



Community Development Center

In and Around the CDC

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Winter Newsletter 2014/2015

Family Support Walk-N-Roll 2014



Brrrrr! It was a very cold November morning for our walk this year, but that didn't stop families from participating in the 3rd Annual Family Support Walk-N-Roll fund raiser. We actually had more participants than ever.... 60 in all, with 20 of those served by FS either here or represented by family. Most of our morning was spent inside with plenty of hot chocolate and warm cider on hand, along with cookies, crafts and lots of door prizes! It was a great time of fellowship. We did make it outside for a couple of laps and this wonderful group picture!

The Purpose for our "Walk - N - Roll"

The idea for our walk began out of the need for a fundraiser for our FS program. As with most state-funded programs, there's never enough dollars to go around, and with more than 100 on our waiting list and ever increasing costs to administer the Program, the Local Council saw the need to raise additional funds.

The Walk is growing in popularity, which is wonderful, but even with more participants this year our fundraising dollars dropped. We raised just under \$1,000 (\$138 less than last year to be exact). So what's the solution? An event where the opportunity for fellowship remains, but at the same time raises the funds we are needing. The Local Council will be discussing this at their next meeting on January 12, and if you have any ideas we would sure welcome them. Also, there were a couple of families who didn't make it to the Walk, but were still going to try getting donations for the Program. If you were able to raise some funds, go ahead and send those in; it's never too late!

We'll let you know the plans for this year's Walk as we meet to sign up for the new fiscal year in the Spring.



This group didn't mind being inside at all! (Look closely at the picture. Can you find all six children???)

Child Development Centers Christmas Parties



The Bedford County CDC Christmas party was a huge success. Over half of BEI's families attended. Santa was a hit, and thanks to the SCHS Interact and Student Council clubs and Webb Interact club, every child had a gift from him. Another special thank you goes to Fairlane Church of Christ for the use of their facilities and Shelbyville Dominos for the donation of pizza.



What a party! Once again, the Dusty Elam Foundation sponsored this year's CDC Christmas party for families in Coffee, Franklin and Moore Counties. A turkey dinner with all the fixings was provided and Santa made a surprise visit with gifts for all the children. Pictured to the left is Allison enjoying a visit with Santa.

Patty, the Giles County CDC Manager, enjoyed celebrating Christmas with the children and families she serves while visiting in their homes throughout the holiday season.

The Lincoln County CDC celebrated Christmas with the children this year thanks to the generosity of Beth Nicholson's class at Riverside Christian Academy. The students in the class donated presents for all children enrolled in the program. Each Child Development Center is blessed to have such wonderful support and generosity within their communities.

JT was super excited to get to visit with Santa during the Marshall County Child Development Center's Christmas Party (pictured on the right).

Profile of a CDC Child

Steve was referred to the CDC in October 2013. He was 15 months old, was not sitting up or crawling, was not making any verbal sounds, and was in his third foster home since January 2013. He is seen one time a week by a developmental therapist and two times a month by a physical therapist. He has recently begun speech therapy one time a week. During the 10 months Steve has been served by the CDC, he began crawling and is now walking / running, says several words and tries to repeat what he hears, and has been adopted by his foster parents.



Time to Write and Call Your Legislators!

Family Support Program Faces Being Cut from DIDD Budget, Yet Once Again

It goes without saying that each year about this time we are sharing the news that the Family Support Program is in jeopardy of losing our state-wide funding. And while thankfully, each year we have been included by the Governor in his budget, the worry still exists, and we need your help. It's time for letters, calls, emails and personal visits.

After several years of this uncertainty we feel our legislators know *who* Family Support is, but they need to be reminded *how* important Family Support is to you and your family. *And* we want to thank them for our funding for this year. Stories and a picture are what you need to share, and get your family and friends involved, too.

"Disability Day on the Hill" is set for February 4, 2015. This is a great day to visit with your legislators in person, just call ahead for an appointment. Representatives from the Community Development Center will be there to advocate for the future of Family Support. The Governor has asked each department to include a 7% reduction in their proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-2016. DIDD's budget includes **completely** cutting funds to the Family Support Program. Let's remind Governor Haslam and our legislators why this cut makes no sense and would hurt so many families.

Keep in touch. Let us know what you are doing, and especially any responses you get from your legislators. Feel free to give the office a call at 931-684-7673, if you have any questions about what to say, or how to make contact with your legislators.

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TN College of Applied Technology
Shelbyville Campus
Recognized for 50 years of Excellent Service



Throughout many years, the CDC has partnered with community agencies to fulfill its mission. Among those most outstanding collaborators is the Tennessee College of Applied Technology, formerly the Tennessee Vocational School. As TCATS celebrated its 50th Anniversary, the CDC joined in a community wide recognition for the support the college has given to nonprofits.

Accepting a BIG HANDS HELPING LITTLE HANDS plaque is the College President, Ivan Jones. CDC Director, Anita Teague (left) and Agency Founder, Sarah Hunt (right), presented the plaque and expressed appreciation to the staff for its many years of excellence in community partnership.

Understanding Allen Jordan

A Story by Kim, Volunteer

knew I wasn't getting it. As a volunteer, I have been working with Allen. I was mystified because this wasn't a word he had ever said to me. The fact that he initiated this conversation meant that "BOOM" was important. Allen then pointed at the book titled Understanding Tornadoes. What was he trying to tell me? A book about storms isn't his thing. So I was surprised as he flipped through the Tornado book. He was glancing at me as he stabbed his index finger on an ominous black cloud with sheeting rain. Are you talking about last night's rain storm, Allen? Did it thunder at your house? He sat back and relaxed, finally I'd understood. He nodded rapidly as he repeated loudly, "Boom!" Did the booming thunder scare you? What a huge smile on his face as he shook his head, "NO." The smallest gestures, like understanding and connecting, can turn a simple act into a magical moment. Allen's dad writes, "Allen has the ability to communicate, understand and tell his story. He states, "It makes me feel so good knowing that others know how smart he is, yet so limited.



The CDC Admin Team hopes you and your family had a wonderful Christmas Season and are starting off 2015 successfully!

Pictured here from left to right are Tami Newcomb (HR Manager), Amanda McCall (Staff Accountant), Deb Corum (Business Manager), Anita Teague (Executive Director), Sarah Hunt (Agency Founder), and Jim Singleton (IT Manager).



News from ISC



left to right: Johnny Keene, Karen Scott, Michael Berry, Jeremiah Nuuhiwa, Patrick Frazine, Amanda Everett, Steve Meeks, Judy Carol Jenkins, Ricky Bingham, EMS responder Karissa Streichert, William Lillard, EMS responder Savannah Damron, Bedford County Sheriff Austin Swing, Don Bingham, Bedford County Police Chief Jason Williams, and Bedford County Lieutenant Nikia Elliott.

The Community Development Center's Independent Support Program held its annual advisory board meeting on October 3rd, 2014 at the Shelbyville Recreation Center- The Theme this year was "Community Superstars" and the guest speakers were from the Bedford County Sheriff's Department and Bedford County EMS. Those in attendance were Lieutenant Nikia Elliott, Chief Jason Williams, Sheriff Austin Swing, EMS responder Savannah Damron and EMS responder Karissa Streichert. Nikia, from the Sheriff's Department talked to the group about "when to call 911" and what is considered an emergency call as opposed to a non-emergency call. Lieutenant Elliott also talked about recent scams that are happening and how to protect yourself from these situations. EMS respondents Savannah and Karissa also spoke to the group about how they carry out their daily jobs in the community. Both ladies told the consumers that they respond along with the Sheriff's Dept. or Police when there is an emergency in the community such as a fire, wreck. etc. After the group discussions there was a question and answer session and then all of the advisory board members along with the "Community Superstars" were able to get a closer look at the police cars and ambulances. Lunch was then served and everyone enjoyed grilled hamburgers, chips, cookies & drinks. It was an educational and fun day had by all!



Mark your calendar...

Disability Day on the Hill

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Make an appointment to meet with your legislators.

CDC recognized Miss Lynda Johnson on Sunday, October 19, 2014 for her support over the years. Pictured here with Ms. Lynda are Kyle Dennis, Sarah Hunt, Reverend Larry Crimson, and CDC Early Intervention Director, Teresa Winnette.

OPPORTUNITIES TO REACH OUT

We depend on donations from you and our community, local and government grants as well as in-kind help and volunteers in our fundraising efforts. With the boom of social media, there are other ways you can help us. One of them is when you are shopping on Amazon. If you use Smile.Amazon.com instead of Amazon.com, Amazon will donate \$0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile (Amazon) purchases to the charitable organization of your choice – Community Development Center! AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same service but through this link <https://smile.amazon.com/> you will select Community Development Center as your charity of choice and Amazon will make the donation for you!

Another way you can support the Community Development Center is by “Liking” our Facebook page and don’t just stop there! “Like” our stories, “Comment” on the story or the picture, and even “Share” it on your own Facebook page. The more activity CDC has the Facebook page, the algorithms will our page to be near the top of search results and you will have less opportunity to miss important CDC posts. Click here to go to our Facebook page – <https://www.facebook.com/CommunityDevelopmentCenter>

Through Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, the Community Development Center is participating in the 2015 The Big Payback which is a one-day online giving campaign for nonprofits in the Greater Nashville Area. Last year, the CDC saw \$800 in donations. We hope to realize a lot more on May 6, 2015! On that day you will be able to make your donation to the CDC at <https://thebigpayback.org/>. The Community Development Center welcomes and appreciates all donations made via our website <http://www.cdctn.org/> as well as through Giving Matters at <http://givingmatters.guidestar.org/>.

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