



## 2nd Quarter Newsletter 2018

### ***LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR***

This year has flown by, as it seems all the years tend to do, but for some reason this year seemed to go by faster. We have spent the last few days planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas even though it seems like only yesterday we passed out 507 turkeys! At home, my daughter and I are getting ready for the first day of school next week even though it seems like school just ended last week. I am working on end of the fiscal year reports that I swear I just did.

July marks my 4-year anniversary as Executive Director of this wonderful organization, yet it seems like only yesterday Lolly Watson passed me the small plastic torch I keep on my book shelf in my office to commemorate the change in leadership. How can it already be 4 years?

It is true that time flies when you are having fun and although I would not characterize my job as "fun" I truly enjoy what I do. I love the staff that work for me. I love the wonderful volunteers that come week after week serving those in need. I love many of our clients as some of them have become near and dear to my heart.

And of course, I love this community! The ones who bring us donations, who help us pass out food and toys, the ones who shop at Common Threads and those that help spread our mission. We meet so many interesting people whose passion is to help others, the days fly by as you join with other community partners to learn more about serving our neighbors.

Every day is a different adventure here at The Family Center, different people to serve, different donations that come in, different community supporters. It makes the days go by fast, the weeks faster and all of a sudden you are closing in on

another year of serving this wonderful community. The past 4 years have been a whirlwind of excitement, prayers and growth. I would like for things to slow down just a little, so we have more time to enjoy what we do... but as they say, a rolling stone gathers no moss. So our little organization will just keep rolling along, serving those who need us and being here for those who want to help others. We will roll as fast as you take us, enjoying the ride knowing it is this wonderful community who is carrying us on our journey!

With great thanks and blessings!

*Dawn Taylor*

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Executive Director

## **Save the Dates**

**We will be sending out more information on these events as they get closer. For now, please mark your calendar.**



**Taste of the Town  
November 1st**



***Bell Ringing***

November 21-December 24



Sounds of the Season  
December 1st

**December 12-13**  
**(toys dropped off by the 11th)**

## **Common Threads**

We are so blessed by this community. Our little thrift store is continuing to grow and thrive. If you haven't been to the store yet, now is the time to come by to see what all the buzz is about.



We appreciate everyone that has helped us spread the word about this easy way to give back to those in need. All proceeds from the thrift store sales come back to the Family Center to help with our programs. Your donation or purchase will help someone with food, utility or rental assistance. Please continue to send people to the store and shop! If you would like to donate items, you may do so anytime the store is open. We are always in need of purses, jewelry, books and small furniture. The store is located at **1300 Hatcher Lane** next to Dr. Wilhite's Dental office. (931-398-5658)

**Store Hours: Tuesday-Friday 11-5 & Saturday 10-2**

**Volunteers Needed-**  
**If interested, please contact Gina to**  
**find out how you can get involved.**

## **You can ring my be- e-ell, ring my bell**

**Let's make this the BEST  
year ever!! Here's how you  
can help:**

- \* Grab a Friend**
- \* Be Creative (Make it Fun)**
- \* Bring your smile**
- \* Pick your time  
(only two hours shifts)**



**Online registration will be available by mid October. Be on the lookout for the  
notification email.**

***Kids In Action***



Ava and her family had a yard sale last month. Ava decided she wanted to sell water and popsicles and all the proceeds go to the Family Center. She raised \$100 to help those in her community.



Highland Church of Christ Youth Group collected canned goods for our food pantry.



Columbia State Baseball Team helped us at our food giveaway.

## Future Educational Opportunities

\*Budgeting Classes-August 15, September 11 (evening class)

\*Anger Management Classes- as requested

\*Mind, Body & Soul Classes- August 29, September 26

If you would like to teach a class, please contact Teresa at 388-3840 or [teresa@familycenter.org](mailto:teresa@familycenter.org). We are especially looking for pastors of our local churches to speak at our Mind, Body & Soul classes.

## 2018 2nd Quarter Statistics

	Families <u>Served</u> <u>YTD</u>		Amount Paid <u>2nd Quarter</u>	<u>Paid YTD</u>
Columbia Power	106	265	\$11,904.16	\$30,112.82
Mt. Pleasant Power	7	19	\$450.00	\$1,482.33
Atmos Energy	24	83	\$4,536.27	\$17,649.64
DREMC	12	44	\$1,185.24	\$8,624.13

Rent	51	100	\$7,037.00	\$14,887.00
Eyeglasses	13	27	\$1,628.00	\$3,191.00
Emergency Lodging	0	0	\$	\$
Columbia Oil	0	0	0	\$
MRMC Foundation	18	32	\$1,526.89	\$3,134.26
Bus Ticket	0	0	0	0
Mt Pleasant Water	5	7	\$385.22	\$577.55
Miscellaneous	2	7	\$110.93	\$1010.93
Kroger Cards	55	70	\$1,375.00	\$1,850.00
Pantry	1417	2606	\$6,060.58	\$8,826.46
Common Threads Support Cards	31	77	\$1,980.00	\$4,305.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1625</b>	<b>3221</b>	<b>\$38,179.29</b>	<b>\$94,651.12</b>

## Extreme Givers: Thank You!

Berea Church of Christ	Columbia Academy
Bigbyville United Methodist	Cornerstone Cowboy Church
Blue Springs Free Will Baptist Church	Community Foundation of Middle TN
First Family Baptist Church	David & Connie Adcox
First Presbyterian Church	Donald Young
First United Methodist Church	Dwaine Beck
Highland Park Baptist Church	Carlton Wright
Maury Baptist Association	Betty Hill
Maury Hills Church	Nell Evers
Pleasant Heights Baptist Church	Dorothe Horne
Trinity Family Church	Salvation Army
Rock Springs Baptist Church	United Way
St Catherine Catholic Church	Riverview Baptist Church
St. Peters Episcopal Church	Jeffery & Karen Smith
Sharon Norman	Roger Smith



Morris & Elizabeth Franks

Sue Franks

Porter King

Jennie Harlen

Water Valley FCE

Nina Sokol

Teresa Gardner

Robert Bohrman

Alfred & Barbara Williams

## KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS



Are you enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards program? Now is your chance to earn money for the Family Center simply by doing your normal, every day shopping at Kroger. This program will link purchases made with your Kroger's PlusCard to The Family Center so that a portion of the sales donated back to us. If this is the first time you are registering, you will need to set up your account first.

- For you to enroll your Kroger card in the program, simply go to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com)
- Click "Create an Account"
- Enter your email address and password.
- Confirm your password
- Enter your plus card OR alt ID number
- Go to Community Rewards (near bottom)
- Follow through the steps. (Name, address, etc.)
- Enter our NPO number (89559), select The Family Center from list and click on it to confirm.
- Click Enroll.
- You are now enrolled in the Kroger Community Reward program.

**THANK YOU!!**

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## **Volunteer Spotlight!**



Maxine Prince is one of our new volunteers. She can be found packing food boxes and assisting everyone that comes into the Family Center. Welcome to the family!

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## **Partner Spotlight!**



In the last three months, we have had two mobile food giveaways. We are grateful that First Presbyterian Church allowed us to use their back parking lot to distribute 40,000 pounds of food to those in need. Thank you so much for partnering with us!

## 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!](#)



<p><b>Good Samaritan Program</b></p> <p>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 &amp; Water Systems (CPWS) for processing.</p> <p>I (we) do 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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>I would like to add:</p> <p>___ \$1.00 ___ \$3.00 ___ \$5.00 ___ \$10.00</p> <p>___ \$_____ to my bill each month.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Account No.: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Signature: _____</p> <p>Date: _____</p> <p><b>CPWS</b> Columbia Power &amp; Water Systems</p>
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### 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 the 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.*

## Get To Know Your Board Members

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## Staff Members

**Dawn Taylor**, Executive Director

**Jennifer Archibald**, Program Assistant

**Lisa Frierson, LBSW**, Good Samaritan  
Coordinator

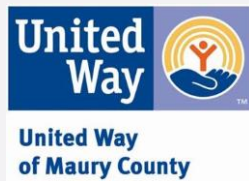
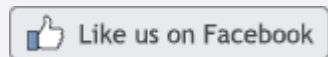
**Teresa Prinzo**, Family Services Coordinator

**Cathy Stoltz**, Volunteer/Office Coordinator

**Gina Russell**, Common Threads, Manager

Plus 25 Volunteers!

STAY CONNECTED



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[\*\*\*Click Here to Donate!\*\*\*](#)

Bridging those in Crisis