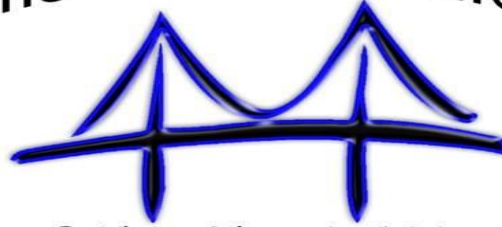


The Family Center



Bridging Those in Crisis

1st Quarter Newsletter 2016

"Spare the Love"

In February, we had our "Spare the Love" Bowling tournament. It was a great day for everyone. Thanks so much to our sponsors, participants and volunteers for making it a wonderful event!



To see more photos from the event, [Click here to go to our Facebook page.](#)

Kids In Action



Paxlee and her Girl Scout Troop donated cookies to our food pantry.



TN Promise volunteers helping sort donations!



Ms. Jennifer Anderson's kindergarten class at Brown Elementary. They collected the most canned goods for the school's food drive.



Lillie Butler and Highland Park Baptist Church collected food and hygiene items for our pantry. Thanks for your continued support!



Seth, a student from Zion is shown here donating coats from their Passion Project.

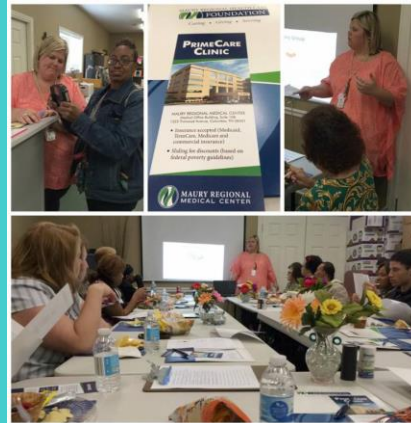
Future Educational Opportunities

*Budgeting Classes- April 20th, May 18th and June 14th (evening class)

*Anger Management Classes- as requested

*Lunch and Learns- April 27th, May 25th and June 29th.

If you would like to teach a class or provide a meal for a Lunch & Learn, please contact Teresa at 388-3840 or teresa@familycenter.org.



Destini from the Maury Regional Foundation did a class on Nutrition 101. She also did BMI's on anyone that was interested.

In The News!

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

[Thank you Maury County](#)

[Spare the Love](#)

Upcoming Events-

Cereal for Summer-

The month of May we will be collecting boxes of cereal for summer break.

All kinds and sizes are appreciated!

Dine Around & Stay in Town -

Fall of 2016

More information coming soon!!

2016 1st Quarter Statistics

	Families Served	YTD	Amount Paid 3rd Quarter	Paid YTD
Columbia Power	133	133	\$16,355.56	\$16,355.56
Mt. Pleasant Power	12	12	\$1,474.00	\$1,474.00
Atmos Energy	33	33	\$5,370.51	\$5,370.51
DREMC	14	14	\$2,067.00	\$2,067.00
Rent	38	38	\$6,049.00	\$6,049.00
Eyeglasses	12	12	\$1,392.00	\$1,392.00
Emergency Lodging				
Columbia Oil				
MRMC Foundation	16	16	\$589.00	\$589.00
Bus Ticket				
Mt Pleasant Water				
Miscellaneous	4	4	\$397.00	\$397.00
Gas Cards	69	69	\$1,725.00	\$1,725.00
Pantry	730	730	\$2,668.75	\$2,668.75
Total	1031	1031	\$38,087.82	\$38,087.82

Extreme Givers: Thank You!

Berea Church of Christ

Jersey Mike's

Bigbyville United Methodist

Dorothe Horne

Blue Springs Free Will Baptist Church Karen Phillips

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church	Homer Martin
First Presbyterian Church	Ray Garrett
First United Methodist Church	Murry & Mary Jane Miles
Highland Park Baptist Church	Dorothy Hight
Maury Baptist Association	William & Martha Barron
Maury Hills Church	Mary Walker Dale
Pleasant Heights Baptist Church	Morris and Elizabeth Franks
Riverside United Methodist Church	Salvation Army
Riverview Baptist Church	United Way
St Catherine Catholic Church	
St. Peters Episcopal Church	
Viola Baptist Church	
First Family Baptist Church	
St Luke's United Methodist Church	
Westminster Women's Association	
Rock Springs Baptist Church	

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

A large portion of my time is spent counting; counting people, counting dollars, counting jars of peanut butter.... Everything gets tallied logged in and numbered. 2015 was a year full of numbers, blessings and wonderful community support. Over a half a million dollars' worth of donations came through our door to be distributed to our neighbors in need. We served 1,177 individuals with \$141,099.08 in financial assistance with either rent, utilities, hotel rooms, eyeglasses or medication. 179 individuals received gas vouchers totaling \$4,475.00. 8,502 individuals (3,654 families) received food from our pantry which totaled \$265,579.86 in donations. 218 children received school supplies totaling 18,338.00 in donations. The holiday season brought \$80,170.00 in donations of turkey boxes, Christmas hams and Christmas presents serving 2,081 families and children.

All of these numbers tallied \$509,631.94 coming into our little center of 3 full-time employees, 2 part-time employees and 25 dedicated volunteers...then going back out to those in need. This does not include the thousands of pounds of donated clothes, books, and houseware items we can't even begin to count.

The number is impressive, I had to count it several times before I would publish it. But what is really impressive, is all this came from you! Our supporters, our community, our friends!

We are a little agency dedicated to helping those with issues stemming from poverty. We assist all different families with all different needs and in all different ways. Our compassion for those we serve is only limited by what we have to give. Thanks to Maury County, we have plenty to give! I know I am biased, but we really do have the best county in the state!

So thank you for a bountiful 2015 and I will get busy counting the numbers in 2016!

Dawn Taylor

Dawn Taylor,
Executive Director

Partner Spotlight!

We are excited that Jersey Mike's has opened in Columbia. During their grand opening, they handed out cards that offered a regular sandwich for a donation to the Family Center. We appreciate all they are doing to help us feed the people of Maury County.



Volunteer Spotlight!



Connie Neal, Marilyn Cross & Marsha Pattison are our Thursday afternoon volunteers. These three bring lots of smiles and joy to everyone here at the Family Center. No matter what work they are asked to do....they are willing to pitch in. Thank you for all your hard work and dedication!!

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!](#)



Good Samaritan Program

I would like to add:
 ___ \$1.00 ___ \$3.00 ___ \$5.00 ___ \$10.00
 ___ \$_____ to my bill each month.

You can add to your utility bill each month to help pay the electric bills for a needy citizen in Maury County. Simply fill out this registration card and return to Columbia Power & Water Systems (CPWS) for processing.

I hereby authorize and empower CPWS to increase my utility bill to support the Good Samaritan Program. This and all sums collected pursuant to the Good Samaritan Program will be paid into a fund to be administered by the Family Center for the purpose set forth above.

This authorization obligates me to pay the additional sum per month until such time as I deliver to CPWS a written request that this obligation cease. Upon receipt of written request, CPWS will terminate my Good Samaritan Program participation as of the next regular billing cycle, and I will no longer be obligated to make said payments.

Name: _____
 Account No.: _____
 Address: _____
 Signature: _____
 Date: _____

CPWS
 Columbia Power & Water Systems

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 cannot pay reconnection fees or past bills on other utility bills.

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