



Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship *News*

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The Director's Corner

This newsletter is dedicated to all our volunteers who serve on our Board of Directors, the dedicated servants who have worked so hard in the past to bring LCF to where we are today, and also to you, our supporters.

Our Board of Directors is made up of twenty volunteers who are willing to give of their time to lead our organization and guide us into the future. We welcome Anne Gibbons and Pat Haley who joined our board in September 2012. The total combined years of service for those currently serving on our board is 337 years.

I personally wanted to take this opportunity to thank our board members for their continued service and dedication, and to thank each of you for your contributions and many ways of support over the years. Without your continued prayers and generosity we could not reach out to those in need in our community.

With the help of our donors and friends, we can assist families who live in substandard housing by providing them with safe, decent and affordable homes. This has been our mission for over forty years. Prior to coming to LCF many families paid more than 50% of their income for rent, leaving little for food, medicine, school supplies, shoes, and other essentials. We appreciate the opportunity to serve and again solicit your financial assistance to help LCF help others.

Susie Kitchen

"Giving allows me to touch the lives of people I don't even know, but whose lives I would like to help improve."

Stanley Chauvin, Jr.

Vision Statement

Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship is guided by the Judeo-Christian ethic of compassionate commitment to and advocacy for the poor with a view to building an inclusive community in Central Virginia marked by diversity, equal opportunity, fairness, and social justice for all humanity and respect for God's creation. We are called to be a catalyst for emerging ministries, **taking risks to address human need.**

Mission Statement

The mission of Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship is to express the values of our respective faiths, helping to facilitate a diverse community by providing affordable housing, education, and advocacy for the poor, the disabled, and the disadvantaged, including children, youth, the mentally challenged and the elderly in Central Virginia.

We would like to thank:

The Andrew Horsley Easley and Anne Owen Easley Charitable Trust for a \$20,318 grant to replace the boiler system at 700 Federal Street.

The Andrew Horsley Easley and Anne Owen Easley Charitable Trust for an \$11,978 grant to replace water lines at our recreational facilities.

Arelia Langhorne for office furniture, equipment and supplies.

Country Cookin' and Jamie Naulty, Manager, for their contribution towards our celebratory breakfast in October.

Darneise Martin and friends for providing educational materials to assist Lynchburg High Apartment students with their math and reading needs.

Ella Woodson for offering free blood pressure checks and doing such a marvelous job on the display at Lynchburg High.

Erik Hoffman of Klein Hornig LLP, a D.C. Law firm, for his expert legal advice regarding a potential project.

The Greater Lynchburg Community Trust for a \$12,000 grant for playground equipment at Lynchburg High Apartments.

La Carreta for their generous donation for the National Hispanic Day Celebration.

Retail Merchants Foundation for a \$700 grant for programs for our elderly residents.

Rodney Ferguson and Court Street Methodist Church for books for our library at Lynchburg High Apartments.

The Society of St. Andrew for helping us provide food to our residents.

Theresa Langford and St. Luke's Church for providing educational books to the children at Lynchburg High Apartments.

The United Way for furniture for our lobbies.



P.G. Cosby, one of the founders and past LCF Executive Director, celebrated his 99th birthday in style. Words cannot express the excitement that was shared by over 100 people from across the country that attended the celebration held at the Lodge of the Fisherman on June 2, 2012. There were friends from California, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Washington, DC and all over Virginia who came to help celebrate. It was a time of fellowship as everyone gathered to remember the 'good ole days' and make new memories.

412 Madison Street Gets a "Face-Lift"



The picture to the left shows off the beautiful new wallpaper in our office building at 412 Madison Street thanks to the generous donation by **Mahone and Sons Wallcovering**. The

old wallpaper had been in place since the 1970's, and was extremely worn and tattered. To our pleasant surprise, Patrick and Melissa Mahone kindly offered to donate this stately wallpaper because they thought it would add to the character and enhance the gorgeous woodworking in our building. They were so right. As you enter our grand office, you immediately notice that our waiting area is much lighter due to the colors of this beautiful wallpaper. Thanks to Patrick and Melissa for such a special gift to LCF.

"Evil prevails when good men do nothing."

Edmund Burke

The Hope II After School Program continues at our Lynchburg High Apartments. Sandy Knodel has been the program director for almost ten years with her husband, Bob, assisting her each week. A very important part of this program is encouraging the children to follow "The Golden Rule" and to show respect for one another. Every Tuesday from 4:15 to 5:00 there is time to play basketball in the gym and participate in programs while enjoying a healthy snack at 5:00. We are averaging about twenty children each week. Sandy discusses current events, we have mats for exercising, board games, a dress up corner, a kitchen area, lots of crafts and plenty of books for the children to read and enjoy. This program is open to all children in the neighborhood. Last year ended with twenty-three children going to Amazement Square with a party afterward. Hope II gives our children a safe place to come and provides a positive influence. Thank you Sandy and Bob for making a difference in our children's lives.

National Day of Caring-Lynchburg Style

The National Day of Caring-Lynchburg style was held on May 23, 2012, and the 54 volunteers who served the Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship communities did an awesome job. We are so appreciative to each company and college and to each volunteer who worked that sunny, but humid day in May. We were blessed with seven groups of eager volunteers who were ready to push up their sleeves and get dirty. Weed eaters were buzzing, weeds and vines were being yanked out at their roots and wheel barrow loads of mulch were hauled, dumped and spread throughout the day. They worked at The Carey House Apartments, Rockbridge Apartments, Lynchburg High Apartments, Frank Roane Apartments, The Western Hotel, Shalom Apartments, 700 Federal Street and our office at 412 Madison Street. These dedicated volunteers included Alex Newmark and employees from AECOM, Frito Lay, Genworth, Harris Corporation, Lynchburg College and Robert W. Baird & Company. After much toil, sore muscles and sweat, our properties received a much needed sprucing up and looked great.

Up and Running The New Resident Services Office

Residents at Lynchburg High and Frank Roane Apartments are enjoying a wide array of programs offered through LCF's new Resident Services Program. This program is staffed by Crystal Harrison whose office is located at Lynchburg High Apartments. Programs cover such topics as recreational, educational, cultural, health related and special events. This affords the residents with opportunities to participate in exercise, blood pressure checks and tips, breast cancer awareness, parenting, budgeting, family movie nights and other special events and programs. Monthly birthday celebrations and bingo seem to be two of the most popular programs. The Resident Services Coordinator also acts as a liaison, connecting residents and their families with resources in the community to meet their needs and enhance their lives. In time, we hope to expand this program to other LCF housing communities. Crystal looks forward to meeting and working with all of the residents and she may be reached at 455-0066.

Shalom Celebration



In February 2012, at the annual ASI (Shalom) board meeting, a note burning ceremony took place celebrating the mortgage payoff in June 2011. LCF is exploring funding sources for future renovation and modernization of the forty-six multi-family apartments that were built in 1970. Pictured from the left are: Stuart Turille, Vice President; Will Cardwell and Natalie Cooper, board members and Glen Sullivan, President.

Housekeeping Award Winners

Housekeeping award winners were announced and there were some very strong contenders. The two winners from Lynchburg High were Shannon Snead and Elizabeth Word. Brenda Randolph was the winner at Frank Roane and Carla Marino was the winner at our Rockbridge Apartments. All award winners received a \$50 Wal-Mart gift card. We will be conducting inspections at our Shalom Apartments in the near future.

LCF Yard Sale

LCF held a fundraising yard sale on August 24, 25 and September 5th. The total raised was \$702.51. A very big thank you goes out to everyone who participated through donations, working the event, purchasing items and other contributions that were made to make our yard sale a success.

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