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Executive Director's Message

May We Always Have Perpetual Hope

With the holiday season upon us I find myself in deep thought and reflection of the past year. It has been a year filled with moments of joy and sadness. We celebrated 20 years of our annual TREK fundraiser that reminded us of all the wonderful support we have been blessed with throughout the years. It takes an immeasurable amount of resources, compassion and support to ensure that the children at St. Joseph Peace Mission and Yewell Home for Boys get the care and treatment that they truly deserve. We are humbled to live in such a supportive and giving community that helps us to ensure their needs are met.

In this same year we lost people who were near and dear to our hearts, forever changing our perceptions about our lives and those we care for. We have had the privilege to provide safe and loving homes to many precious children who were in crisis, all of them wanting to be seen for the goodness of who they are and not being labeled as "bad" for not always mak-

ing the best choices.

Christmas is the season of perpetual hope. Perpetual hope means a hope that does not cease, it continues without interruption; it's everlasting. As we move forward in 2018, let us see perpetual hope not just as a season, but a way of caring for others and ourselves each day of the year. Our organization has committed to future plans for expansion to accommodate and care for more children in crisis within our community. These plans will reflect our values that children deserve help when they are in crisis and we must remain steadfast in our commitment to be here for them when they do.

As you spend the holidays with your loved ones we ask that you continue to keep the children that we care for in your thoughts and prayers.

In Peace,

Paula Yevincy MSSW, CSW
President

A Most Generous Gift



Recently, the Peace Mission received a generous gift from the estate of the late Mary Florence McCarthy. Ms. McCarthy, 96, of Owensboro, who passed away in July, had worked at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, OH and also at Tampa General Hospital as a Registered Nurse Anesthetist and

as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner. Miss McCarthy was a member of Precious Blood Catholic Church. She enjoyed gardening, flowers and spending time with her family which included two sisters and many precious nieces and nephews. She also enjoyed quilting and made many comfort quilts for hospice patients. She is survived by two sisters, Rita (Bill) Elder and Magdalen McCarthy, and many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

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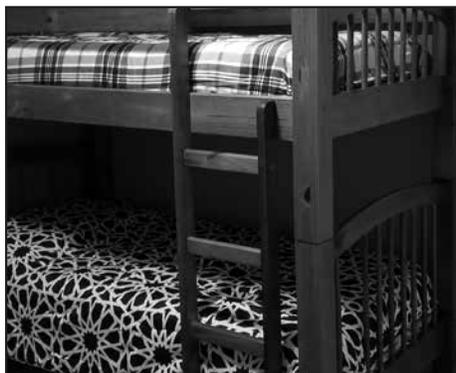
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Local Businesses Spruce Up the Mission

“Give Back Day,” is a WOMI-WBKR charitable event, where the radio station takes on community projects four times a year. Dave Spencer of WBKR, volunteered to coordinate a clean-up, spruce –up project at the Mission this year. Spencer met with Brad DeHart, Development Director for the Peace Mission to see what was needed most. Three local businesses took part: Ben Pearl Painting, Inc., Royalty Cleaning Service, and BPPI Flooring. Several banks sent volunteers to help out, and First Security donated new bedding and towels. On Monday, September 18th, over 80 volunteers spent the day at the Mission, cleaning, painting and laying new carpet. BPPI installed carpeting in the communal areas and all the bedrooms. All rooms were painted colors that coordinated with the carpeting. The Royalty Cleaning team, headed up by Bridget Payne, power washed buildings, scrubbed floors, windows and kitchens. A new 50” TV was donated and hooked up, and food for volunteers for breaks and lunch was donated as well. Workers arrived around 7:00 a.m. and worked all day, until about 7 or 8:00 p.m., even during a driving rain storm. It was “organized pandemonium” as President Paula Yevincy said. Residents were not told of the clean-up, but were treated to a movie and burgers and fries after school, so the entire effort was a surprise to them. The kids came back to whole new rooms, with new linens, comforters on the beds and TVs. “They were really surprised! It was like Christmas

to them,” said Mission President, Paula Yevincy. “They ran through the house, laughing and screaming. Some of them had never had any-

thing new, so this was quite an experience for them.”





A Great Opportunity

In the spirit of caring for children, the newly formed Resource Committee has developed a new opportunity for friends of the Peace Mission to be part of the network caring for our residents. Friends of the Mission would have the option to partner with the Peace Mission to 'sponsor' a child at the Emergency Shelter or at the Yewell Boys' Home. A monthly donation of \$25.00 or a one-time donation of \$300 would provide the child with essential items they need when coming to the shelter or the Boys' Home. Items would include hygiene supplies, bedding, clothing, food and snacks, etc. Sponsoring partners could include individuals, family groups, or even work groups. Although the child would not be identified by name other than to the sponsor, the sponsoring partner could receive regular updates and/or correspondence from the Mission. Crystal Sapp, BSW Case Manager for the Emergency Shelter is working on the child sponsorship program for her Graduate school project.

Street Legends Car Show

Since 2007, this annual event at Diamond Lakes has been voted one of the top 20 events in the South Eastern United States, and has become one of the premiere automotive events in the Tri- State area. There are sometimes as many as 300 cars on display, with some regular participants coming from as far away as New York or Arizona. This year Shelby Wheel and Tire brought their monster truck (and it really is BIG!) With lots of fun and entertainment and a swap meet on hand, many families planned to spend the whole day.

Board members from the Peace Mission were on hand to sell 50/50 tickets, t-shirts and distribute water to the crowds. The Mission has been fortunate enough to be a recipient of their generosity for the last 10 years. Over that time, the Car Club has donated over \$20,000 to the Peace Mission. According to Club Treasurer Link Bell, the club has three criteria for choosing a charity, "we want to keep the money in Owensboro, there has to be a real need, and it has to be something we all agreed on. It's too bad there has to be a place like the Peace Mission, but it's good to know the Mission is there for kids when they need help. As Link says, "We care about cars, but we care more about kids.

The People Who Make Us Great

Kim Jagoe was director at St. Benedict's homeless shelter when she realized the need and interest in food and nutrition education among Owensboro's homeless and poverty stricken. She decided to step down from her position



of three years and further her education by going to Sullivan University in Louisville to study nutrition, sanitation, and culinary preparation. She returned as Personal/Private Chef Kim Jagoe, ServSafe Certified and ready to go to action. At culinary school, Kim met Christin Pelsor, who agreed to partner with Kim and share in her vision. The two chefs have partnered with New Life Church to turn their current soup kitchen into a Training and Reverse Soup Kitchen. A Simple Path is the program in which students learn nutrition, sanitation, meal preparation, and menu selection. At Friday lunch, they serve the food they've prepared to the public. All funds are put back into the program, to allow A Simple Path to have more students.

Kim's vision for the Peace Mission includes growing large enough so that residents could be accepted here in other ways than being referred by the court system. The Mission could serve as a place that could be called by families, schools or hospitals when kids are in danger; it could be a mechanism for rescue for kids who need it.

On a personal level, Kim loves spending time playing with her 4 grandkids, 2 of whom are in Owensboro. The other two are in Arkansas and New Orleans.



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WE DON'T FORM OUR CHILDREN – WE JUST TAKE THEM AND LOVE THEM AS GOD GIVES THEM TO US.
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In Memoriam

St. Joseph's Peace Mission has received several generous gifts in memory of a deceased friend of the Mission. We extend our condolences to the family of Judith Stallings Dampier. We appreciate these gifts and want to assure her family they will be used in a way that will honor her and will contribute to the well-being and safety of children at the Peace Mission.

Wish List

After-school snacks
Cereal
Warm mittens and hats
Personal hygiene items
Movie/ice skating passes
Gift cards for fast food
Board or Video games
Small Lego sets
Sports balls (Basketball, Football, Volleyball, Four Sq.)

Still Have Pecans Left? Here's What to Do with Them...

Heat the oven to 450. Toss a 12 oz. bag of pecans with a melted stick of butter and some salt and pepper. Roast 10 minutes, shaking or stirring once or twice. Let cool (they crisp up as they cool), and enjoy!