



March 2015 Newsletter

**MONTHLY BOARD MEETING: MARCH 26,
2015, 10 AM, 403 VARGAS RD.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 512-266-2573. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT NEW AND OLD PRESIDENTS AND SOCIAL ACTION PEOPLE WILL COME TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR MINISTRY.

At the February meeting a big item on the agenda was deciding to expand the classes of the Early Childhood Development Center from 2 to 4 days. It was good news that we could do this now, or begin in September, after publicizing during the summer.

The Board Members decided to wait, but continue making plans to raise funds for 2016 and find grant money. *WE WILL MEET OUR GOAL FOR 4 DAYS IN SEPTEMBER.* Sandy Wilder and Eva Jordan would welcome grants ideas and people willing to do paper work. Call Billie (512-926-3592), our Co-chair, if you would like to help with this need!

Another happy report is that volunteers from Oak Hill UMC came to work on needed repairs to the buildings! A rain delay of one weekend pushed the

workday to March 21 and what a busy day with customers, workers and a party beginning at noon!

The volunteers were served lunch in the school room and the food was Cindy Brandt's delicious meatball stew and cornbread. Repairs were many: a new door in the Clothing back room, molding put up in the Colorado Hall, a ceiling fix in the school room, the garden weeded for the children's planting, new tile in the Clothing Room bathroom, and work outside to stop the flow of rain water in the Colorado Hall. There are still a few jobs to finish, but this output saved hundred of dollars in labor. The Oak Hill Youth were there: Jesse installed the tile and Ben worked on the door and frame. Wally Vog's worksheet reports that Cindy was the leader with Zach Rife, Lynda Rife, Alex Rife, Chuck Moore, Billie Moore, Jesse Moore, Ben Moore, Doug Moody Karl Herzog, Wally Vog, and Walter Skinner. Words fail to adequately expressed the many, many "thank yous!"

Billie reports that the clothing sales have been very good in March: \$125 and \$107 on the Food distribution day. St. John's Hannah Circle, Vernell and Kay came on the food day. Help is badly needed on the food day since customers waiting food come in at the same time. A workday to change seasonal clothes must be scheduled at the meeting. April opening days are Saturday April 4th

and 18 and Tuesday, April 14. Call Billie (512-926-3592) saying you will come!

Ms. Laurel reports the children studied "Texas" and "Rodeo" in March and now are studying "SPRING FLING", a unit on springtime happenings, planting, Easter, and the big egg hunt on April 1. The teachers would love some plastic eggs, wrapped candy stickers and dye to color the boiled eggs they will make. Parents are bringing food for the party. Marie Webb brought decorations, bunny masks and Sandee Setterquist is bringing baskets for each child. A great time to enjoy beautiful April!

Margie Skinner, Seniors Activities Director, has a report on another facet of Bingo in her ministry: she visited Edith Ussery and received her contributions of six bags of miscellaneous items for Bingo prizes, pre-school children's program needs and clothing room items. Mrs. Ussery was employed in our pre-school program several years ago when our ministry in Montopolis was quite young and she enjoys supporting us in this way now. We appreciate her interest very much! We also appreciate items donated for these uses from many other supporters!

Miles Scholarship Chair, Martha, says 6 students are in school now and have received \$250 each for the semester. One will graduate in May and we will

have a party for her when she is available.

Remember funds for Miles Scholarship!

We have been praying for recovery for Maria Castro, who had surgery last week. She is our Chair of the Colorado Hall Community use. She is back on the job but very weak - MORE PRAYERS FOR HER!

Many thanks to Sue Sidney for a beautiful 2015 yearbook! It was a lot of hard work. Come to the meeting to receive one.

MORE THANK YOUS FOR GREAT DONATIONS THIS MONTH:

- Crestview UMC: 4 bags clothing, E. Hatterhauser
- ASBURY UMC: clothing
- TRINITY UMC: ladies clothing
- BECKY HERRERA, LEANDER UMC: clothing
- FIRST UMC, ANN TEICH: bags of paper towel and toilet paper
- TARRY TOWN UMC, MARY STRONG: bingo items, paper goods, toilet paper, miscellaneous school
- Lake TRAVIS UMC, SHELLI KWAIT: clothing and tote bags
- DECKER UMC, MARIE WEBB: paper goods and bingo items

A MONTHLY PLEDGE FROM UNITS FOR OUR FUND RAISER WOULD BE GREAT! SEE YOU ALL ON THE 26TH!