



Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Annual Report 2016

“Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst” (John 4:14).

The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center continues to minister to the East End Community by trying to fulfill our Mission Statement “to promote and nurture the persons in the process of recognizing and using their God-given gifts, talents and abilities to empower themselves and others. Hopefully, the East End Community will develop spiritually, emotionally, physically, mentally and socially. Our prayer is that we may be able to meet some of the physical and spiritual needs of the people and that God receives the glory.

During the past year, the Well ministered to the East End Community resulting in the following:

- **Food Pantry** distributed a total of **1,128** food bags that served **1,915** adults and **819** children. The cost of food that has been purchased so far this year totaled **\$14,490.85**.
- **Thanksgiving Project** that the Well sponsored was very successful. This project was supported by donations received from Great Hope Baptist, ST John’s United Holy Church, Tuesday Night Women Class of Bethlehem Baptist (Fairmount) and Leigh Street Baptist. **Fifteen families** were blessed with a Thanksgiving Box that contained a 10-12 pound turkey, a can of cranberry sauce, a 29 oz. can of sweet potatoes, 3 cans of vegetables (peas, green beans and corn), 1 box of stuffing, 2 boxes of macaroni and cheese, 2 boxes of Jiffy Corn Muffing Mix, 1 pack of gravy, 1 pound of margarine, 1 stalk of celery, a 5 pound bag of potatoes and a 3 pound bag of onions. The cost of a box was **\$34.98** and ten families received \$10.00 gift cards from Martin’s to help with the cost of a turkey. We are requesting \$10.00 gift cards from Martin’s or Walmart to be distributed in November with our food bags. Cards are needed by November 16, 2016 because bags will be distributed on November 17th.
- **Christmas Store** is always a wonderful event that blesses many families. The store served **68 families** which consisted of **126 children**. One of Second Baptist Sunday School Classes collected \$2500 to purchase bikes and they blessed the store with 30 bikes. The volunteers came out in record numbers and the cock pots of soup were again a big hit. This year the Christmas Store will take place on **December 3, 2016**. Delivery Dates and times are **11/30/16** and **12/1/16, 10:00 to 12:00** and **1:00 to 3:00**. Volunteers are needed for set up on Friday and distribution on Saturday. If you are willing to serve, I will put you to work and I promise you that the experience will be awesome.
- **Financial Assistance** for lights, rent, prescriptions, water and gas totaling **\$4598.97** was given to thirty-three families, paid **\$140.50** for two nights for a family trying to get away from domestic abuse and one pair of glasses for **\$109.00**.
- **Birth Certificates** were obtained for **33** persons totaling **\$427.00**, **ID’s** were obtained for **forty** persons that totaled **\$465.00** and **one** driver’s license for **\$20.00**.
- **Friday Bible Study** starts at 10:00 am followed by lunch that is sponsored by Second Baptist. Bible Study is facilitated by volunteers from Northside Baptist and New Bethesda.

- **Clothes Closet** is opened on Mondays 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. We are accepting **fall clothes** for men, women, boys and girls. There is a great need for full, queen and king size sheets and household items (especially glasses and dishes).
- **Back –To- School Celebration** **11** churches donated a total of **219** backpacks. Oregon Hill donated **21** empty backpacks that we filled making our total **240** backpacks. I distributed **205** backpacks, gave **25** to South Richmond Center and **10** to Community Mission church. I also received extra school supplies, underwear, socks, toiletries bags, toys and a gift card for toiletries. Due to the limited number of underwear, socks and toiletries bags, I will give toiletries bags out during the Clothes Closet and underwear, socks and toys at the Christmas Store. **13** volunteers set up for Friday, 8/19/16 and **42** volunteers on Saturday, 8/20/16.

Special Thanks

- WMU
- All Volunteers
- All that donated **Blessing Baskets**
- RBA churches
- Individuals' Donations

I thank God for all of you and for all that you do to support the Well, I am truly grateful.

Respectfully Submitted,
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