



Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship *News*

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SAVE THE ROOF

Currently, Lynchburg Covenant Fellowship, Inc. (LCF) provides safe, decent, premier housing for over 250 people including elderly, disabled, adults and children at ten communities. Our management office and two apartments are located in a historic house located in the inner-city of the Garland Hill Historic District. This beautiful home was built in 1897. LCF purchased the property in 1966 for \$9,000 and began the total renovation. Staff and many volunteers assisted with the renovation through countless manpower hours.

Several of our housing communities are located near the management office. The office is located on a city bus route, but many of the residents walk to the office to pay their rent and take care of their housing business as most do not have their own personal transportation.

Last year while having one of the stone chimneys rebuilt, we discovered that the hidden and copper gutters, metal and copper flashing, crown molding soffits and sections of the slate roof were extremely deteriorated. Upon



further examination, wooden structural members under the hidden gutters and supporting dormers were also deteriorated. Recently, active water intrusion began in the ceiling of the hall and office space on the second floor. This is ongoing and causing additional damage to structural wood members in



the attic as well as now causing damage to the plaster ceilings. All of these repairs must be completed as soon as possible to prevent additional damage to the roof, hidden gutter structures and the interior architectural elements of the property.

After careful evaluation of bids and scopes of work from roofing companies, a roofing company has been selected. This company has vast experience working with slate and hidden gutters on historical properties which are the components of our roof. The turret has copper gutters and the soffits and fascia are of intricate architecture. The estimate for making all of the needed repairs is \$286,700.

In addition to seeking grants, we are asking you to help us **save our roof**. We depend on contributions, grants and management fees for our day-to-day financial operations. An expense of this nature does not fit into our budget so we will be tackling this project in phases as we have the funds. The estimate for the first phase to stop the active leaks is \$75,000. We are frugal and good stewards of our funds and extremely appreciative of your gift to help us preserve our building so our mission of helping those in need can continue.

HOPE II PROGRAM – Learning and Fun for the Future

It is with deep appreciation to Drs. Teresa and Robert Brennan of the Brennan Fund and the Greater Lynchburg Community Trust Foundation for a grant to help fund our HOPE II After School Program. The program is in its nineteenth year and operates out of the gymnasium at our Lynchburg High Apartments.

Programs offered include educational, recreational and cultural activities. Participants engage in physical activities and get help with their homework. STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities are some of their favorite things to do this year. We offer children a safe place to come after school. The program utilizes volunteers from the local colleges to provide tutorial services and mentoring to help the children succeed in school and life. Their grades are monitored throughout the year and rewards are given for honor roll status.



Children ages five and up living at Lynchburg High Apartments, College Hill Apartments and in the surrounding neighborhood attend the program. Attendance ranges from 15 to 20 children each day.

Speakers from within the community provide programs on topics such as bullying, team building, diversity and developing a positive self-concept. Participants look forward to field trips and over the years have enjoyed going to Hillcats games, swim classes at the YMCA, Amazement Square and the Legacy Museum.



All of the children attending each week are served a healthy snack. In addition, they are taught about healthy eating, ways to prepare healthy snacks and alternatives to unhealthy choices.

The HOPE II After School Program is designed to offer encouragement to the children by motivating them to do well in school, to develop a love for reading and to expand their horizons. Goals of the program are to further the children's development of character, leadership and self-esteem and help them and their parents become strong contributors in the community.

WELCOME NEW STAFF

LCF is extremely fortunate and happy to welcome Heather Allen, Ryesha Walker, Treney Tweedy and Alexis Vespoli to our family of staff. Heather is our finance manager and oversees all of the agency's financial matters from completing budgets to paying employees and everything in between. Ms. Allen is a graduate of Sweet Briar College and has worked many years as a banker before overseeing the operations of Harmony Day Support. Our HOPE II After School Program is led by Ryesha Walker. She has spent her career working with children from a previous position as a lead teacher at Elizabeth's Early Learning Center to her current employment as a teacher's assistant at Appomattox Middle School. Mayor Treney Tweedy is our resident services coordinator for the residents at Lynchburg High, Frank Roane and Shalom. She is a graduate of the University of Lynchburg and has several years of non-profit experience. Mayor Tweedy serves our community through various avenues and is an entrepreneur business woman also running her own business. Alexis joined our housing staff after moving to Lynchburg from Oklahoma. She has experience working in medical billing and coding. We welcome each one of these special people and we are blessed to have a great staff.

THE DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Many of our residents were homeless or living in unsafe, deteriorated housing before obtaining permanent housing with LCF. The majority of our residents are low-income and very low-income. In addition to the federally subsidized housing, LCF offers apartments with extremely below market rate rents for low-income people who do not qualify for the subsidized housing. We are grateful to the generosity of you and our many faithful donors as it allows us to be able to meet one of peoples' most basic needs by providing them with a safe place to call home.

DAY OF CARING

We extend a special thank you to the United Way staff for annually organizing such a special day for organizations to receive a helping hand. Actually, we received many helping hands from Framatome, Genworth and HumanKind. Our management office and properties received so much tender, loving care that they looked beautiful and made us all proud. A special thanks to each volunteer.

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.



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