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**FERN CREEK/HIGHVIEW
UNITED MINISTRIES**

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30th Anniversary 1988-2018



Ron's Ramblings,
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Happy Holidays!

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

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foundationally solid,
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the future.**

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INDIVIDUAL & FAMILY ASSISTANCE CENTER

Renee Bryant, MSW, CSW—Director

Mon-Fri, 10 – 1:30 , 762-9611

Provides emergency food and financial assistance (including Back to School and Christmas) to those of the 40228 and 40291 zip codes. In addition to food donated from churches, businesses, and groups, IFAC also serves as a Dare To Care Distribution Center. IFAC is currently seeing over 1,000 people per month and distributing over 25,000 pounds of food!

To volunteer or visit please call Renee or e-mail at ifac-dir@fchum.org

ADULT DAY HEALTH CENTER

Stephanie Hodge, MSSW—Director

Mon-Fri, 8 – 5, 762-9612

Provides a structured program balancing physical & cognitive activities designed to help frail older adults function at their highest level for as long as possible. As a state licensed health facility, full time nursing services, personal care and medication assistance are provided. Sliding scale fees are available. Medicaid Waiver & V.A. certified. For more information or for volunteer opportunities call or e-mail Stephanie at adcdir@fchum.org

HELP—HEALTH EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

Providing donated medical equipment to those in need.
For HELP call 762-9608 or e-mail execdir@fchum.org

MEALS ON WHEELS

In cooperation with Louisville Metro Nutrition & KIPDA, FCHUM serves as a base for the distribution of home-delivered meals to the home bound of our community Mon-Fri. Hot meals & a Smile!

YOGA CLASS

Monday evening classes: Yoga Basics 5:00 pm at the Fern Creek Community Center, 6104 Bardstown Rd. Led by volunteer Bev Hurt. For more info contact 762-9608

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Ron's Ramblings,

“Should old acquaintances be forgot, and never brought to mind” These very familiar words seem so appropriate as I write what will be my last Ron's Ramblings. This ending volume brings to a close years of communicating stories and needs at FCHUM. One inspirational writer once shared, “Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend, and a town into community.” Recently, a number of people have brought attention to what they claim is my success through my 22 years at FCHUM, but, quoting a philosopher, I would like to point out that, “no one who achieves success does so without the help of others.” I freely acknowledge this help with sincere gratitude.

As we finish this 30th anniversary year, FCHUM has provided services of some sort to over 4,344 families, that's 12,703 people. Young and old, children, individuals and families – lives have been touched for good by the compassion of our community (churches, civic, corporate). Hundreds of children received backpacks filled with school supplies to help them start the school year well-equipped to move forward. 162 families received Thanksgiving food baskets because all people should have enough, and more, especially on this national day of thanksgiving and feasting. With your help, FCHUM will make sure that hundreds of families, close to 800-900 children will experience joy this Christmas as dinner is prepared while thousands of gifts are opened. Thanks again to your generosity. 2,438 hot meals have been delivered to home bound older adults, along with a smile and a well-being visit, thanks to FCHUM and our partners at Louisville Metro's Nutrition program. Providing a daily joyful journey, the Adult Day Health Center's staff and volunteers annually provide over 20,000 hours of structured programming and over 2,000 hours of nursing services to program participants, enabling them to function at their highest levels for as long as possible and prolonging their ability to reside at home with family. Countless people received needed health equipment without cost. Through over \$140,503 in financial assistance over 700 families avoided homelessness and were able to stabilize their living situations.

In addition to our supporting congregations and Metro government partners, FCHUM is blessed with the support of numerous community partners. Among those partners are corporate folks like the various Trilogy health campuses, Passport Health Plans, Meijer's Simply Give program, G.E.'s matching gifts, the Roalofs' family-owned Fern Creek and Mt. Washington Papa Johns, ValuMarket, and Jen-Care to mention a few. FCHUM has also been blessed with generous support made possible through special funds established by families like the Scheibel/Rhodes, and the Osborns. Civic group partners include Scout troops involved in Scouting for Food and other service projects and the Fern Creek Woman's Club, which has been a great supporter for over 20 years. FCHUM also benefits from the support of hundreds of volunteers who give thousands of hours of service each year. I haven't even scratched the surface of support provided by this community.

With great satisfaction, I also want to share that the Legacy Fund (now called the Loughry Legacy Fund) has succeeded its goal of \$250,000 by the end of this 30th anniversary year of 2018. This was achieved with a last push from the recent retirement soiree. But, thanks to an anonymous gift of \$22,000 the fund is well on its way to the next level of \$300,000. This fund provides a firm fiscal foundation as FCHUM moves forward into its next 30 years of service.

Finally, I want to encourage all of you to continue your support of FCHUM under the leadership of Renee Bryant, who assumes the mantle of Executive Director beginning in 2019. If she receives even a portion of the support I experienced through the years, FCHUM will continue to be God's Ebenezer (1st Samuel 7) for the future. In the words of William Sloane Coffin, please remember these words of benediction: “May God give you Grace never to sell yourself short! Grace to risk something big for something good! Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but love.” *God's Peace & Blessings, Ron.*

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2018 LOVE LIGHT TREE



Once again Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries offers the opportunity for Holiday **Love Light** Dedications.

Still just a **\$10.00** donation, **LOVE LIGHTS** are a unique way to honor a friend, teacher, pastor, or family member.

LOVE LIGHTS can also be dedicated in memory of some special person. Donations for **LOVE LIGHTS** will be accepted through November and December. The **LOVE LIGHT TREE** will be located on FCHUM's property at 9300 Beulah Church Road. Cards are sent to notify family of the love light gift.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

762-9608 or e-mail execdir@fchum.org

\$10.00 per person

LOVE LIGHT FORM

\$10.00 per person

Mail this form to

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9300 Beulah Church Road, Louisville, KY 40291

Please dedicate _____ LOVE LIGHTS in the name of: _____

() In Honor

() In Memory (if more than one person please list on
separate sheet of paper)

Send card to:

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zipcode: _____

On the card, designate it is from: _____

My name and address is: _____



Men's Ministry at Fern Creek Christian Church- known as The Carpenter's Crew

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries is blessed with the help of many wonderful businesses, groups, government agencies, and individuals. We encourage everyone to visit these businesses/groups and to say special thanks for their community involvement:

The Roalofs Family-Fern Creek & Mt. Wash. Papa John's Pizza, JenCare, LG&E, Passport Health Plan, Fern Creek Woman's Club, Kentucky Harvest, WAGS, First Financial Bank, Outer Loop Plaza Valu Market, KIPDA, Forest Hills Commons, G.E. Foundation, CareSource, Dare to Care Food Bank, First Choice Coffee Services, Pam Atkinson- Innerwave Therapeutic Bodywork, Traditions at Beaumont, St. Ignatius Eagles Men's Group, Osborn Fund, PriceLess, Kroger, Meijer's Simply Give Program, Trilogy's Glen Ridge & Franciscan Health Campuses, Fern Creek Christian's Men's Group, Louisville Water Co., Louisville Metro Government and the Association of Community Ministries,



G.E.

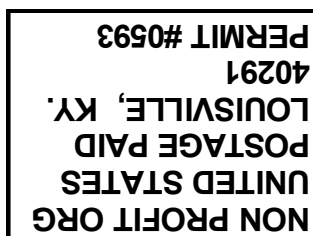


Fern Creek Highview United Ministries

Welcomes Renee Bryant as the new Executive Director effective January 2019.

Born and raised in Irving, Texas, Renee holds a Bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Texas at Arlington, and a Master of Social Work degree and Certificate in Theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Renee has called Louisville home since 1993. Ms. Bryant served as the Director of Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries Individual & Family Assistance Center until this promotion. She observed her 21st anniversary in December 2018. It was with great confidence that Rev. Loughry, upon his decision to retire, automatically thought of Renee as his successor. It was in this spirit that Ron put forth her name to the Executive Board of FCHUM and advocated for her ascendancy to the Executive position. Ron and Renee have worked together at FCHUM for over twenty years and have had a good year working on transition.

Return Service Requested



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