



Good Samaritan Center

Where people in need find hope

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Good Samaritan Center is a 501c3 not-for-profit serving residents of Ray County and of those parts of Clay County not carrying a Liberty or Kansas City zip code. Our mission is to prevent homelessness and hunger by providing basic life needs and access to life skills. Founded in 1986, GSC offers emergency assistance for rent, utilities, food, clothing, transportation, and medical care. Auxiliary programs include transitional housing, senior minor home repair, a thrift store, a furniture store, and after school tutoring. Life skills classes are offered on-site throughout the year. In addition, GSC provides on-site access to healthcare, WIC, vocational rehabilitation meetings, and GED classes.

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Annual Report of Good Samaritan Center Operations



Bob Gerdes
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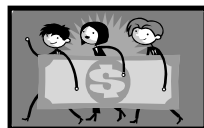
Enclosed in this Newsletter is the Audited statement of assets, liabilities and net assets – modified cash basis of Good Samaritan Center completed on September 30th, 2010 by Westbrook & CO. P.C.

As you will note we had a great year in Support & Revenue, however, we also had a lot of clients (new to emergency services) that needed one time assistance during the year. We were able to hold the line on

supporting services which includes administrative and fund raising expenses. Included in Administrative expenses are the costs of Accounting, adv., auto exp., license fees & dues, office supplies, repairs & maintance of the building, professional development, depreciation, ins of building & general liability, telephone & utilities, postage, permits, and Executive Director Salary.

Donated goods and services amounts are not recognized in the financial statements. However the Good Samaritan Center would not be functioning today without the outpouring of love and sweat equity from the community. All of the 17 Board members and staff appreciate the generous help and donations received through the past 24 years. It is our prayer that God will continue to bless and lead us forward through the next years of service to mankind.

Insure that your donation arrives safely!



Arrange for automatic debit from your account to ours!

www.goodsamaritancenter.com
or call 816-630-2718, Ex 28

GSC Mission Statement

Dedicated to preventing hunger and homelessness by providing basic life needs and access to life skills.



Be Careful on the Path

By Randy Mitchell

If all of us had the opportunity to choose what our final parting words before we leave this world would be, we'd like to think they'd be profound. Most of us don't give it much thought. Most likely the same was true for one of Good Samaritan's Centers committed volunteers who lost control of his bicycle on a warm summer night this past July at Watkins Mill State Park and suffered a head injury that would prove to be fatal. In what I would refer to as a modern day version of the parable of The Good Samaritan, a compassionate individual found H.A.

Dickey in need of help and sprang into action to do what they could to relieve his suffering. From this scene, H.A. offered this compassionate individual and all of us some great advice. His last words were simply, "Be Careful on the Path."

That's good advice. That's wise counsel. Words like these are usually offered from someone that knows the path all too well or has experienced the painful realities of traveling it when certain conditions make traveling the path more treacherous. Life's path has its up's and down's, unexpected twists and turns and some unfore-

seen potholes. Most of us have crashed a time or two. When we crash we need help and relief from the suffering. It's the compassionate that spring into action.

H.A. Dickey demonstrated that kind of compassion as a volunteer of the Good Samaritan Center of Excelsior Springs and many other community civic organizations. Long before there was a Good Samaritan Center in our community, H.A. and His family modeled the kind of generosity and compassion that embodied the message and mission of the organization he gave his time, resources and passion to. His generosity and compassion was demon-

strated without fanfare and need for recognition. It was carried about in the manner Jesus taught in the Sermon on the Mount. "When you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret,

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Senior Home Repair Program

The Good Samaritan Center is affiliated with Clay County Senior Services in directing the Senior Home Repair Program in northern Clay County. The program, which covers all of Clay county without a Kansas City or Liberty zip code, is administered by Greg Martin, of the Center.

Funded by a portion of the property tax that all Clay county real estate owners pay each year, the program is designed to aid those over the age of sixty to stay safely in their homes. The program

offers repairs, specifically, safety related repairs such as mending steps and porches, installing handrails, grab bars, and reconfiguration of bathrooms. Small repairs like leaky faucets, changing light bulbs, replacing furnace filters, and weatherization are also included.

In 2009 the program completed 39 different projects all over northern Clay county, a 40% increase over 2008, and this year(2010) will probably see an increase over that number. A great number of the

projects were a direct result of referrals from former clients, who were very satisfied with the way that they were treated and with the results of their project. In many cases the program was instrumental in helping a senior keep their dignity and stay in their home. To emphasize this aspect, these testimonials are offered:

"As a senior, I had no one to call for repairs. Please keep this service available"--signed, Mrs. M. I., Excelsior Springs, Mo.

"These gentlemen get

straight "A's" for their work"--signed, Mr. R.B. Excelsior Springs, Mo.

"Without the help of this program, I would not be able to stay in my home"--signed, Mrs. W. T. Smithville, Mo.

Many times, Clay county seniors do not know about this program, or do not understand it. If you would like more information about the Senior Home Repair Program, please call the Good Samaritan Center at 816-630-2718 Ext. 25 and ask for Greg Martin

**GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER
STATEMENT OF SUPPORT,
REVENUE, AND EXPENSES
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE, 30, 2010**

	Unrestricted
SUPPORT AND REVENUE:	
Thrift Stores revenue	\$ 165,814
Contributions	165,358
Grants	117,747
Other income	13,968
Interest income	832
Total support and revenue	463,719
EXPENSES:	
Program services:	
Emergency Assistance	188,804
Thrift Stores	128,136
Senior Services	46,817
Transitional Living	8,379
Kids Club	6,032
Total program services	378,168
Supporting services:	
Administrative	108,479
Fund raising	1,579
Total supporting services	110,058
Total expenses	488,226
Change in net assets	(24,507)
Net assets, July 1, 2009	476,187
Net assets, June 30, 2010	\$ 451,680

**GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER
STATEMENT OF ASSETS,
LIABILITIES AND NET
ASSETS-MODIFIED CASH
BASIS
June 20, 2010**

Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 86,683
Property and Equipment:	
Buildings	438,440
Equipment	26,451
Furniture and fixtures	7,981
Vehicle	9,500
	482,372
Less - Accumulated depreciation	(127,029)
Net property and equipment	355,343
Other Assets:	
Investments-municipal bonds,	10,000
Refundable deposits	135
Total other assets	10,135
Total Assets	\$ 452,161
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities:	
Payroll withholding payable	\$ 481
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	451,680
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 452,161

Kids Club - The Good Samaritan Center's After School Tutoring Program

With the help of volunteers we help students, K-5, get their homework done. Kids Club provides nutritional snacks, fun activities and exercise to stimulate the child's well being. Literacy is an important part of the program, we encourage students to read 20 minutes a day. Kids Club is a safe environment where a child can continue their education and enrich their cultural experiences. Programs include Native American studies. "Navajos in November" is being studied now. The students have looked at the geography of the Navajo Reservation in Arizona and talked about Navajo history. An art project revolved around the Navajo bead work and actually making bead work of their own. We will be sampling a favorite food of the Navajo by making fry

bread as part of snack time. Backyard nature is also worked into programming. In September the students released a monarch butterfly that was raised from a caterpillar.

With the holiday coming up, the students will be making ornaments for the classroom tree and decorating Christmas cards

for loved ones. Kids Club meets Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5pm and Wednesday 3-4pm at the Good Samaritan Center. To Sign up as a Tutor you can contact DeVonna Ishmael at Volunteer4goodsam@sbcglobal.net or call 816-630-2718 Ext. 26 or ask for Opal Fields, Kids Club Director to call you when she is at the Center.



Opal Fields and DeVonna Ishmael search the database for volunteers to help with Kids Club.

Good Samaritan Goes Green And Saves Green

The Good Samaritan Center is now making it's newsletter available to all of our friends and supporters via email and online at our website. We'll get your newsletter sent to you via email, help the environment and save \$4,000 annually that can now go directly to

work for our goal of fighting poverty.

We've ramped up our online tools to keep you more informed and make working with us easier. Simply go to www.goodsamaritancenter.com and sign up to receive the newsletter online. You get all the fea-

tures in our print newsletter, plus links to extended information about our programs, events and special announcements.

Sign up now at www.goodsamaritancenter.com and we'll deliver for you!

Volunteer! Be a Living Gift

This holiday season we're kicking off our Living Gift Program. Volunteer your time in honor of that special someone on your gift giving list. We need special holiday event volunteers as well as daily, service program volunteers.

Living Gifts are perfect for holidays, birthdays, anniversaries, special occasions, or just because you want to let someone know you care. Upon completion of your pledged volunteer service hours, we will send an announcement to the recipient of your choice notifying them of your heartfelt gift of service in

their honor.

To sign up to be a "Living Gift" contact DeVonna Ishmael, Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer-4goodsam@sbcglobal.net or call 816-630-2718, ext 26. For a list of daily volunteer opportunities go to www.goodsamaritancenter.com.

Volunteers Needed for these Opportunities:

- * Kids Club Tutors
- * Snow Shoveling Help
- * Furniture Delivery
- * Pantry & Store Helpers

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will reward you." The economic climate we find ourselves today has left many on life's path in need of just more than our sympathy. Some of us are convinced that we model what we say we believe through more than lip service. The New Testament book of James teaches us, "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good

is it?"

To be careful on the path doesn't simply reduce our willingness to risk personal pain and suffering but it also compels us to choose the path we walk because others might follow us. Being careful on the path also compel us to consider how we might personally raise the level of risk in our own lives to being willing to inconvenience ourselves and spring into action for the sake of those in need. H.A., thanks for the good advice. The Good Samaritan Center and your community miss you, your example, compassion and generosity.

Social Service 2010

by Martha Buckman

Good Samaritan Center is very grateful for the increase in donations following our recent plea for pantry items. During the month of October the Center collected 17,186 pounds of pantry items from the following sources: 9784 pounds from local individuals, stores and churches and 7402 pounds from Harvesters. 14,095 pounds of pantry items were distributed to families seeking assistance during this same time period. It's not hard to understand why we have a continuing plea for food donations.

We hear many stories from those we serve each day. Recently one of our families with small children was approached by their caseworker about being adopted this Christmas. The father has found a job and is working after a long period of unemployment; his wife has still been unable to secure a job. The dad stated that while the offer for Christmas help was great, it would really be a greater relief to have his rent current. The gas to get to work and trying to catch up the utilities was sometimes overwhelming.

Many in our community do not have their minds on

festive activities as they are faced with simply how to pay their utilities and rent. While the Good Samaritan Center focuses on assistance for life necessities, the needs are always greater than the resources. We listen to each family's story and give them a chance to let them talk through their plan. Sometimes hope is the best we can offer.

Here's a simple idea to help out your neighbors during this season. Prepare a Christmas card for a family with a personal message of encouragement and enclose a gas card, gift card or money to help a certain family with a monthly expense. We keep the families anonymous, so the check would be made to GSC and we could match this with families in need. You can trust that a burden would be lifted from this family.

Often times, Christmas may not look like we think it should. There was a time that Christmas was about family and celebration, rather than Black Friday and shopping sprees.

A Christmas miracle is being in a home with electricity, heat, and food; not that there is a stack of toys the kids will not remember the next year. Let us all pray that there are many miracles this Christmas Season.