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## SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS

### Women's Day

Chosen 300's second annual Women's Day was held on September 15, 2008. The day provided hair services and personal improvement workshops to homeless and needy women in the community. There were 120 women who had their hair washed, blow-dried and styled by hair professionals from area salons. Rhonda Crosson of God's Given Gift Salon of Germantown led the project.



Volunteer providing hair services during Women's Day

Thanks to Taira and Reuben Bell for shampoo and conditioner products of their employer, Johnson & Johnson. Taira and fellow employee, Chyvonne, also led workshops on Resume Writing, Job Interview Skills and Dressing For Success.

A total of 30 volunteers, including 18 stylists, four hair washers and other staff, gathered that day, not to serve each other, but to love and serve others.



Shandai Jenkins embraces 2 homeless women after their makeovers



Taira Bell leading employment workshop

### New Feeding Center in West Philadelphia



Joi Regina Harris painting at West Philadelphia site



West Philadelphia site completed and ready for service

On September 5, 2008 Chosen 300 opened its first branch location at the Upstairs of Mill Creek Baptist Church at Lancaster Avenue and Wallace Street in West Philadelphia. It took 3 months and the labor of 75 volunteers to get the feeding room ready. The new location has the capacity to serve 50 guests at a time (or 100 guests total in 2 feedings). Currently meals are served on Fridays. Approximately 200 guests have been served since opening.



Jay Hambleton of Hambleton Builders volunteering his time

While Chosen 300's Spring Garden facility serves a population of whom 80-90% are homeless, the West Philadelphia site ministers to almost 50% homeless and 50% needy families. There are now 44 churches that form the Chosen 300 Alliance. Together they serve over 80,000 hot meals to Philadelphia's homeless and poor each year.

## OUR MISSION

### Our Mission

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  
 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday Learning Lunch 12:00 Noon  
 Saturdays @ 5:00 PM (November-April)  
 Sunday Fellowship & Breakfast @ 10:00 AM

### **Outdoor Feeding Program:**

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

### **West Philadelphia Feeding Program:**

Mill Creek Baptist Church  
Lancaster Avenue and Wallace Street  
Philadelphia PA 19123  
 6:00 PM 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays through Dec.  
 2008; every Friday beginning January 2009  
 More churches needed!

**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:

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## NEW FRIDAY PARTNERSHIP

### *Chosen 300 Teams Up with Helping Hand Rescue Mission and SYSCO*

SYSCO, North America's largest foodservice distributor, is a company committed to donating food to help local groups that work to fight hunger. Each Friday SYSCO donates food to Helping Hand Rescue Mission, a Philadelphia-based organization that provides food and clothing to the homeless. After setting aside what they need, Helping Hand Rescue delivers the remainder to Chosen 300. Volunteers then sort and package items for pickup. Families pick up the food between the hours of noon and 1:00 p.m. each Friday. Chosen 300 Alliance Churches also benefit from the SYSCO donation by using bulk items to offset the rising costs of food.

The fruits of the partnership extend beyond Center City. Theresa Jemison, Executive Director Brian Jenkins' mother and retired foster parent consultant, is one of the faithful volunteers who packages the donated food each week. She uses the boxes of food to bless the foster parents and needy families that she still serves in her retirement. Mrs. Jemison shared the story of one mother who went to bed one evening, crying because she had no food for her children. In her desperation, she prayed to God for help. That same day Mrs. Jemison was at Chosen 300 sorting and packaging food, when this family came to her heart. On her way home she stopped at the family's home with a box of food and was received with tears of joy that God had answered her cry.

With rising food and gas prices, many families are struggling and this new partnership with SYSCO and Helping Hand Rescue Mission is making a difference in their lives.

## JAMAICA — MORE THAN A TOURIST DESTINATION



Children at Jamaica school in worship

In August, Brian Jenkins returned to visit the Cacoon Castle Baptist Church in rural Jamaica. Since January 2008, Chosen 300 has been distributing rice, flour, peas, dry milk and tinned mackerel through the church to needy families. In the 9 months since the program began the church has grown from 15 to 45 members.

Chosen 300 is now also providing additional assistance to roof the room of a building next to the church so that children will have a place to go during the day, thus freeing their parents to seek gainful employment. This provides the means for the families to become self-sufficient and not dependent on the food program.



Cacoon Castle Baptist Church

## GUYANA FOOD PROGRAM GROWS



Brian Jenkins with US & Guyana pastors before food distribution

Chosen 300 has recruited an additional four churches to support the food program in Guyana, South America. With these new partnerships more than 200 families in three communities are being fed each month.

Joining the program are:

- Zion Baptist Church, Ambler, Pennsylvania
- First Baptist Church, Manassas, Virginia
- Love Center Full Gospel Church, Richmond, Virginia
- Mountain Top Christian Church, Richmond, Virginia



Guyana volunteer unloading food from truck

Approximately 4,000 pounds of rice, flour and peas are distributed each month. Since the program began in 1996 hundreds have been given homes and have made the decision to accept Jesus.