

# Samaritan



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## Thanksgiving 2003

### A Word from our Director . . .



The season of Thanksgiving is about counting blessings, giving of oneself, and embracing family.

Fittingly, Associated Catholic Charities has chosen this season to debut *Samaritan*. Like the Good Samaritan, the staff and supporters of ACC under-

stand that we are all one human family and that what happens to one of us happens to all of us. We are of like mind in the notion that we have a responsibility to welcome the stranger regardless of race, religious preference, and socio-economic background.

Grounded in these beliefs, the staff of Associated Catholic Charities has had the privilege of touching, embracing, and affecting the lives of thousands of strangers in West Tennessee. The elderly in need of a nursing home or retirement facility; the young girl in search of answers about adoption services; and the smiling faces of young children who have a special Christmas because of the Gifts for God's Children program are just a few examples of the work in which the ACC staff takes such pride.

*Samaritan*, a quarterly newsletter, serves as a vehicle in which the ACC staff can share special stories, upcoming events, and donor recognition with the entire community. In this issue, the theme is: *For what are you most thankful?* For the ACC staff, the answer is simple... *YOU*.

Throughout the years, Associated Catholic Charities (ACC) has benefited from the support of thousands of West Tennesseans who have given of their time, their money, and their talent. These men and women, these Good Samaritans, have become members of the ACC family. This premiere issue of *Samaritan* is our embrace, our thank you for all that you have done, all that you are doing, and all that you will do to help ACC continue its mission of *providing*

*help and bringing hope* to the people of West Tennessee.

Because of your support, the future of Associated Catholic Charities is whatever we imagine it to be, and as you know, we have always been at the forefront of providing services to meet the changing needs of the community. I am reminded of the words of American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson,

*"Do not go where the path  
may lead, go instead  
where there is no path  
and leave a trail."*



Eileen Hivner  
Executive Director  
Associated  
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We are most thankful for your support and your commitment, which allows ACC to blaze new trails in being the Samaritan who touches, embraces, and affects the lives of the strangers among us.

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# *Giving Thanks:* A Sincere Thank You To A Long Time Supporter!

The successes of Associated Catholic Charities (ACC) have always depended on the generosity, support, and shared commitment of the people of West Tennessee. Throughout the years, numerous organizations, churches, companies, and individuals have made contributions in support of the ACC mission of *providing help & bringing hope* to people of all ages, from all walks of life. While selecting one group for recognition proved to be a difficult task, the entire staff agreed that recognition for one parish community, in particular, was long over due.

Nestled in a quiet Germantown neighborhood, Church of The Holy Spirit has been a long-time supporter of the programs of ACC. Parishioners of all ages have contributed countless volunteer hours, assistance with in-kind donations, and financial assistance to ACC. For years, the parishioners have demonstrated an unwavering dedication to such programs as Fig Tree, Refugee Services, and St. Peter Villa.



Every year, Church of The Holy Spirit sponsors numerous activities to help the Community Outreach staff meet the needs of people who require emergency food, clothing, financial, and holiday assistance through Fig Tree. These efforts include: food drives to stock the food pantry, donations for the clothes closet, the collection of Christmas gifts for “Gifts for God’s People”, and financial contributions that are used to help families facing eviction and loss of utilities.

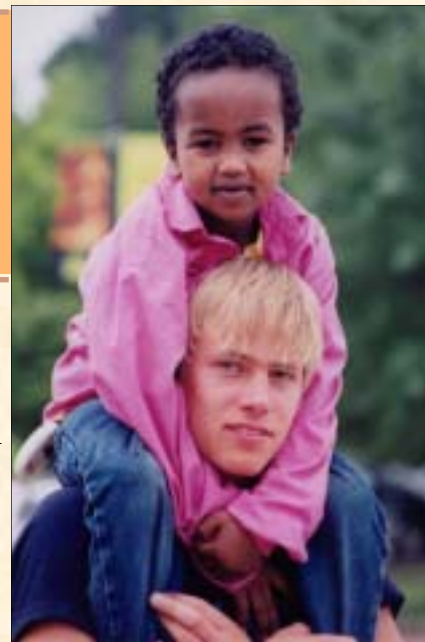
Giving to people of all ages, youth from Church of the Holy Spirit help ensure St. Peter Villa residents celebrate a special Christmas by donating gifts to the

Villa “Angel Tree” project.

Holy Spirit parishioners have also been dedicated supporters of Refugee & Immigration Services, which provides support and resources to the refugee and immigrant populations in

West Tennessee. In addition to helping transport refugee families around the city and helping them settle into their homes, parishioners also host Camp Friendship every year. Founded in 1997, Camp Friendship is a multi-cultural summer camp that provides an opportunity for youth from the church to act as mentors for refugee children.

In recognizing the unprecedented support from Church of the Holy Spirit, we must extend a special *thank you* to Mrs. Betty Wallin, Director of Parish Social Ministry at Church of the Holy Spirit. Coordinating, organizing, and networking with ACC programs and communicating our needs to the parishioners, Betty has been a crucial link between Church of the Holy Spirit and the ACC staff for past 7 years. The dedicated support and commitment from the parishioners at Church of The Holy Spirit is truly one of the blessings for which Associated Catholic Charities is most thankful.



*Camp Friendship has become a Holy Spirit institution.*



*A food drive by Tom Lewis and his crew resulted in a well-stocked Fig Tree pantry.*

# Halloween Celebrations at ACC

## *Employee Appreciation Brings United Way Campaign to a Close*

Another successful United Way internal campaign came to a close on Thursday, October 30, and the staff celebrated with a Halloween bash. It was ghosts and goblins and witches, oh my, as several employees dressed in costume for the occasion. With great food, even better auction items, and the lure of a karaoke machine, ACC employees had a wonderful time.



Timika Winfrey

This year's Halloween celebration capped off a number of fundraising events developed by Timika Winfrey, United Way internal campaign chairperson. With the help of a dedicated committee, Timika pulled together the 1<sup>st</sup> Associated Catholic Charities Fish-Fry, and a Cookout and BBQ Cooking Contest, and our special Halloween bash. We are all truly thankful for Timika and her United Way committee whose efforts made this year's campaign so successful.



Carolyn Tisdale, Director of Refugee & Immigration Services, and Chandra Tuggle, Director of Communications



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## *St. Agnes and St. Dominic Schools: Bringing Smiles to the Villa*

The staff of St. Peter Villa and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from St. Agnes and St. Dominic schools hosted a Halloween party and costume contest on Friday, October 31. Several Villa employees participated in the contest. In addition, St. Agnes and St. Dominic students visited with the residents and assisted the staff with decorating and serving Halloween treats, and the residents really enjoyed their presence.

Students from St. Agnes and St. Dominic schools visit once a



month and participate in various activities with the residents, and the Villa staff is truly pleased that the students were able to take part in one of our holiday events.

These students have certainly brightened the lives of our residents who need smiling, cheerful faces to help bring joy to their lives.

The staff and residents of St. Peter Villa are especially thankful for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders from St. Agnes and St. Dominic schools and their smiling faces, which brighten the hallways of the Villa.



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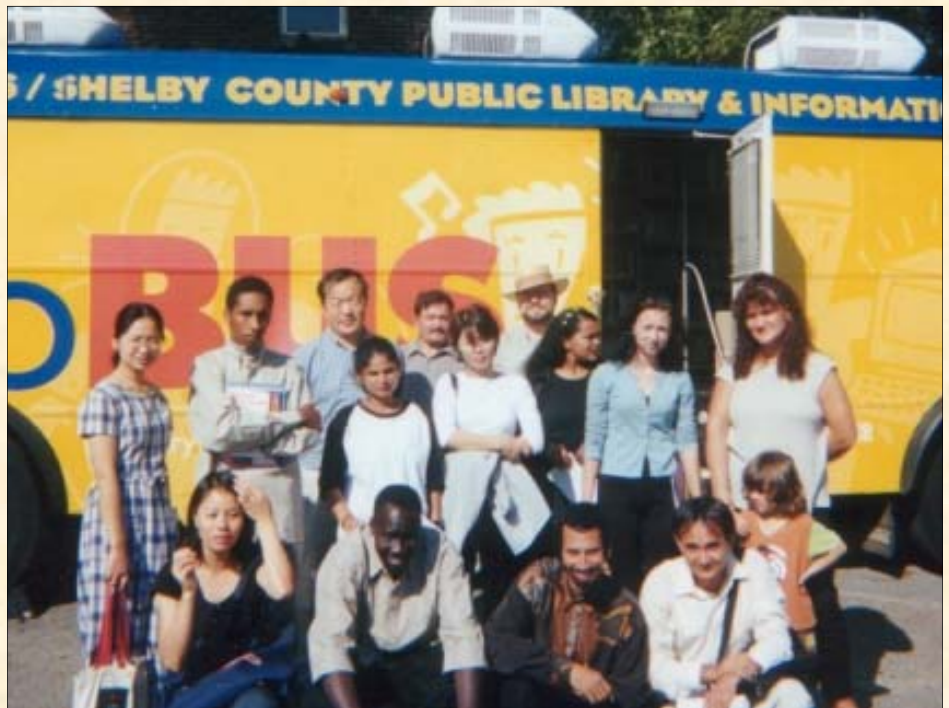


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## Volunteers Make Open A Success

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More than one hundred men and women hit the greens at the Memphis National Golf Club on Friday, September 19 in support of the Eighth Annual Good Samaritan Open. This tournament benefits The Diocese of Memphis Housing Corporation (DMHC), a program of Associated Catholic Charities, which operates eight properties throughout West Tennessee. DMHC provides affordable, comfortable housing for the elderly, low-income families, the handicapped and outpatients of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and their families. Last year, this non-profit organization served more than 1,500 individuals without regard to their race, religion or ethnic background.

According to David Field, Director, DMHC, this year's tournament netted approximately \$13,000. Of course the success of the Good Samaritan tournament is due to the generosity of many organizations and individuals who contributed money, goods and services to the tournament. The Nova Group of Memphis, Wilson Sporting Goods, Methodist/LeBonheur Healthcare, Health Choice, Saint Francis Hospital, Horseshoe Casino, and Dobbs Honda-Mendenhall were this year's major sponsors.

The golfers were treated to an awards banquet, catered by the Half Shell Restaurant, at the end of a great day on the course. Golf tournament chairman Paul Boston

thanked everyone for participating in the tournament and recognized the major sponsors. David Field also recognized the more than 30 volunteers who helped organized and run the tournament.

Judge D'Army Bailey gave an emotional speech about the work of the Diocese of Memphis Housing Corporation. Bailey's mother is a resident of St. Peter Manor in Memphis. In his speech, Bailey highlighted the fact that residents receive the same level of care and concern regardless of race, religious preference, and socio-economic background. Bailey issued a challenge to the crowd at the end of his speech.

"DMHC needs support year round, not just at this wonderful Golf Tournament, to continue its work and its commitment to providing the elderly with housing that allows them to be comfortable

and maintain their dignity and independence," said Bailey.

David Field and the DMHC staff are truly thankful for the support of local businesses, civic leaders and volunteers whose efforts make it possible for the elderly to maintain their dignity and independence.



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