

THE CHOSEN VOICE

MAY 2008

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2ND ANNUAL WALK AGAINST HOMELESSNESS



April 19, 2008 marked the second annual Walk Against Homelessness. The walk was held again this year at Mondauck Common Park in Upper Dublin Township. Almost 160 walkers gathered pledges and walked 5 miles in a shared commitment to provide relief to the homeless and ease the suffering of those less fortunate all around the world. Over \$45,000 was raised, beating last year's totals!

The team from Zion Baptist Church took top honors, raising the most funds of any group. Hats off to Dave Patti, the top individual fundraiser.

Our special thanks go out to UPS and Greatwide, our key sponsors and to our 14 business partners.

TWO ALLIANCE CHURCHES CELEBRATE 10 YEARS OF SERVICE!

A huge thank you to Bethlehem Baptist Church and Upper Dublin Lutheran Church for faithfully supporting Chosen 300 for 10 years!

Bethlehem Baptist Church, under the skilled and passionate leadership of Howard and Dora Walker, serves on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Everything their team of volunteers does is done with great love, especially the preparation of the meals in which great care is taken to prepare a meal that you'd be proud to serve your own family. Pastor Charles Quan points out that participation in the Chosen 300 ministry allows the members of his church to live out their mission to "love God, serve people." According to Pastor Quan, Chosen 300 is supported by many families throughout the congregation and appeals to new members who want to know that the church is doing something to help others less fortunate.



Pastor Charles Quan



Pastors Al Douglass and Dyan Lawlor

Upper Dublin Lutheran Church (UDLC) serves on the 2nd Saturday of the month. The UDLC team was originally led by Martha Beatty and is now led by Barry Muth. Pastor Dyan Lawlor explains that "it's been a wonderful channel for our church to be involved in helping in the city. Our ministry is enriched with stories from our members feeling fulfilled from having served food and handing out Bibles. We don't see our support slowing, especially as Chosen 300 continues to grow in serving needs internationally."

OUR MISSION

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To bring Christians of different membership groups together, helping them to realize that despite our differences in our race, ethnic group, denomination, social class, economic classes, or the diverse ways we practice our faith, we can unify ourselves for the common good.

The purpose of our unification is to distribute meals & services to the homeless; to provide pre-release classes to incarcerated persons; and offer positive-value programs for inter-city youth.

JOIN US TO SERVE

Indoor Feeding Program:

1116 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia PA 19123

Monday, Wednesday, Fridays @ 6:00 PM
1st Tuesday Learning Lunch 12:00 Noon
Saturdays @ 5:00 PM (November-April)
Sunday Fellowship & Breakfast @ 10:00 AM

Outdoor Feeding Program:

16th & Ben Franklin Parkway
Saturdays @ 5:00 PM (May- October)

Note: We do not close on holidays!
Volunteers should arrive 15 minutes early!

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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

UNITED WAY COMMUNITY GIVING CAMPAIGN NUMBERS:

Southeastern PA Region #06484
Tri-State Region #029432
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PARTNERING IN JAMAICA

On March 6, 2008, Brian Jenkins and Dexter Scott boarded a plane for Jamaica equipped with 10 computers that were generously donated by Chosen 300 partners. Anxiously awaiting the arrival of the computers in Jamaica were students of the McGraph High School and members of the Linstead Baptist Church and Cacoen Castle Baptist Church.



Dexter Scott in a computer training session



Brian Jenkins distributing food to a family

The trip was a full one, with much time being spent at the high school, getting the computers set up, networked and connected to the internet. The donation of one desktop and three laptops to the computer lab at the high school brought the total number of computers available for 1,300 children to only 19. Many more are needed to truly make a difference.

Brian and Dexter also devoted a portion of their time providing technology training for the staff at Linstead Baptist Church. A computer lab was set up so that students will have a place to study after school.

The trip concluded with leadership training for the much needed food distribution program at Cacoen Castle Baptist Church. As Brian noted in his blog from the trip - "A bag of rice, peas, flour, dry milk and a couple of cans of fish really changes the lives of these people." Chosen 300...changing lives around the world!

OFFERING A NEW START

Jobs in Center City Philadelphia can be hard to come by in good times. But with the economy in its current downturn things are even harder for the unemployed. Recognizing this and wanting to be part of the solution, Scott Rankin, one of Chosen 300's board members and President/CEO of Vulcan Spring & Manufacturing in Telford, PA created an opening in his company specifically for one of the unemployed homeless from Chosen 300. On the job for three months so far, things look promising for his new employee. Even though he still resides in a shelter in Philly and spends 1 ½ hours each way getting to and from work on public transportation, he is saving for an apartment closer to his new job.

Would you or your company consider helping a homeless person get a new start by offering them employment?

A SIGN OF HOPE



Becky Ritter at an evening session

Providing a sign language interpreter for the deaf is one of the many things that sets Chosen 300 apart from other organizations serving the homeless community of Philadelphia. An interpreter is present for all feeding sessions and the Sunday breakfast program at the Spring Garden center. In addition, as needed an interpreter is present for all classes or training offered at the center.

To further develop programming for this underserved part of the homeless community, Chosen 300 was awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Prudential Insurance Company. Because the deaf community is largely unaware of services that are available to them, plans are being developed for a program to address this serious issue. Also, plans are being developed for classes and training specific to the needs of the deaf.