

We Love you Lolly!

After serving as Executive Director of The Family Center for over 5 years, Lolly Watson announced her retirement effective July 1. Lolly is not going far, she will devote her time developing the Milestone Program for The Family Center. This program will increase ownership in Maury County by developing a system devoted to teaching all methods of ownership, whether it be home ownership, or business ownership. Lolly will leave a legacy of love, passion, accountability and education. This community has benefited from her direction and her continued involvement will only strengthen Maury County. We wish her well in her new journey!



Lolly Watson

THANK YOU!



Thank you to all who supported our "Bunches for Lunches" campaign through The Big Payback! We reached our goal of \$3,000.00, and will use the money to supplement our pantry through the summer months when children are out of school.

2014 Reverse Raffle



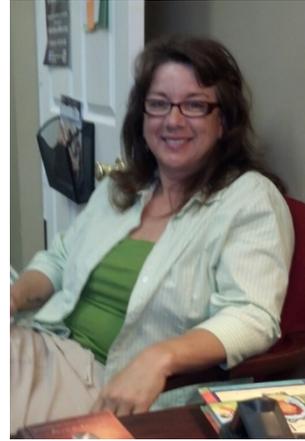
Our 2014 Reverse Raffle was a huge success! We packed the Memorial Building and had a great time. Thank you to our sponsors: Fleming, Flynn and Murphy, Lightning Lube, Bostleman Enterprises, First Farmers Merchant Bank, Dr. Alex Goodman, BMC Metalworks LLC, Title Associates of Columbia, Foster Insurance, Parks Motors, Medical Necessities and Services, Inc., Junior Auxiliary, Rocky Top Outdoors, Dr. Andy Szaflarski, Bart Durham, Tennessee Farm Bureau, By-

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Opportunities at the Family Center

Literacy Program

While working with participants through our MILEstone program, we recognized the need for basic literacy classes in Maury County. Many of our families struggle with reading which makes it difficult to complete applications for jobs or services. Our literacy program will match participants with adult learning mentors for a "one-on-one" learning experience. If you know anyone who needs assistance with reading, or if you would like to be an adult learner mentor, please contact Robin Watson at 388-3840.



Life Skills Coach Robin Watson

Future Educational Opportunities

- *Positive Parenting Classes- August 6th, September 3rd October 1st and November 5th
- *Budgeting Classes- August 20th, September 9th, October 15th, November 19th
- *Anger Management Classes- August 27th, September 24th, October 29th and November 26th
- *Brunch and Learns- August 21st (Easy Couponing) September 18th (Life Skills and Life Choices) October 23rd (Fire Prevention in the Home)
- *Lunch and Learns- August 28th (Presentation by Starla Hardin UT Extension) September 25th (Cleaning and Organizing for the Fall) October 30th (Presentation by Starla Hardin UT Extension) November 20th (Presentation by Starla Hardin UT Extension)

[Visit our Calendar for more details!](#)

2014 2nd Quarter Statistics

	Families Served	YTD	Amount Paid	Paid YTD
Columbia Power	130	343	\$12,358.54	\$35,421.56
Mt. Pleasant Power	9	39	\$850.00	\$4,090.00
Atmos Energy	30	52	\$4,801.28	\$8,422.85
DREMC	10	53	\$919.26	\$5,379.69
Rent	34	88	\$3577.50	\$12,112.20
Eyeglasses	13	26	\$1452.00	\$2,869.00
Emergency Lodging	2	20	\$30.00	\$1,605.92
Gasoline	145	460	\$3,595.00	\$4,008.70
MRMC Foundation	17	32	\$982.85	\$2,259.18
Miscellaneous	1	7	\$50.00	\$1,369.88
Food Purchased			\$934.46	\$5,697.46
Food Donated			\$20,691.74	\$40,436.43
Pantry Families	691	1267		
Total	947	1945	\$46,702.36	\$123,672.87



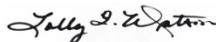
LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends,

Somewhere along the way of the many Sunday school classes I have taught, I came across a parable about a water bearer in India. The bearer had two large pots hanging from the ends of a pole, which he carried across his neck as he made his trek to the river each day for water. One of the pots had a crack in it, but the other was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water to the master's house. The cracked pot delivered only half. After two years of a diminished delivery, the broken pot cried bitterly to the water bearer, "I am so ashamed of myself. For two years I have delivered only half my load because I am broken...and my water leaks out all the way back to the master's house." The water bearer, being a wise man, instructed the pot to take notice of the wild flowers on the side of the path as they climbed the hill once again. And while this made the pot happy, dismay set in once again as only half the water actually made it to the top. The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice the flowers on your side of the path? I have known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick beautiful flowers for my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, my master's table would not have been graced with such beauty.

Nearly five years ago I introduced myself as the new Executive Director of The Family Center. My husband Eddie and I had moved to Columbia in December, 1999, to be close to our daughter Millie after the loss of our son Edward. While my past experience had been in the classroom or in corporate administration, I approached The Family Center as a broken healer and with a heart of passion. God has been relentless as He pushed me to help His people. Everything I set out to do has been accomplished except for one final program, the Milestone program. This will be an intensive program that should end in home ownership or higher education and viable citizens of Maury County, and I will be devoting my time over the next six months for the development of this program. I have just held my last board meeting as Executive Director, and July 1, I passed the torch to Dawn Taylor as the new Executive Director. My legacy? Before you answer, "she was a cracked pot," let me assure you that this is true. I came to you with a broken heart, and this community and The Family Center have helped me heal through the wonder of giving! So, may my legacy be...she planted flowers along the way!

Sincerely,



Lolly F. Watson, Past Executive Director

Extreme Givers: Thank You



2014 Salvation Army Campers

Benevity Community Fund, Saint Catherine Church, Berea Church of Christ, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Bigbyville United Methodist, Riverview Baptist Church, Blue Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Maury Hills Church of Christ, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Maury Baptist Association, First Presbyterian Church, Martha Barron, First United Methodist Church, Highland Park Baptist Church, Grace Church of Nazarene, Harold and Jean Smith

Thank You for Partnering with Us

Cereal Galore!

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church delivered hundreds of boxes of cereal for our families through their connection with a cereal company! We are able to give out one box of cereal per child during the summer thanks to their generosity.



Maury Hills Fantastic Youth!

Maury Hills Youth have been working hard to support The Family Center. They and their parents provided a meal for the Brunch and Learn this quarter and they delivered more than \$1,000 in food and toiletries. Not only did the youth hold the campaign to collect the items, but they shopped and then shelved all of the items donated.

Couponers Welcome!

We have been the recipient of some wonderful coupon deals! We are always looking for ways to save money and are grateful to those who help us out. Couponer Debby Kidd and her family have adopted The Family Center and we are so appreciative for all they have done for us!

Debby will also teach a coupon class next month to share her couponing knowledge.



Paying it Forward

When we assist families, we ask them to pay it forward by helping someone else in need. These fantastic ladies decided to pay it forward by helping out The Family Center in our time of need. They laid down all the sod for our building expansion so we could pass our inspection! Way to go ladies!



Welcome Cathy!

Cathy Stoltz is our new volunteer and office coordinator. She is in charge of making sure our office runs smoothly and all our volunteers are in place. If you would like to help out at The Family Center, Cathy would love to hear from you. Call 388-3840!

Opportunities to Serve

Teach a class

We are beginning a new year of Educational Opportunities. If you have something you would like to share with our families and would be willing to facilitate a program or lead a discussion feel free to contact us. We are always looking for new learning experiences for our families!



June Lunch and Learn-- How to Knit

Prepare a meal

The Family Center needs volunteers to prepare meals for our Brunch and Learns and Lunch and Learns! If you would like to help please give us a call at 388-3840!

Partner Spotlight!

We want to say a special thank you to Columbia State Community College. Not a month goes by without a donation from students, faculty or staff. They are always thinking about The Family Center and the needs of the community. This last drive was called "Feed the body, feed the mind". They donated food and books for our participants.



Volunteer Spotlight!



Our community gardens are growing strong thanks to Mickie DeHaven and her efforts. We love watching people pick fresh produce they might not otherwise be able to afford. She has helped us plant, tend and pick this summer.

Remember, we have our "Farmers Market Stands" which can hold left over produce. If you have an abundance from your garden, please consider donating it to The Family Center!



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Plus 25 Volunteers!	

Dawn Taylor
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