



## ANOTHER AUCTION SUCCESS

The Fourth Annual Dinner and Auction to benefit the Samaritan Center Foundation went down as a great success. Over 800 guests filled the ballrooms of Capitol Plaza Hotel to celebrate and support the mission of Samaritan Center.

Emceed by Warren Krech and Don Schneiders, the evening was one to remember. Support from the community came in for items donated for the auction, from quilts to furniture to homegrown produce to gourmet meals, a wide array of gifts set the stage for the evening guests to bid away. Cheryl Boessen's famous cinnamon rolls were once more the high item, retaining their crown. Special thanks to Bill Gratz for serving as our auctioneer again this year, he always does an excellent job!

Kas Mahfood was on hand for the second year to run the treasure chest scoop for gemstones. In addition to serving on the planning committee for the auction, Kas graciously donated her time and many gems that guests were able to take a shot at scooping out. Many who tried a scoop won something some patrons even found several gems in one scoop!



Mike Michelson helped set the mood with his musical talents and Will West Music and Sound helped out by donating a keyboard and amp for his use.

The décor for the event gained rave reviews from guests, Bob Fennewald and his decorating crew did an excellent job as they always do, creating an atmosphere of class and fun for all to enjoy.

The event brought in \$88,943.00 this year. This raised the coffers of the Samaritan Center Foundation to \$442,257.27 after four auctions. The goal of the foundation is to help ensure the existence of Samaritan Center into the future so that it will be there to meet the needs of those who find themselves in crisis into the future.



Thank you to all our committee members. Your hard work is irreplaceable. You did a fantastic job once again!

There were many new donors and guests who helped make the auction a success we welcome them with open arms, growth in need is always at an upward climb, growth in support has to go hand in hand. Thank you for joining with us.

## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Legal Care is one of the many services offered by the Samaritan Center. The Legal Care program helps those who cannot otherwise afford legal services to have the opportunity for legal assistance. This aid is offered by attorneys who volunteer to provide free or reduced cost legal services and through assistance with court and other costs from the Legal Care fund.

Willard Riene is one of the volunteer attorneys who devote ten to fifteen hours each week to helping those who are in need of these services. He has been volunteering at the Samaritan Center since the legal care program began 3 years ago. Willard lives in Jefferson City with his wife and has one daughter and two grandchildren in this area. His other daughter and grandchild reside in an area near Washington D. C.

Willard also enjoys traveling, fishing, and reading in his spare time.

Prior to volunteering at the Samaritan Center, he worked in the government and practiced law for many years. He retired in 2002.

Willard has been friends with Lou DeFeo for many years. Lou told Willard about starting a legal program at the Samaritan Center. Willard liked the idea of being able to help people again as he had done before he retired. He enjoys working on each individual's case and giving his time to those in need.

The Samaritan Center wishes to thank Willard for all of his hard work, time, and commitment to the Samaritan Center! His efforts have helped the Samaritan Center to help many individuals and families in Cole county and surrounding areas.

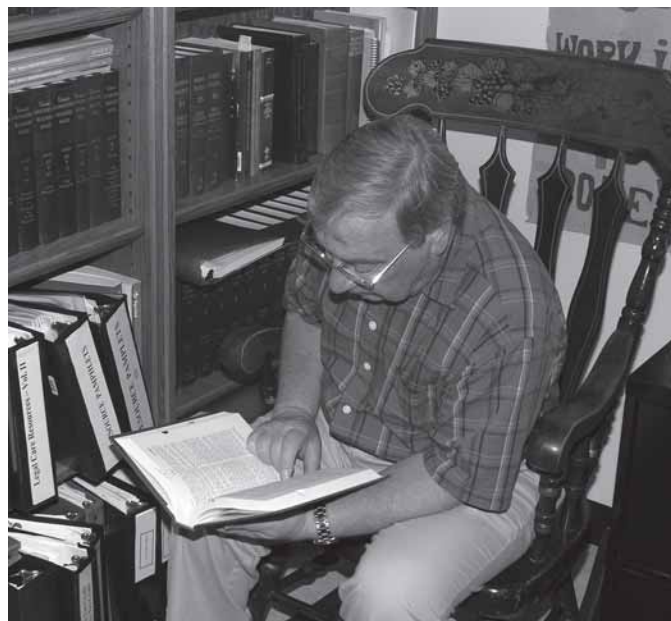
## HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER SIGN UP

While it may be hard to imagine these days as we find ourselves beset by triple digit temperatures and moisture is nonexistent, the Holiday season is just around the corner. Already Halloween decorations are beginning to fill stores, a sure sign that snowmen and Santa are close behind. The Holidays are an extremely busy time at Samaritan Center. The seasons bring challenges different from any other time of year.

Many of you are familiar with our Christmas Adoption and Santa's Workshop programs. These and other Holiday needs bring a swell in traffic to us from both those who wish to give and those in need. As a result our workforce has to increase accordingly. Inserted in this newsletter you will find a Holiday Volunteer Application. This application focuses on those jobs which occur from October through December.

Christmas sign up for adoption runs throughout the month of October. This position is a real need. Volunteers aid families in registering their information so they can be adopted for Christmas.

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# MARYLYN'S MESSAGE

Ready for School, Football and Crunchy Fall Leaves

It is still August but these cool nights get us in the mood for Indian summer. Our parents and little people have been so excited to get their new school supplies, especially the little ones who are going to kindergarten. It's fun to see their eyes as they are handed their backpacks. Dora the explorer is high on the list for girls and Spiderman or Superman with the guys. Thanks to all of you of gave supplies and cash to purchase them. At this writing we have given over 1,100 school kits to the families.

We had two sets of twins who came for school supplies the other day. One pair was identical darling girls. And one pair were fraternal, a handsome young boy and a pretty little girl. All were kindergarteners. We broke our rules and took them back to pick out their backpacks. We wish you could have seen their eyes and big smiles. They will store that delight in their memory bank for many years and remember the kind people who gave them NEW school supplies.

We have been overwhelmed with electric and gas disconnections this summer. With the high cost of gasoline our families are buying gas to get to work but that puts a pinch on everything else in the budget. More and more families are coming for food because they just cannot make it until payday. We have just about run out of canned vegetable and canned fruits for the pantry. It has not been unusual to have 92 to 114 family's everyday for food and clothes. That takes an enormous amount of groceries. We received one of the prize hams from our Cole County Fair. That was a real gift that many people benefited from since we had it sliced into ham steaks. The prisoners have sent over many vegetables from their garden and many, many kind folk have dropped off tomatoes, zucchini and small new potatoes.

We have been on KRCG and KLIK asking for money to purchase food and pay for utilities and many of you have responded so quickly and generously. We thank you so very much. A little girl brought in \$5.00 that she found at Wal-Mart and told me to buy something for a baby. Her friend from Union brought in a baby gift pack for us to give one of our new babies and another young lady brought a crayola gift pack that we could use for someone's birthday present. Seeds planted early in these young ladies will sprout into strong giving adults who care for those in need.

So many people are hurting but there is hope for them because of the kind people who share their surplus to make them more comfortable. A friend had a bike and took it to the bike shop for rehab. She wanted a girl to have it so she could enjoy the summer days with a little freedom. The Childs mother came in to pick up the bike and actually cried in my office. She has a twelve year old girl and ten year old boy. Neither kid has ever had a bike. She said is it ok if my son rides it too? We said it is your daughter's bike now whatever she wants to do is her decision. She said oh, she loves her brother so much they are close buddies so I am sure she will want him to ride too. It is amazing how just a bicycle can bring so much happiness to those who never thought they would ever have one.

Thanks to all of you who make our jobs here so much fun and bring so much joy to our kids.

God bless you all! Enjoy the cool weather when it comes and keep us in mind when you are grocery shopping and veggies are on sale.

Marylyn

# HOLIDAY SIGN UP CONTINUED

Volunteers work one on one with the family so they need to have good people skills, they should also have basic computer skills to input information from the families. Sign up occurs Monday through Wednesday in the afternoons from 1:30 to 4:00, on Tuesdays a second shift runs from 4:00 until 6:00 in the evening.

Santa's workshop runs in December Monday through Thursday mornings from 9:00 until Noon and Tuesday evenings from 4:00 until 6:00. This program requires volunteers to assist families in need who were not adopted to select toys for their children out of a selection in our boardroom.

All other areas require additional help as well. The warehouse is in critical need of persons to help with receiving donations and helping facilitate outgoing items. As more persons come to us during this season we need reinforcements in all areas to help handle the increased traffic.

If you are able to volunteer, please take the time to fill out this form and return it to Samaritan Center. Our Fax is 573-761-5948, you may mail it to PO Box 1687 Jefferson City MO, 65102-1687, or just hand deliver it to us. Even if you are already a volunteer you can fill out the form if you would like to work additional hours or in a new area.

Thank you for your help, we could not do this without it!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### September

4 Labor Day CLOSED  
 18 Halloween Costume Roundup Begins  
 22 Fall Festival for SC Clients

### October

2 Christmas Sign Up Begins  
 Halloween Costume Distribution Begins  
 9 Columbus Day CLOSED

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### Hours of Operation

Open to Public: 9:30am-11:30am Monday-Thursday  
 4:00pm-6:00pm Thursday  
 Medical Clinic: 4:00pm-6:00pm Thursday  
 Dental Clinic: by appointment Only,  
 call (573)761-3473 for information  
 Staff Office Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
 8:00am-6:00pm Tuesday Thursday

