



## 3rd Quarter Newsletter 2018

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

Are there really homeless people in Maury County? I get this question often when I speak about what we do and who we serve. I guess it is hard to imagine homeless people in our community which is growing by leaps and bounds and jobs opportunities around every corner. But yes, we have a large homeless population.

Most people know of Melvin who has been our resident homeless man for years and many have seen Chris who waves at people with his lawnmower by his side. But are there more? Yes, many.

So many homeless that we have a coalition that meets every couple of months to talk about how to better serve our homeless population. So many homeless that there are at least 44 agencies as part of this coalition that help serve homeless families in some way.

The Family Center was awarded a HUD grant to assist with homeless individuals and along with some of your wonderful donations we were able to match the funds to serve more. In the month of September, we served 26 homeless individuals. Some were able to find housing, some had to relocate to other communities and some are still looking.

These are homeless families living in cars or in tents but still sending their children to Maury County schools every day. Many have jobs they still manage to go to even though they don't have a place to sleep at night. Some are lucky to stay in a hotel for a few days, some are sleeping in parking lots until they are asked to leave, and some wander the streets night after night looking for any place to lay their head. Very few are transient; these are our neighbors who have

fallen on hard times and can't seem to get back up. In the first week of October we have served 10 homeless families or individuals and we fear we will soon run out of grant money.

The coalition is working hard to come up with something more permanent to help but until then, we will continue to apply for grants and find creative ways to serve this population with donations received by our wonderful community. Although this is new territory for us, we are grateful to be able to serve the homeless. I love that our staff, volunteers and supporters are able to switch gears and fill a need within our community that is unfortunately growing. It feels really good that we are flexible enough to flow with the needs of the community whatever it might be. We can only do it because of our wonderful supporters.

With great thanks and blessings!



Dawn Taylor  
Executive Director

## **Save the Dates**

**Mark your calendars for the following events:**

**November 1, 2018-  
Taste of the Town**

**November 16, 2018-  
Turkey Giveaway  
(Drop off turkeys on 11-15-18)**

**December 7, 2018-  
Sounds of the Seasons**

**December 12-13, 2018-  
Santa's Workshop  
(Toys should be dropped off by December 11)**

**March 23, 2019-  
Reverse Raffle**

## 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) Please note that our store hours have changed. We are now open 10-5 Tuesday- Friday.

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

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

## Ring the Bells for those in Maury County!

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 is available at [www.familycenter.org](http://www.familycenter.org).  
This is a GREAT way to give back!

## Taste of the Town

Join us for a strolling dining experience featuring the remarkable culinary creations from our downtown restaurants and local beverage suppliers. Stay tuned for a list of vendors and other fun details. You will be able to taste items from the following

places: **Square Market, Puckett's, The Balloon Shop, Bistro 822, Cities, Windmill Bakery, Don Pepe's, Vanh Dy's, The Variety Shop, Pie Sensations and possibly more!**

Tickets are \$30 per person. For more details please call 931-388-3840. Or buy tickets online by going to [www.familycenter.org](http://www.familycenter.org)



## Sounds of the Season

Please help The Family Center ring in the Christmas Spirit and help those in need by lending your voices during our "Sounds of the Season" concert.

If interested in participating here's what to do:

- \* Pick 2-3 Christmas Carols to sing & let us know your song selection.
- \* Contact Teresa or Jennifer at 931-388-3840 or [teresa@familycenter.org](mailto:teresa@familycenter.org)
- \*Please let us know by November 2nd if you want to participate.

This is a free community event. Although a love offering will be taken to help support The Family Center.



***\*Holiday Fun\****

**TURKEY GIVEAWAY**



**Our giveaway is 11/16**  
Our goal is to giveaway 500 turkeys this year! If you would like to donate a turkey box, we will be taking these until November 15th.

## **SANTA'S WORKSHOP**



**Santa's Workshop is 12/12 & 12/13**  
If you would like to donate toys for those in need, please drop them off at the Family Center by **12/11**.

## *Belk Charity Day- November 3*



Buy a \$5 ticket to the Belk charity sale and receive \$5 off your first purchase. The ticket gets you access in the door to the private sale on rarely discounted items. We get to keep all the money from tickets sold. Happy Shopping!!!

**THANK YOU!!**

### **Future Educational Opportunities**

\*Budgeting Class- November 21

\*Anger Management Classes- as requested

\*Mind, Body & Soul Classes- October 31

If you would like to teach a class, please contact Teresa at 388-3840 or [teresa@familycenter.org](mailto:teresa@familycenter.org).

### **2018 3rd Quarter Statistics**

	<u>Families Served</u> YTD	<u>Amount Paid</u> 2nd Quarter	<u>Paid YTD</u>
Columbia Power	128	402 \$13,440.74	\$43,553.56

Mt. Pleasant Power	6	25	\$600.00	\$2,082.33
Atmos Energy	8	91	\$1,636.48	\$19,286.12
DREMC	6	50	\$1,405.48	\$10,029.61
Rent	67	167	\$14,057.00	\$28,944.00
Eyeglasses	12	39	\$1,392.00	\$4,583.00
Emergency Lodging	0	0	\$	\$
Columbia Oil	0	0	0	\$
MRMC Foundation	19	51	\$1,190.33	\$4,324.59
Bus Ticket	0	0	0	0
Mt Pleasant Water	2	9	\$246.37	\$823.92
Miscellaneous	3	10	\$302.59	\$1,313.52
Kroger Cards	22	92	\$550.00	\$2,400.00
Pantry	1021	3627	\$2,923.08	\$11,829.62
Common Threads Support Cards	342	419	\$2,955.00	\$7,260.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>1636</b>	<b>4983</b>	<b>\$40,699.07</b>	<b>\$114,940.65</b>

## Extreme Givers: Thank You!

Berea Church of Christ	Alexanders Mattress World
Bigbyville United Methodist	Cornerstone Cowboy Church
Blue Springs Free Will Baptist Church	Highland Park Senior Adults
First Family Baptist Church	Homer & Brenda Martin
First Presbyterian Church	Teresa Gardner
First United Methodist Church	Thomas Napier Gordon
Highland Park Baptist Church	Celia Clark
Maury Baptist Association	Charles Norman
Maury Hills Church	Marion Sengstacke
Pleasant Heights Baptist Church	Karen Phillips
Riverview Baptist Church	Salvation Army

Rock Springs Baptist Church  
St Catherine Catholic Church  
St. Peters Episcopal Church  
The Bridge Church  
Water Valley FCE  
Viola Baptist

United Way  
Heritage Bank & Trust  
Mark Peresich  
Porter King  
Clinton Kelly  
Trotwood Garden Club

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## **Volunteer Spotlight!**

### **Maddie & Aaron**

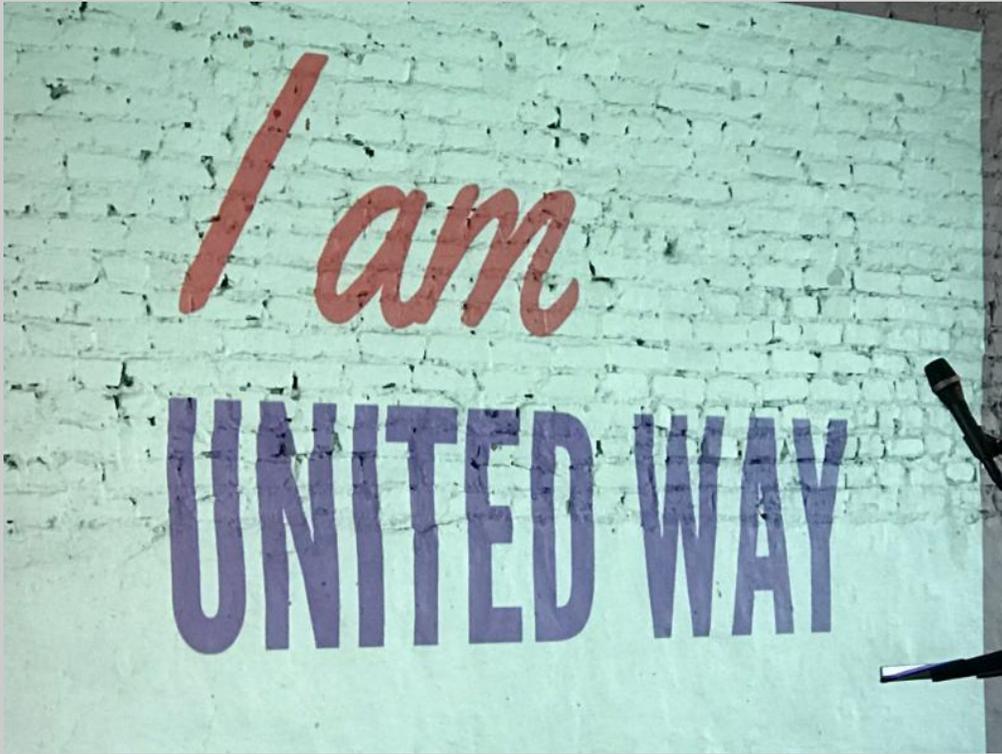


We are very thankful for these two wonderful volunteers from New Song Baptist Church. They will be here every Friday this Fall. It doesn't matter if we ask them to move furniture, unload food trucks, address envelopes, create maps, bag food, clean out the attic or greet clients...they do it with a smile on their faces.

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## **Partner Spotlight!**





We are so grateful for our partnership with United Way and their continued dedication to Maury County. They are in the middle of the yearly fundraising campaign at this time. By donating to them, you are supporting 20 local non-profits which we are one of those agencies. THANK YOU to United Way and Laura Truelove for always thinking of the people in our community.

## 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 **GM792**, 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 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

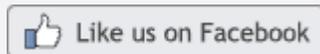
**Teresa Prinzo**, Family Services Coordinator

**Cathy Stoltz**, Volunteer/Office Coordinator

**Gina Russell**, Common Threads, Manager

Plus 25 Volunteers!

STAY CONNECTED



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Executive Director  
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Bridging those in Crisis

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

To whom it may concern:

Barry Mullins volunteered 2 hours on 12-15-2018. His time was very appreciated.

Teresa Prinzo

Family Services Coordinator

The Family Center

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