



# Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship *News*

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## ***A note from Susie.***

All of the nonprofit organizations in Lynchburg do good works and are very worthwhile to the community but if you don't have a home, an address, a key, how can you start to get your life together? Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship (LCF) is here to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing for those in need. LCF helps families attain that address, that key, that home, so that they can start to put their lives back together. Theodore Roosevelt said, "Far and away, the best prize that life offers is the chance to work hard at work worth doing". We, at Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship, love working here because it gives us the opportunity to reach out by helping to improve the lives of others and make a difference in our communities and neighborhoods. It's a labor of love and caring and without your generous gifts our labor of love would not be possible. **We CAN EACH** make a difference that will improve the quality of life for those around us. Won't you help us in providing the "key" that means so much to those in need?

### **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 Greater Lynchburg Community Trust for new computers for our office.  
Boston Capital for a \$5,000 grant to support the Hope II After School Program.  
The United Way of Central Virginia for helping us with furniture for our office.  
Mr. and Mrs. Herman Calhoun for the gift of four lovely trees planted at 410 Madison Street.  
The Society of St. Andrews for helping us provide food for our residents.  
The Honorable Elliot and Mrs. Schewel for file cabinets, copy machine and lots of other miscellaneous office supplies.  
Centra PACE for bringing their program to our residents.  
Sandy Walton and Rebuilding Together for all the building supplies donated for use at our properties.  
Ryne Johnson with Astoria, LLC for all his help with the Lynchburg High project.



**Mrs. Pauline Shearer** has been a longtime friend and employee of Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship. Before retiring in 2008, she worked at Lynchburg High for twenty-eight years as our Assistant Resident Manager. She

is extremely generous in donating her time by tirelessly volunteering at our Frank Roane Apartments where she now resides. We don't know what we would do without her. We would like to thank Ms. Pauline for her continued support of LCF.

## ***A note from the Associate Director:***

Pizza \$50.00

Beautiful Plant \$17.00

Totally surprising the LCF Executive Director ***Priceless***

On National Boss's Day, the LCF staff honored Susie with a surprise party to show their appreciation for her being a great Executive Director and leader of Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship. We are all pleased that she is here to guide the future of this organization.



**Naomi Satterfield** is a rising senior at Liberty University as a Missions Aviation major. She has also studied journalism and outdoor leadership. Her goal is a career as a search and rescue and humanitarian

aid pilot on the missions' field. She has her private and instrument fixed wing ratings and is currently working on her private helicopter rating. Naomi comes from a Marine Corps family as both her sister and her father are Marines. She has lived in Arizona, North Carolina, Germany, and now here in Lynchburg. She has also traveled all over the world for pleasure and missions.

She enjoys meeting new people, traveling, spending time rock climbing and running, and being outside. She said her favorite part about working with LCF has been getting to know the people we help and learning to understand that part of life in general. She loves working with the kids in the Hope II After School program and seeing all the potential they have to become great. She also stated that she loves that LCF works to give people a safe and comfortable place to live.

Naomi volunteered with the Hope II program this past spring, worked in the office this summer, and will be working with Hope II again for the rest of the school year. She is also quoted as saying that "My time at LCF has been a valuable learning experience and I am so glad the Lord has given me the opportunity to do this." Naomi also developed and produced a training video for new residents. LCF feels very honored and blessed to have such a fine young woman volunteering her time with us.

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## Hope II

We got a late start with the HOPE II After School Program this year as construction continues at Lynchburg High Apartments. However, we are using the Penthouse at Lynchburg High as a meeting area and started our program in October. Our meeting day is Wednesdays. We hope to have lots of children in our program once we have all our family apartments filled. Our program is for any children five years old through fifth grade. Older children who have previously attended HOPE II may volunteer to be helpers. As in the past we provide healthy snacks to all children in our program. Our sessions run from 4:30 pm – 6:00 pm. There are adults available to escort the children from the 7<sup>th</sup> Street entrance to the elevator. If a child in our program needs to be dismissed early for another activity, parents will need to come to the Penthouse to pick them up. We look forward to a great year with HOPE II participants with weekly art activities, games, trips to the Legacy Museum, and Trunk or Treating at First Christian Church, just to name a few. We are so blessed to have Sandy and Bob Knodel back again this year running our HOPE II After School Program and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their dedication.

We recently received a donation of children's books and will be starting a library at Lynchburg High. In the future we hope to add to this collection and start an adult library, encouraging a love of reading in all ages. If you have some gently used books and would like to donate to the library, please contact Susie at 434-847-9059.



## Raffle Winner

This spring we sold chances on a beautiful print entitled 'Faith, Hope and Love' by Lisa Geiman and raised \$1,100 for our HOPE II After School Program. Jeff Waller, the Project Manager for Lynchburg High Apartments, purchased the winning ticket. Ms. Geiman donated the print and gave us a donation on the framing. We are grateful to everyone who purchased a ticket making our raffle a huge success.

## Lynchburg High “Face Lift” is nearing completion



Galatians 6:9 - “Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” It has been a tough year at Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship but we are so excited about our new apartments at Lynchburg High. With the good Lord guiding us and lots of miracles along

beautiful flooring and carpet, energy efficient windows, electrical upgrades, a sprinkler system and a camera security system. Many of the apartments were reconfigured making them more open, spacious and contemporary.

As the days are getting cooler and the leaves are beginning to fall, construction continues with the completion of the entire project in sight. LCF housing staff is working hard taking applications for the completed apartments that are vacant. We anticipate all of the apartments to be finished and ready for new residents by the end of November. Upon completion of the project, there will be a total of 74 apartments with 70 of them being project-based Section 8 and four designated as tax credit only. Anyone who has a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and who meets the eligibility guidelines may apply for one of these four apartments.

the way, our year long project is almost complete. Since the end of last year, there has been a flurry of activity and much excitement at the Lynchburg High Apartments. LCF was fortunate to receive Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) with Boston Capital as our syndicator. In addition LCF secured permanent financing from the Virginia Housing Development Authority along with other funding from Virginia Community Capital and the City of Lynchburg to undertake the total renovation of this wonderful building. The building was built in 1910 and used as a high school for many years before being converted into apartments for elderly, disabled and multi-families in 1980. We are also extremely fortunate to have Community Housing Partners (CHP) as the construction contractor. CHP is a non-profit organization that owns and manages affordable housing in Virginia and in several other states. CHP has many years of experience completing LIHTC projects resulting in them being well versed in all of the many requirements that must be met.

From the preparation of the tax credit application, to the packing and moving involved in the relocation of residents, to the contractor and staff figuring out the confusing layout of the building, to the actual construction, to the inspection of the apartments where staff were down on their hands and knees making sure everything was done to perfection; many people including residents have participated in putting this huge, complicated puzzle together. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the much needed face-lift of Lynchburg High.

We would like to thank Lisa Pitcher of Tree House Photography for taking pictures and Chantal O’Keefe for creating flyers for Lynchburg High.

Many residents were relocated to other housing while their apartments were totally renovated. Those still living at Lynchburg High heard many construction noises such as drilling and hammering while observing large trucks unloading all types of building materials and appliances. Many of us watched as the huge cranes hoisted materials to the roof and throughout the building.

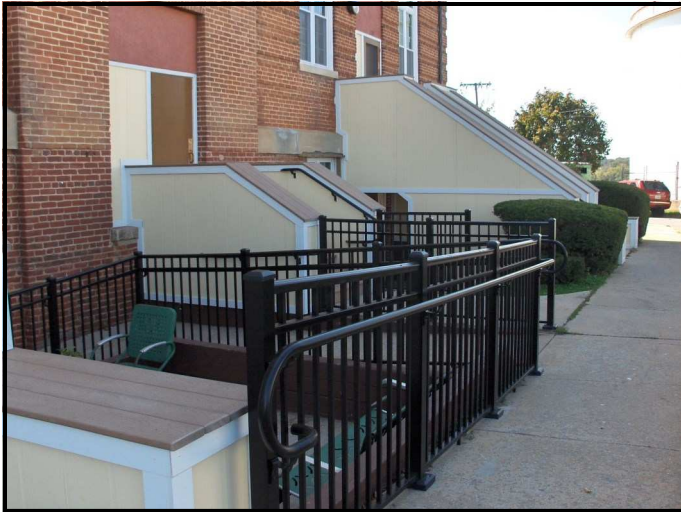
As summer came and went, all of the relocated residents returned to their newly renovated apartments. These residents are enjoying new cabinets and countertops, central heat and air conditioning, energy efficient appliances,



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“Face Lift”



**Renovation Pictures at Lynchburg High**



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### ***We would also like to thank:***

All the volunteers from Enterprise Rent-A-Car, J Crew, Liberty University and Lynchburg College who worked at our properties for the United Way Day of Caring. The Lynchburg College student group came back in August and completed additional landscaping work.

Shiloh Baptist Church from Garner, North Carolina for holding a three day camp for the children at Shalom Apartments.

Two Guys and a Truck for doing such a great job moving our residents during our relocation at Lynchburg High.

### ***Please Send Your Tax Deductible gifts to:***

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