



2nd Quarter Newsletter 2015

Spare the Love Tournament

A wonderful afternoon of bowling at our 3rd annual Spare the Love bowling tournament. It was a time filled with sports, food, friends and raising money for the people in our community. What more can you ask for in a day? Thank you to all who participated!

A great big thank you to our sponsors:

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Truelove's Pizza and Grits



Strike!!!!

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Back to School Give Away

The Family Center will be having their school supply give away on July 24th. If you would like to volunteer or donate supplies, please contact the Family Center at 388-3840. Thanks to everyone that has donated money, time and supplies. We appreciate all the community support we have been shown.

[Click here for the school supply list](#)



Stephen Prinzo brings in our first school supplies for the year.

Parenting Possibilities A Family Center Sponsored Support Group

We are pleased to announce that we started a new program in June. This is a support group for parents (that means for dad's too) looking for suggestions and advise on different way to parent. Our goal is to create a safe environment where parents feel they can talk about issues they face with their children. The group meets every Friday from 10-11:00 a.m. (except for holidays and Family Center special events) Come join us (& bring a friend) for a cup of coffee and discuss your parenting needs



The Big Payback



Our second year to participate in the **Big Payback** was a BIG success! In a 24 hour period, we raised \$1920.00 online, \$950.00 offline in checks/PayPal and we won a Kroger Lunch time award for \$167.00. Grand total of \$3037.00 in one day!! Thank you so much for each and every donation!! We couldn't serve the people of Maury County without you.

[Click here to see our Big Payback Family Center Video](#)

Kids Who Care



Youth from Pleasant Heights Baptist Church provided and served lunch at our May Lunch & Learn.



Youth from St. Luke's Methodist Church collected kid friendly foods for our pantry.



John-Allen's Eagle Scout Project was to build a potato bed for our Community Garden.

In The News!

In case you missed some great articles in the newspaper about The Family Center, here they are again!

[Family Center helps students be prepared](#)

[Eagle Scout candidate chooses Family Center as service project](#)

[Team bowling event set for Family Center](#)

[Dressing down for The Family Center](#)
[Family Center has new staff](#)

Future Educational Opportunities

- *Budgeting Classes- August 19th and September 8th (evening class)
- *Anger Management Classes- as requested
- *Brunch and Learns-August 20th and September 17th
- *Lunch and Learns- August 27th and September 24th

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



Betty Jo from Keep Maury Beautiful taught a class on Recycling.

2015 2nd Quarter Statistics

	Families Served	YTD	Amount Paid 1st Quarter	Paid YTD
Columbia Power	91	239	\$9,980.02	\$26,554.60
Mt. Pleasant Power	8	24	\$950.00	\$2,780.37
Atmos Energy	24	86	\$6,266.68	\$19,562.74
DREMC	11	26	\$1,478.35	\$4,096.17
Rent	52	93	\$6,186.00	\$11,601.00
Eyeglasses	16	31	\$1,856.00	\$3,364.00
Emergency Lodging	9	18	\$883.11	\$1,874.58
Columbia Oil	1	3	\$10.00	\$260.00
MRMC Foundation	37	50	\$2,158.49	\$3,099.50
Bus Ticket	0	1	\$	\$57.50
Mt Pleasant Water	1	4	\$80.00	\$180.00
Miscellaneous	1	3	\$36.50	\$185.49
Gas Cards	46	85	\$1,150.00	\$2,125.00
Pantry	767	1454	\$2,573.97	\$4,805.03
Total	1064	2115	\$33,609.12	\$80,545.98

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Wow, has time flown by! I have been in the Executive Director position for a year now and it seems like just yesterday when Lolly Watson announced her retirement. Although I had a great mentor and she did all she could to help me get going, nothing can really prepare you for what it means to direct an organization as giving at The Family Center. Fundraisers, giveaways, ice storms, turkeys, Christmas, staff changes, board member changes, overflowing toilets,... you name it and I have probably done it this year! But through it all, you have been there to hold up this agency, support its mission and love our community. And we feel your love, in everything you do for us... it is your love that helps me move from one wonderful crisis to the next!


When we asked for peanut butter, you loved us so much, we have not had to purchase a single jar of peanut butter since February! When we asked for turkeys at thanksgiving, you loved us so much, we had 176 turkeys to give away! When we asked for donations during the Big Payback, you loved us enough to open your wallets, share our Facebook posts or watch our video. You bring us things we don't ask for but find out we needed ... you bring us people to volunteer and to pass on your love. You pray for us... and you know how much we need that love. The small staff of 5 and 25 volunteers are able to share your love with those in need, to help them up when they are down and to show them how to love others.

Everyday I am overwhelmed at what this community does for the people we serve. I often wonder what other communities do without a place like The Family Center. I know I am extremely blessed to be in this position and I never take it for granted.... although now I am a little more prepared for next year!

I am excited for what year two will bring. I know we will help more people in more ways.. through your love, all things are possible.

Thank you for all that you do for the community,

Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dawn Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dawn Taylor, Executive Director

Ways to Help!

Kroger Community Rewards!

Kroger Community rewards is a new program that helps Non-Profit organizations by earning money as the community shops. By registering your Kroger card and selecting The Family Center's number **89559**, you will help us earn points every time you shop. The points turn into dollars for The Family Center which turns into assistance for Maury County residents. Help us by enrolling in the rewards program today! [Click here to enroll!](#)

A form titled "Good Samaritan Program" with fields for Name, Address, City, Signature, and Title. It includes a section for "I would like to add" with radio button options for \$1.00, \$3.00, \$5.00, and \$10.00 per month. The CPWS logo is at the bottom.

Plus 1\$

Columbia Power and Water Services, Mt. Pleasant Power, Atmos, and Duck River Electric Membership Cooperation all have programs that allow you to add a few dollars to your utility bill. We can use this money to help pay utility bills for our families. Please contact

your utility company for more information



You shop, Amazon gives

Did you know you can help The Family Center by purchasing items on Amazon Smile? This is similar to Amazon website but a portion of your purchase will be sent to The Family Center as a donation.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Atmos Assistance!

Do you know someone that needs assistance with their **Atmos** Gas bill? The Family Center can pay their old bill, current bill or reconnection fee for the next few weeks provided we have not already assisted them with their Atmos bill this year. **There is no income limit!** Please do not let someone go cold this year because of an old bill or reconnection fee! Call 388-3840 for an appointment.



This offer is only for Atmos bills. All other utility assistance must meet regular Good Samaritan eligibility requirements. We can not pay reconnection fees or past bills on other utility bills.

Extreme Givers: Thank You!

Berea Church of Christ, Bigbyville United Methodist, Blue Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia Academy, Columbia Dance Academy, Chad Davis, David Glasgow, Dorothe Horne, First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, First Presbyterian Church, First United Methodist Church, Maury Baptist Association, Maury Hills Church of Christ, Pleasant Heights Baptist Church, Grace Church of Nazarene, Listerhill Credit Union, Sherry Hensley, Viola Baptist Church, Water Valley FCE, Wayman Chapel AME Church, WestPoint Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Karen Johnson, Homer Martin, Highland Park Baptist Church, Riverview Baptist Church, United Way and Salvation Army.

Opportunities to Serve



Youth Group from First Presbyterian were preparing the garden beds for planting.

Teach a class

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!

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!

Have a GREEN

thumb?

Your skills are always welcome in our community garden.

Partner Spotlight!

Special thanks to One Gen Away for their very generous donation to our food pantry each month. This ministry provides us with FREE food to give to our clients and community. With their help, we are able to assist more families that are in need of a little extra food. We appreciate all you do for us and the people of Maury County!!



Meet Chris & Henry on one of their delivery days. They always have a smile and a kind word for everyone. You guys are AWESOME!!

Volunteer Spotlight!

Meet the Gibson family. Every Thursday morning, Betty, John and Johnny volunteer at The Family Center helping fill food orders, unload donations and help serve the community. This family also serves at Faithworks in Mt. Pleasant. We are so grateful for what they do for us!





Welcome Margie & Teresa

We are excited to introduce you to our two newest staff members. Teresa Prinzo (left) is our Family Services Coordinator and Margie Abbitt (right) is the Administrative Assistant. Welcome ladies!!

Get To Know our Board Members

Shelley Taylor, President

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Staff Members

Dawn Taylor, Executive Director

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Margie Abbitt, Administrative Assisant

Plus 25 Volunteers!

Cathy Stoltz, Volunteer/Office Coordinator

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