unit.

FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

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. Sessions take place at Summit Heights United Methodist Church. For more information call Renee Bryant, 762-9611.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...Lord when?...when you did so for the least of our brothers & sisters... you did for me.” Matt. 25

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 for Health & Family Services with funds from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, and with funds from Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government.

FERN CREEK HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES:

\$45 = A DAY OF ADC CARE

\$25= FOOD FOR A FAMILY OF FOUR FOR A WEEK

\$50=FCHUM PORTION TO SECURE UTILITIES FOR 30 DAYS

\$50= FCHUM PORTION TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER –

Rev. Ron Loughry, Director

A COUPLE OF STORIES:

1- When she started attending she didn't speak, she couldn't participate, would hesitantly shuffle from room to room, and often didn't want to get out of her chair. These days her daughter exclaims about how talkative her mother has become, how much more active she is.

2- She was swollen with fluids, moved very slowly, could barely get out of a chair. She was often expressionless. Through collaboration between our nurse, the doctor, and family the swelling has greatly lessened, she gets up and down much easier, she interacts more with the group, and she smiles. Her husband is delighted with the changes he sees in his wife.

Our ADC does make a difference in the lives of our participants and their families. Many people say sooner or later they will think about adult day care; I always encourage them to think sooner rather than later. Often the earlier we get a person into our program the better they respond. Our goal is to help people retain their highest functioning level for as long as possible. If you know of someone in need of our services encourage them to contact us "sooner rather than later."

To visit or volunteer just call Ron at 762-9612 or e-mail at execdir@fchum.org



Metro government continues to recognize the importance of our work and the fact that we can deliver services cost-effectively and efficiently. We are grateful to our Metro Council for their great support and to the Mayor. This new fiscal year when there were so many cuts to be made both our Individual & Family Assistance Center and our Adult Day Center were again funded without cuts. The IFAC will receive \$25,100 and the ADC will receive \$17,500

THANK YOU METRO LOUISVILLE GOVERNMENT!

G. E. MATCHING FUNDS

Calling all G.E. employees, retirees, and families! If you qualify for this program your dollars can be doubled! Your donation of \$25 or more will be matched by G.E. You must call 1-800-305-0669 or go to www.gefoundation.com and click on "matching gift program" and follow prompts to register. Help us contact other G.E. people and enlarge our G.E. Circle of Friends. Think of all the folks in our area who have connections to G.E. Especially as we build our new FACILITY this could make a tremendous difference.

For the fiscal year 2008-2009 FCHUM has received **\$20,231.00** in matching funds from G.E. !

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP: Respond to Wish Lists... Volunteer! Designate FCHUM in Wills, Bequests, and Memorials...

G.E. Employees participate in our Matching Funds program... Support and Attend special events like our Annual GALA, picnics, festivals, and benefit concerts. Most importantly, keep Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries in your prayers!

For more information call our office 762-9608 or visit our website, www.fchum.org

2009 "Pennies From Heaven" GALA
-a grand success!

A great big grateful nod to all our food sponsors:

Outer Loop ValuMarket, Outback Restaurant, Our Best Restaurant, Atria St. Matthews, Sullivan University's Bakery, Glen Ridge Health Campus, & McAllister's Restaurant.

**Also a great thanks to Beulah Presbyterian and to St. Gabriel
Catholic Community.**

**2009 “Pennies From Heaven” GALA
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Even with the very tight economy we still raised over \$19,000! This is the
highest amount we have ever raised!

Thank you everyone!

**Platinum Level Sponsors include:
Red Bud Hill Development, Inc.
Beth Breetz & Rev. Ron Loughry,
& anonymous long time supporters of FCHUM**

**Silver Level Sponsors include:
Fern Creek Papa Johns – The Roalofs Family,
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& some anonymous long time supporters of FCHUM**

**Copper Level Sponsors include:
The Fern Creek Community Assoc. & Chamber of Commerce,
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School Supply List

****We need all school supplies in by July 27th!****

Pencils/Erasers

Paper towels

Hand Sanitizer

Pens (Black, Red or Blue)

Facial tissues

Crayons (8 or 24 count)

Calculators/Backpacks

Scissors (Fiskars preferred)

Glue Sticks

Zip-lock Bags
(quart/gallon)

Highlighters

Markers

Colored Pencils

Writing Tablets
(Grade 1, 2, & 3)

Spiral notebooks

Steno notebooks

Folders (with brads and/or
pockets)

Composition books

Wide Rule Notebook paper

Notebook dividers

**PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS EVERY DAY
FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN EVERY DAY
ENABLING ELDER INDEPENDENCE EVERY DAY
KEEPING FRAIL SENIORS IN THEIR HOMES EVERY DAY
MAINTAINING UTILITIES EVERY DAY
UNITING THE COMMUNITY EVERY DAY
FERN CREEK HIGHVIEW UNITED MINISTRIES
& YOU!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

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