

Making A Difference



Clothes that fit, a clean bed, a yard to play in, balanced meals, running water, good hygiene, Tae Kwan Do class, a trip to Sea World, a safe environment, religious instruction, encouraging words, specialized education, proper medical attention, unconditional love, and a place to call Home. These are the things that your contributions have made possible for the children in our care this past year. Many of these things you and I take for granted as the basic necessities of life, but for the children in our care these things are the blessings making a daily difference in their lives.

The difference that is being made in the lives of the children is real and significant. Connie a former resident, who is almost 19 and living with her sister, recently called and asked how many invitations she should order for her upcoming High School graduation. She still considers us all family and talks of the difference that her stay at the Covenant House made. She will be the first in her family as far back as she knows to ever graduate from High School. There is no way to put a price on the differences made that are ongoing in the lives of the children long after they are grown. There are many other stories like Connie's that we wish we could share, but for the security and safety of the children presently in our care we are not at liberty to do so.

Jesus once asked, Mr 8:37 ... what will a man give in exchange for his soul? It is our goal by God's grace and help to continue making a difference one child at a time in the New Year. We can't thank you enough for your ongoing prayers and support. If you know of a child in need, please contact us for more information. Be assured that together we are making a difference in the lives of children.

- *Martin Hoffman*, Executive Director

Runners & Walkers

Come out and join us for a morning chock full of joyous laughter, riotous fun, close friendship and nonstop activity! Bring the family, grab friends, and corral neighbors! There will be a walk or run available for all ages from six to ninety-six. Refreshments will be available to make any palate smile with pleasure.

WHERE?

Spruce Creek Preserve on SW Highway 200, about 2 miles south of its intersection with SW Highway 484.

WHEN?

February 11, 2012
Race starts at 8:00A.M. for runners and 8:30A.M. for walkers. Race takes place rain or shine!

WHAT?

5k Run & One Mile Walk followed by a "Kids Fun Run". *All participants in Kids Fun Run will receive a Participation Medallion.

ENTRY FEE: Twenty Dollars for all runners and walkers who pre-register before the event and twenty-five dollars to register the day of the event. If you cannot attend, please consider sponsoring a friend by pledging a specific dollar amount in his/her name. Please earmark your pledge "for the race" so we can keep accurate tallies on the amounts raised via this event.

AWARDS: All Pre-Registered runners and walkers are guaranteed a t-shirt and gift bag. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in each age group.

REGISTER: At Our Website - www.cchfl.org



Macedonian Challenge

The economic hardships of our day touch all of us, but they are not new. In the Apostle Paul's day many hardships had resulted in real poverty among the early churches. In the midst of these difficult days the Apostle Paul commended the saints in Macedonia for their willingness to open their hearts and give to those in need even in the midst their own poverty. (I Corinthians 8:1-4) Following their example, we have started a campaign called the 'Macedonian Challenge'. If you are not a regular supporter, we are asking you to prayerfully consider giving \$10.00 a month. It may be that you thought such a gift too small, but the reality is that if everyone who received our newsletter participated in this challenge all our needs would be met. Will you partner with us as we seek to help children in need?

Resolution to *Pray*

We can't stress the importance of prayer enough here at the home. Every day we see the provision of our Heavenly Father in every aspect of the ministry here. Not only do we have a staff committed to prayer, but we teach the children the value of prayer as well. The children are taught that, *James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.* As we look back on this past year we have seen God answer our prayers time and time again. We truly believe Jesus who said, *John 15:5 "...without me you can do nothing"*. As we approach a new year will you resolve to pray regularly for the work here? The best way to keep current on the latest developments and needs is by signing up for our Monthly Cyber Prayer Letter. Sent straight to your e-mail, this brief letter comes out the first of each month. You can subscribe on our web-site at www.cchfl.org or by calling the office between 9am to 1pm.



Honor/Memorial Giving Aug 25, 2011 - Nov 28, 2011

MaryAnn Low
Ken Habedank
Gene & Doris Hershberger
Doris' mother Eva Cozad's 103rd birthday
Gloria G. Tatol
brother Lawrence P. Gautier's birthday
Ken & Karen Habedank
Joyce Haugen
John & Bonnie Siefert
Susan Meeks
James & Bonnie Harris
Jeanne Sullivan
Dallas & Jane Shauan
Mary Jean Dick

Charles & Flora Barker
Bill & Sonia Chastain
Tom & Roz McMurray
Jim Burgett
Doris McNeely
Algie W. McNeely
Tom & Betty Muterspaugh
Betty's son Jeffrey Lee Kasper
Muterspaugh mother Vera June Wright

Dates to Remember

- February 11, 2012 - CCH 1st annual 5K Run for the Children



A Day at Covenant Christian Academy