

# *Diocese of East Tennessee Jubilee Centers*

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### **Middle East Region – Knoxville**

#### **CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD – KNOXVILLE**

**Designated November, 2015 (Sponsor – Church of the Good Shepherd – Knoxville)**

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Becky Blankenbeckler, Program Director

The Church of the Good Shepherd has an exceptional outreach program consisting of many ministries and mission trips that are applicable for all ages. To support these ministries, they conduct very creative “FUN”draining events such as Ladies Tea and Fashion Show, Coach Bag Bingo, and special collections of food and money for specific projects e.g. preparing and packaging 10,000 meals to feed the hungry in Guatemala; and 20,000 meals to serve in the 18 county radius. They offer a FISH Food pantry, Deliver Mobile Meals, build wheelchair ramps at homes serving those with Cerebral Palsy and the elderly, etc. There are too many ministries to list in this brief space, but please visit their website or speak with a member, or Becky, or The Rev. Ken Asel.

### **Middle East Region – Knoxville**

#### **ST. JAMES FEEDING MINISTRIES**

**Re-commissioned June 2011 Designated June 2002 (Sponsor – St. James – Knoxville)**

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Contact: The Rev. John Mark Wiggers

The Mission of St. James’ Episcopal Church is to feed and tend God’s sheep both within and outside the parish. We address root causes of poverty by providing an army of empowered leaders who are active in both parish ministry and social outreach. We provide education in Christian responsibility and provide spiritual and emotional support to those who are working in the world to make it a better place. We offer relief to those caught in poverty and distress sometimes helping to stop or slow the wicked cycle in which they are caught by offering food, clothing and financial aid. We also help empower those who want to work as servants by helping them identify their gifts and meet their spiritual calling to care. Our programs are Helping Hands Feeding ministry, Mobile meals, Career Closet, On the Doorstep Ministry and the Volunteer Ministry Center Feeding Team. Plus, supporting Habitat for Humanity, and the Liberian Village School. For more information, please visit our website or facebook.

### **Middle East Region – Knoxville**

#### **VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER**

**Re-commissioned June , 2011 Designated June 2002 (Sponsor – Diocese of East Tennessee)**

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Mr. Bruce Spangler - Chief Executive Officer

The Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC) is a part of the network of essential services to the homeless and people within our community who are in crisis. Working in cooperation with the Knoxville religious community and

other caring individuals, businesses and groups, VMC focuses on preventing and ending homelessness. Our mission is to facilitate permanent supportive housing for those who are homeless and to provide services to prevent homelessness. Programs include the **Resource Center** which focuses on assisting homeless individuals who want to attain safe, permanent housing. **The Bush Family Refuge** is VMC's homeless prevention program and serves individuals and families who are in crisis and/or who may be at risk of losing their home. **Minvilla Manor** officially opened on November 12, 2010 and provides 57 apartment units for permanent supportive housing for formerly homeless individuals. **The VMC Dental Clinic** provides comprehensive dental services at no charge to the homeless and poor of Knox County. For more details, please visit our website or facebook.

**Middle East Region – Crossville**  
**CUMBERLAND ADULT READING COUNCIL**

**Designated January 2009 (Sponsor – St. Raphael's – Crossville)**

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Paula Johnson – Staff

The Cumberland Adult Reading Council is an adult literacy program that works to improve the basic skills of adults in reading, writing, math, and speaking and comprehending English. They help each adult student to achieve their individually established learning goals by means of individual and small group instruction; to strengthen and support the Reading Council's capacity to provide literacy instruction and services to the community, and to promote a community culture that supports increased literacy. For more information, please visit our website.

**South East Region – Chattanooga**  
**CHATTANOOGA COMMUNITY KITCHEN**

**Re-commissioned May, 2011 Designated June 2002 (Sponsors – St. Timothy's – Signal Mountain & St. Paul's - Chattanooga)**

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Jens Christensen – Executive Director

The Chattanooga Community Kitchen is a freestanding social service agency focused on lessening the poverty and despair among the homeless in the City of Chattanooga and to restore dignity and self-reliance to those we serve. In all that we do, we strive to serve the physical, social and spiritual needs of the homeless and less fortunate without expectation of recompense but instead out of love and compassion for mankind. Services and/or programs offered are meditation room, meals, showers, toilets, hygiene products, washers/dryers, telephones, mail, clothing, case management, medical, foot care, respite care, AA/NA meetings, outpatient substance abuse, day center (with access to some other service agencies), Supplemental Assistance for Families (SAFAH), supervised transitional housing, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift work shelter, women's emergency and men's night shelters and winter emergency shelter, Employment and Life Skills training for those seeking employment. A new 24/7 Family Shelter with 13 rooms opened December 15<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please visit our website or facebook.

**South East Region – Chattanooga**  
**METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES, INC**

**Recertified December, 2012 Designated January 2006 (Sponsor – St Paul's, Chattanooga)**

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Rebecca Whelchel, Executive Director

Metropolitan Ministries offers emergency financial assistance for rent, emergency housing, utilities, medications, food (and a new Seniors Program), and personal ID. Clients are assisted on a first-come, first-served basis. In addition, the clients have the opportunity to access an ever-growing list of Supportive Services

ranging from on-site enrollment in Food Stamps, Families First, Affordable Care Act, and Medicare to low- or no-cost medications, phones, eyeglasses, dental care and other assets. Agency partners who establish bi-monthly satellite offices at the Garcia Center provide on-site HIV/AIDS testing and counseling, legal guidance, educational opportunities via scholarships and apprenticeships, free veterinary care, and disability application assistance. Plus, onsite counseling and services to select area schools to assist low-income students. This program has resulted in increased graduation rates. For more information, please visit our website or facebook.

**South East Region – Chattanooga**  
**ST. ELMO NEIGHBORHOOD READING CENTER**

**Recertified April 2011 Designated June 2002 (Sponsor – Thankful Memorial Church – St. Elmo)**

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Linda Cooper, Volunteer Director

Housed in the basement of Thankful Memorial Episcopal Church, the St. Elmo Neighborhood Reading Center is dedicated to instilling in children the desire to read by making available books for children who would otherwise not have them. They do this by reaching out into the St. Elmo/Alton Park community to support, develop, and provide volunteers to reading programs. These programs offer special pre-school story time, reading in Head Start programs, day centers, after-school reading, elementary school age book clubs and special summer reading assistance. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda.

**South East Region – Chattanooga**  
**SOUTHSIDE ABBEY**

**Designated February, 2014 (Sponsor – The Diocese of East Tennessee)**

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The Rev. Erik Broeren

Southside Abbey is a new model of worshipping community in the Episcopal tradition being created by the people of the Southside of Chattanooga (a racially, economically, and educationally diverse collection of neighborhoods south of downtown). Friday night we host a communal meal with Holy Communion at a local not-for-profit gallery. We come to the family table where all are welcomed as beloved children of God. We follow Jesus – serving God and neighbor – feeding people in many different ways, including unconditional hospitality, creative empowerment, community connection, and free hot meals. We are full of possibility and hope, perpetually becoming what the Holy Spirit calls us to be.

**South East Region – Cleveland**  
**FAMILY CORNERSTONES INC. (Formerly Bradley Initiative for Church and Community)**

**Re-commissioned May, 2011 Designated Feb 2004 (Sponsor – St. Luke’s – Cleveland)**

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Ms. Chrissy Pugh – Executive Director  
Ms. Brenda Hughes – (Founder and former Executive Director, retiring end of 2016)  
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In 2014, it was recognized that BICC’s name no longer accurately described the work being accomplished. After much prayer and professional support, the organization has officially adopted the new name “Family Cornerstones, Inc.” The vision and mission are the same, but have been enhanced to more clearly state the heart of Family Cornerstones, Inc.

Family Cornerstones serves the families, youth and children of Bradley County and Cleveland, Tennessee. Formerly known as Bradley Initiative for Church and Community, Inc. (BICC), Family Cornerstones is built upon the foundation of 16 years of outstanding service of the founding organization.

*(Old...The Bradley Initiative for Church and Community exists to unite churches, along with other community organizations, to address the root/systemic causes of the social, economic and cultural issues in Cleveland/Bradley County, Tennessee. It does this through programs such the Starfish for parents and young children, the Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders Today for middle and high school students, Transitions to strengthen family relationships, Bridging the Gap mentoring for youths 6-16 years, the credit union, and Reach for those who want to obtain their GED.)* For more information, please visit our website.

**South East Region – Hixson  
HOSANNA COMMUNITY**

**Re-commissioned May, 2011 Designated Oct – 2003 (Sponsors – St. Paul's – Chattanooga & St. Timothy's – Signal Mountain)**

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Mrs. Susan DiStefano – Executive Director

Hosanna Community is a residential community that fosters independence for adults with disabilities. Adults with disabilities live together, encouraging, and enabling one another to grow in the community and in the world. The goal is for residents to reach their greatest potential physically, emotionally, socially, intellectually and spiritually. Facilities include an on-site activities area, exercise room, living quarters, separate bedrooms for each resident, and transportation to and from off-site activities. Hosanna Community provides a family environment where both residents and resident assistants can grow and learn from one another by sharing the responsibilities of daily life. For more information, please visit our website.

**Upper East Region – Duff  
MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY PARENT RESOURCE CENTER**

**Recertified November 2010 Designated Jan 2003 (Sponsor – St. Francis – Norris)**

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Ms. June Pyle – Executive Director

The Mountain Community Parent Resource Center partners with the White Oak School District to offer several children's programs including housing the director of Save the Children program. These programs are stocking the school library, in-school literacy tutoring, food backpacks for weekends, summer camp to maintain reading levels, activities to promote healthier lifestyles, and toys and baskets at holidays. In addition, the center offers a computer lab for the community, early steps to school success and raising a reader for younger children and parents. The center also offers the Celebrate Recovery program which is designed to help those struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and habits by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through the recovery process. For more information, please call June.

**Upper East Region – Elizabethton  
FOOD FOR THE MULTITUDE**

**Recertified November 2010 Designated Oct 2003 (Sponsor –Diocese of East Tennessee)**

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Mr. Ben Buck – Executive Director

Food for the Multitude is an organization started in the early 1980's to provide a meal on Saturdays and provide clothing and toys to anyone who comes. Currently, it serves 325-350 meals each Saturday, and has five churches in partnership. In late November, another church expressed interest in joining the group. Yard sales help supply funds, but mostly private contributions are the main source of funds. This is rural Appalachia where the needs are great with unemployment high, many unable to read and health issues! Many dedicated volunteers show passion for their neighbors. For more information, please call Ben.