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*A FAITH-BASED
COMMUNITY
CENTER THAT
NURTURES
YOUTH,
EMPOWERS
FAMILIES, AND
PROMOTES
COMMUNITY*

Executive Director Article

I trust that this article finds you well and hopefully warm. Our summer journey at the Dayton Christian Center has begun as we are witnessing volunteer groups beginning their service among us. In the month of April, we had three different groups join us to work on much needed projects. We also have a young man scheduled to accomplish his Eagle Scout project for the Boy Scouts at our West facility. It is a blessing to the Dayton Christian Center to have many partners such as you who work hard in partnership with us to serve people and have excellent facilities in which to serve.

I am looking forward to joining the American Baptist Women of Ohio, along with my colleague and friend Mark Samuel, at the Annual Meeting on June 6th. Mark and I will be teaching and training on the subject of human trafficking and it's effects on the lives of people. I hope to be able to see many of you at that function.

Thank you as always for your strong financial, White Cross, and Care and Share support to both Dayton Christian Center and Neighborhood Minis-

tries. Those resources enable us to serve the growing ministries that we are experiencing.

My prayer for each of you and each church is that you will experience the love of God in deep and fresh ways as the summer season approaches.

Whenever you see the bright sunlight of day, please remember that Dayton Christian Center serves many people who literally see no brightness in any facet of their life. Many people you encounter daily are in the same position. Take the opportunities given you to be the light of Christ to a dark world. Your support of Dayton Christian Center enables us to do just that.

May God bless you,

Rev. Bob Bishop,
Executive Director
Dayton Christian
Center



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And a host of others who dedicate their time.

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East Campus Hustle n' Bustle

The Dayton Christian Center East campus has many new additions to talk about. The newest addition is the GED Program. Clients may study as needed and then take the practice test to see if they are ready to take the GED test. Tutors are available during study times. Once ready, clients may contact the testing sites to set up a date and time to take the GED test.

We have also recently added the ECOT computer area for youth that need to complete their High School education and that need tutoring, but don't fit into the traditional classroom approach. So far, we have 4 students who are working on their programs and we are expecting the program to grow, as more parents and guardians search for alternative education opportunities.

The VITA tax program has just wrapped up for the 2008 tax season. This program runs annually starting with the kickoff in January and con-

tinuing thru until April 15 each year. This is a free service to low income families and is completely volunteer run. We saw a very large increase in the number of clients served through this program and are expecting that this is because of our fantastic volunteers who return year after year and the staff support at the Dayton Christian Center. We have received nothing but positive feedback from those who used the service this year.

Did You Know?

- ◆ Each week we still provide free Panera bread and bagels that are available for Dayton Christian Center clients and the surrounding community.
- ◆ The Computer Lab is open each day from 10am to 6pm. Computer classes can be scheduled for those who want to learn computer basics.
- ◆ Anger management classes, conflict resolution, as well as classes on self esteem, communication

skills and listening skills are provided each week.

- ◆ Teen Pregnancy Prevention Classes are available each week from 4-5pm on Monday for teens ages 10-19 and their parents.
- ◆ The Community Without Walls program is busy as ever assisting families and individuals with finding jobs, resources and referrals and case management on an ongoing basis for those who qualify.

As the East campus continues to serve more and more individuals and families, we are seeing a large need for general financial support to operate our programs and facility. Please consider making a donation specific to supporting our East Campus programs and operations. If you have any questions regarding how to make a donation for this initiative, please contact Sarah Williams at (937) 275-7174 or swilliamsdxc@aol.com.

Jodi Cole
Program Coordinator

All About Childcare

With this issue of our newsletter we are excited to be gearing up for our summer program. We are excited to have a program bursting at the seams with children and full schedule for the summer. We are blessed to also have a waiting list for children to enter our program. As God continues to grow this program people are looking to the Dayton Christian Center as a program with a high quality Christ-Centered focus. Thank you for all your prayers and support to help us accomplish this mission.

This week marks another great feat! We had an inspection from our State Licensing Specialist with perfect marks! There were no areas of non-compliance. Thanks to the wonderful staff of the Dayton Christian Center for making this possible!

This summer looks to be full of fun in the sun and plenty of outside activities for our youth to participate. All of our age groups are planning fun in the sun activities and will be able to enjoy the warm weather.

Since our program is so full, we have been looking at expanding our infant and toddler classrooms. Please prayerfully consider donating to this special project and support

us with the prayer of God's guidance as we consider expanding our existing infant and toddler programs. There will be a need of help in the demolition field, creating a doorway between sleeping and waking space, so please also consider donating your gifts of skills and time to help us. Please contact Tasha at (937) 275-7174 for some ideas of how you or your group can support our program.

Tasha Johnson
Childcare Administrator



Staff Spotlight: Abdur Rashid

We have chosen to add this section in our newsletter as a regular feature. We feel that it is important to share with those who support the Dayton Christian Center the people who make the programming and activities happen. Keep reading to learn more about our staff at the Dayton Christian Center.

Name: Abdur Rashid

Staff Position Title: Community Program Leader (East Campus)

How long at DXC: 10 months

Hometown: Baltimore, MD

Currently lives: Dayton, OH

Birthday: April 3

Family: Wife and 3 Teenage children (Casey, Sidney, Sefie)

Education: AA Culinary Arts, AA Restaurant Management, AS Food Science, BA Criminal Justice

Organization Memberships: Phillips Temple, Montgomery Re-entry Task Force, National Assoc of Blacks in Criminal Justice, Volunteer Dayton Police Department

Hobbies: Billiards, Scrabble, Chess, Bowling

Pets: 1 Dog

Favorite Book: Bible

Favorite Game: Scrabble

Favorite Song: I Love To Be An American

3 Random Facts about Rashid:

1. Ardently trusts and believes in God.
2. Originally a Muslim for over 32 years - Converted Easter Sunday 2001.
3. Authored a book to deter prison life and help to cope with the experience.

Favorite Quote: Love God with all your heart and Love thy neighbor as they self.

Supply Donations Are Always Welcome

We are always in need of supplies for our continuous operations. Please consider donating the following items:

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| ◆ Paper towels/Napkins | ◆ Dishwashing liquid | ◆ Triple Antibiotic |
| ◆ Round Coffee Filters | ◆ Dishwasher detergent | ◆ Band-Aids/First Aid Supplies |
| ◆ Disposable gloves | ◆ Laundry Soap | ◆ Canvas Tote Bags |
| ◆ Disposable wipes | ◆ Bleach | ◆ Raw material for sewing needs |
| ◆ Diapers | ◆ Hand Sanitizer | ◆ Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Meijer, Target, or Staples |
| ◆ Liquid hand soap | ◆ Globes/Maps of all types | |
| ◆ Plastic grocery bags | ◆ Headphones | |



The Fridge Page

Calendar of Events



May 3 (3p-6p)	CHOICES "Think Pink" Mother/Daughter Tea (Dayton View Academy)
May 11	Happy Mother's Day
May 18	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
May 25	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
May 26 (Monday)	Memorial Day - OFFICES CLOSED
May 31	Dance for East Campus Youth (TJ's House of Hope)
June 3, 5, 12	Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training (DXC-East)
June 7 (3p-6p)	CHOICES "Polo Party" Father/Son Brunch (Dayton View Academy)
June 15	Happy Father's Day
June 17, 19	Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training (DXC-East)
June 22	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)
June 29	Martin's Meal (DXC-West)

Please post this page on your fridge as a daily reminder of the Dayton Christian Center. Thanks for your continued support !

You Can Make A Difference!

Box Tops for Education

Box Tops for Education helps schools earn cash for the things they need, from books and computers to playground equipment. All you have to do is collect labels from everyday products and send them to the Dayton Christian Center

Some products include:

- ◆ Cheerios
- ◆ Betty Crocker
- ◆ Pillsbury
- ◆ Ziploc
- ◆ Kleenex
- ◆ Hefty

Visit the website below to find out more information and to see a full list of all eligible products.

www.boxtops4education.com

Labels for Education

Help your family, school, and community. Join the Labels for Education™ family, and be a part of a wonderful community tradition. All you have to do is collect labels from everyday products and send them to the Dayton Christian Center

Some products include:

- ◆ Campbell's Soup
- ◆ Pepperidge Farm
- ◆ Swanson
- ◆ V8 Beverages
- ◆ Prego Pasta Sauces

Visit the Campbell's website below to find out more information and to see a full list of all eligible products.

www.labelsforeducation.com



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Address (of person(s) gift is being named for):

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C.H.O.I.C.E.S

Have you ever been faced with a choice in life? Now think back to when you were a kid. What kinds of choices did you have to make? The Dayton Christian Center has a program called CHOICES (Creating Healthy Opportunities for Individuals through Commitment and Empowerment for Success) This program is designed to promote the self esteem of young people through a variety of activities. The youth enrolled in CHOICES have the opportunity to learn proper skin care, how to shop and dress for everyday and special functions, posture training, community service, and modeling.

Currently, there are 20 youth involved in CHOICES. This highly energetic bunch meets every Saturday at our West campus for sev-

eral hours honing in their skills and bonding as a group.

On May 3rd, there will be a "Think Pink" Mother/Daughter Tea where the focus will be on Women's Health and Breast Cancer Awareness. There will be pink punch, tea and finger food, Pink Ensemble Modeling and Praise dance performed by CHOICES members. We will also have a guest speaker, who will speak about breast cancer awareness and women's health. This event will be held at Dayton View Academy and all activities will begin at 3p, with tea being served at 4p. The entire event should be over by 6p.

June 7th is the Polo Party which is a Father/Son brunch. Those attending should wear their favorite polo shirts and enjoy an afternoon of sharing and bonding. CHOICES will be showcasing the male models and are currently still working on confirming the entertainment

and speaker for the event. This even is open to all fathers and sons alike. This event will be held at Dayton View Academy and all activities will begin at 3p and should be over by 6p.

To reserve your spot for either event, please contact Sarah Williams at (937) 275-7174 or by email at swilliamsdxc@aol.com. The cost for either event is \$10.00 for adults. Space is limited, so it will be first come first serve. Don't miss the opportunity to come out and support the CHOICES program. If you can't be there in person please consider making a donation to support the CHOICES program using the enclosed envelope.

Thank you to Tiffany Taylor-Robinson and her volunteer team for their dedication and support for this program. Without them, DXC's CHOICES program wouldn't exist.