

C.A.M.P. Messenger

Christian Aid Mission Partnership

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"

Summer 2011



COBB COUNTY ANNUAL DIAPER DAY

Monday, October 25, 2011

Marietta Square at Glover Park 5-6:00 p.m.



The Annual Cobb County Diaper Day Committee announces this year's event to benefit the following non-profit agencies that will receive and distribute the donated diapers to Cobb County families in need.



Christian Aid Mission Partnership (C.A.M.P.)

Cobb Family Resources (CFR)

MUST Ministries

YWCA Battered Women's Shelter Program

Reconnecting Families

Cobb County residents, businesses, civic groups, and churches are urged to drop off their Diaper Day collections to help low income residents who cannot afford the simple luxury of a diaper for their child. A few things you may not be aware of:

- Food Stamps do not allow for the purchase of hygiene items such as diapers;
- Diaper rash and crying lead to more stress for struggling families;
- Day Care Centers require parents to provide disposable diapers; traditional cloth diapers are not an option at centers;
- Diapers are VERY expensive and cost prohibitive for low income families.

The provision of diapers can make all the difference in the world to a struggling family!

Other drop off locations during the MONTH OF OCTOBER include:

South Cobb – Dr. Lou Hilliard, Back to Back Chiropractic, 447 Veterans Memorial Highway, SW, Mableton.

For questions about this event, please contact Carla Pierce at 770-819-0662, ext. 17 or carla@svcamp.org.

5TH ANNUAL EMPTY PLATE GALA & SILENT AUCTION



presented by The South Cobb Rotary Club

Saturday, October 22, 2011

6pm at Presbyterian Village Center

The 5th Annual Empty Plate Gala & Silent Action is presented by The South Cobb Rotary to benefit Christian Aid Mission Partnership. The event will help fill empty plates in our community. The evening includes dinner, entertainment and silent auction. Tickets are \$50 per plate. Business attire is requested.

For more information or tickets, please call Irene at 770-819-0662, ext. 15.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Uniting the Community
to Actively Fulfill
God's Plan
by Assisting Our
Neighbors In Need

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UNITED WAY AWARDS GRANT TO C.A.M.P.



United Way

C.A.M.P. is pleased to announce the award of a 2011-2012 United Way Community Impact Grant. We received this grant for "yielding great results for our community."

According to United Way, "this year's pool of funding was down about 20 percent from last year so the process was extremely competitive. A total of 174 non-profits applied for grants, requesting more than \$34 million — more than double the amount available in this year's grant pool. Unfortunately, a number of agencies were not funded. This is a testament to the overwhelming needs in our communities."

Many thanks to United Way for its continued commitment to C.A.M.P. — we are extremely proud of our partnership and will continue our efforts to address hunger and prevent homelessness in our community.

Thank You to Other 2011 Foundation Contributors

Allstate Foundation
Cherokee Presbytery
Cobb County Friendship Club
Episcopal Charities
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Feinstein Foundation
North GA United Methodist Housing & Homeless Council
TJX Foundation

2010 Annual Report

Please see our newly published Annual Report at www.svcamp.org for a complete listing of 2010 contributors.

UPDATE ON C.A.M.P. PROGRAMS BENEFITING CHILDREN

Backpack Program 2011-2012

Once again our Backpack Program was a huge success. This year we partnered with several community groups — the Austell Community Task Force, the Powder Springs Community Task Force, Lithia Springs First Baptist Church and Destiny World Church — to distribute our supply filled backpacks. We helped hundreds of children start the school year off right with much needed school supplies.

A "Thank-You" to everyone who donated supplies and gave of their time. We could not host special projects without the support of our volunteers and community supporters.

NEW School Uniforms NEW

A new and exciting venture has begun at C.A.M.P. By partnering with our local schools, we are now offering school uniform shirts and pants to our clients' children. Many South Cobb schools have gone to mandatory school uniforms to enhance their schools. C.A.M.P. hopes to offer uniforms year round as a permanent program to assist families in need in our community.

URGENT NEEDS

- ◆ Diapers sizes 3, 4, 5, 6; Pull-ups
- ◆ Adult Pull-up diapers
- ◆ Feminine Products
- ◆ Girls & Boys Clothing
- ◆ Shampoo
- ◆ Toothpaste
- ◆ Toilet Paper

We always need plastic shopping bags and egg cartons.

Thank You

HONOR ROLL STUDENTS RECEIVE NEW BIKES



Over the summer C.A.M.P. hosted a special "Biking for Success" program. Honor roll students of families who are clients at C.A.M.P. were eligible to enter a drawing to win one of twenty-five new bicycles.

A local **Walmart** partner store donated the bikes to C.A.M.P. for this project. While some of the bikes needed very minor repairs, Walmart thought it important to share the bikes with kids who might not otherwise get a bike. C.A.M.P. volunteers from the Walsh Family quickly inventoried the bikes and made the minor repairs needed.

Another important partner was **Safe Kids Cobb County** who joined in the project to donate bike safety helmets to all of the winners. Winners were also given information on bike safety. Michelle Dettore, our Volunteer Coordinator, (pictured above with a winning student) oversaw the program for C.A.M.P.

We congratulate all student winners and thank our partners Walmart and Safe Kids Cobb for this successful project.



HIGHLIGHTING VOLUNTEERS – FROM NEAR AND FAR



McEachern UMC Camp IMPACT Volunteers

Thank You McEachern UMC Youth and Czech Republic Students!

McEachern United Methodist youth and leaders volunteered at C.A.M.P. this summer along with 13 older youth from the Czech Republic. McEachern's Camp IMPACT (In Missions Partnering Americans and Czechs Together) program was designed to demonstrate how mission work is done in the United States and expose the international students to various forms of mission work — with the hope they will be encouraged to initiate programs in their home country.

Publix “Not Just a Supermarket”

Thank You Publix!

For the last two years Publix managers have volunteered their time at C.A.M.P. during the summer as part of their annual United Way program. Publix encourages its employees to give back to the community through the United Way. By serving with us on site, these Publix employees were able to see C.A.M.P. in action—serving the community one family at a time.

Pictured right, are Publix Managers working in C.A.M.P.'s Food Pantry.



VOLUNTEERS RECEIVE THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD!

Cindy Strickland has been volunteering at C.A.M.P. for many years. During her service with us she has been incredibly dependable and an independent self-starter. Any time of year—even in the sweltering summer and in the freezing winter—Cindy can be found working on some project in the warehouse. She has been instrumental in sorting many thousands of pounds of donated food for our emergency food program, helped us keep track of and distribute food that is approaching expiration, and assists with keeping our pantry shelves stocked. Cindy is our food pantry's quiet hidden treasure!

Debbie Lee has been a C.A.M.P. volunteer for less than a year and has already served over 500 hours with us. Almost every day, Debbie can be found assisting our food pantry manager with daily operations. Debbie organizes the volunteers, aids in answering their questions, ensures that all of the bread and pastry donations are properly sorted, and oversees filling food orders to our clients. Having Debbie in the pantry frees the small C.A.M.P. staff to attend to other work while knowing that everything is running smoothly. Debbie's oversight skills bring order and peace to C.A.M.P.'s very busy pantry.

Steve Lowe is at C.A.M.P. almost every day assisting our pantry manager. On any given day, he can be found picking up food from our community partners, sorting and distributing this food, rearranging our warehouse for maximum efficiency and stocking our shelves and freezers. Every day, Steve travels to several of our grocery partners to aid in filling our pantry with nutritious foods — often using his own truck and gasoline. Every day, Steve packs and unpacks a thousand or more pounds of these groceries to help keep our neighbors fed. Steve's service, attitude and work ethic are indeed a blessing to C.A.M.P.



Pictured is Darlene Duke, Executive Director, presenting Awards signed by President Obama, to Cindy Strickland, Debbie Lee, and Steve Lowe.



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C.A.M.P. Calendar

October 22 - Empty Plate Gala & Silent Auction

Save the Date

November 8 - Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

November 23 - Community Thanksgiving Service

C.A.M.P. provides services to its neighbors living in the communities of Austell, Clarkdale, East Douglas County, Lithia Springs, Mableton, and Powder Springs.

A coalition of local churches, businesses, civic groups and individuals, C.A.M.P. was founded in December 1968 by representatives from Austell First Baptist Church, Austell Presbyterian Church, New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Powder Springs, and St. John Vianney Catholic Church of Lithia Springs.

As a result of the successful collaboration between C.A.M.P. and The Christian Aid Center of Lithia Springs, in February 2009 the Board of Directors of Sweetwater Valley C.A.M.P. voted to establish the DBA of Christian Aid Mission Partnership.

With the help of many dedicated volunteers, generous donations, and special grants, our organization has grown from a small clothing distribution center to a multi-faceted agency which assists thousands of citizens with food, clothing, rent, utilities, and medical prescriptions each year. In addition to our daily operations of a food pantry and clothing closet, we also offer Special Gift Programs for children at Easter, Back to School, Christmas, and for newborn babies.

Our facilities are open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays, and Holiday Weekends. Sweetwater Valley Community Action Mission Program, Inc. is a charitable 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all contributions and gifts are tax deductible.



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for the printing of this Newsletter.

"TWEETING" AND TWITTERING AT C.A.M.P.

C.A.M.P. is now on Twitter! Follow us at http://twitter.com/camp_austell (@camp_austell) for the latest news about upcoming events, recaps from previous events and general messages about the work going on at C.A.M.P.

If you have anything to communicate via the C.A.M.P. Twitter site, please send it to Jeff Wilson at jeawilso@southernco.com. We're also in the process of setting up a YouTube account that will allow us to share videos to further communicate our messages.

MEET OUR STAFF

Darlene Duke	<i>Executive Director</i>
Carla Eidson Pierce	<i>Program Director</i>
Irene Blanchard	<i>Office Manager</i>
Jay Cantrell	<i>Food Pantry Manager</i>
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