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WHAT IS HEAD START?



Every child deserves a good beginning in life, and that is exactly what the Head Start programs provide. Serving children from birth to five years of age, the educational, social, health and emotional needs of children serve as the backbone of the program's philosophy.

Perhaps the most impressive aspect of the Head Start program is that of health education. Focusing not only on the nutritional aspects of health, the program also incorporates life habits, as well as violence prevention and emotional health. By creating relationships with health care providers within the community, the program is able to offer medical and dental care to students by making such items as yearly physicals and dental check-ups available.

Communities are also principal players in the success of the Head Start program. Forming partnerships with community members and organizations, the program is able to present unique opportunities such as in-house field trips featuring guest speakers and demonstrations. Community volunteers also serve in a number of important ways, such as reading to children.

In addition to this type of community support, the program also relies and places a great deal of decision-making in the hands of parent and community representatives in the form of Policy Committees and Councils. Dr. Craddock serves as a member on the district's Policy Council, which reviews policies and forms, as well as approves the hiring of staff members for Head Start.

The Craddock Center is an excellent example of how community organizations add to the Head Start experience. Through the Children's Enrichment Program led by Pam Lindsey and Betsy Doty, Head Start participants in Gilmer, Pickens, Fannin, Union, Lumpkin and Dawson counties in Georgia, Polk County, Tennessee and Cherokee County, North Carolina receive regular and participatory exposure to the arts. These innovative programs help to ensure that every child truly does receive a good Head Start in life.

For more information on how you can become involved with the Head Start programs, please contact the local program in your area.

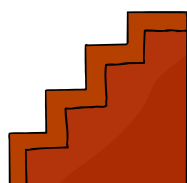
-Tracy Walker

UPDATE ON STEP UP

As I reported to you in the June issue of Milk and Honey, the Craddock Center is spearheading an effort to acquire 75 of the mobile housing units placed by FEMA in Florida as temporary housing for hurricane victims. Thousands were put in place: some have not been used, some were used and are now vacant, some are still in use. In hopes of FEMA stepping up to make 75 available to families in our area now in substandard housing, we have already stepped up. County commissioners, civic leaders, and heads of service agencies have stepped up and are ready to share the work once the units arrive. The offices of both U.S. senators are supportive after being informed and having sent staff for a Q and A meeting at the Center.

So where are the units? Still in Florida. We are still at work. We learned General Services Adm. handles surplus property. General Services informed us FEMA must first declare the units to be surplus. FEMA said the units, once declared surplus, are offered to the states (GEMA in GA) for \$7000.00 per unit. Unclaimed units are then sold at public auction. However, both GSA and FEMA offices in Atlanta were cooperative and helpful and encouraged us to petition the head of the national office of FEMA in Washington to declare 75 units surplus and give them to us so we can give them to those with housing needs. It is a win-win operation.

This is where we are. We are hopeful Washington will Step Up.



WE CAN MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU

More and more, friends of the Center are making gifts in the form of stock. With the information below, your broker can contact our broker, you will be notified of the transfer, we will be notified of the transfer, you will receive from us a note of thanks for the amount of your tax-exempt gift, and, lo, it is done. Some say the process is easy, but I think of it as gracious. Thank you.

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AND THEN THERE WERE EIGHT

At the close of this past school year there were five teachers in our Children's Enrichment Program: Pam Lindsey, Betsy Doty, Sue Canady, Amanda Galloway, and Kim Cheeves. Now we approach the next school year with eight.

Meet Connie Chancey, mother of four and experienced in children's music, lives in Copperhill, TN. She will work with classes in Polk County, TN and Cherokee County, NC.

Meet Debbie From, mother of one, graduate of the University of Florida, experienced communicator, community volunteer, and teacher, lives in Cleveland, GA. She will work with classes primarily in Lumpkin and Dawson Counties.

Meet Tracy Walker, graduate of Agnes Scott College and North GA College, experienced in music, theatre, and communication, lives in Cumming, GA. She will work with classes in Dawson and Pickens Counties and work for the Center in publicity and public relations.

These eight gifted and prepared lovers of children will work their magic each week with 1200 children in Georgia, Tennessee, and North Carolina.

It doesn't get any better than this.



IT PAINS ME TO WRITE THIS

But I feel I must. There are many generous people in the world who bring us furniture, household appliances, and sickroom equipment which we give to those who call with needs. These gifts are clean, in good repair, and immediately useful. We are grateful and so are those who receive them.

However, much that is left in our garage is useless and then we have the burden of hauling it to the dump. Please call before you come. Our storage may be full or you may want to bring clothes. We do not receive clothes. There is a clothes closet downstairs, open on Thursdays 1-4 p.m. But if the clothes are dirty and in need of repair — please. We have no one to repair appliances; I can't even wind my watch.



I certainly don't wish to seem ungrateful, but let us give good gifts to our neighbors in need. It is hard sometimes to decide whether or not to bring an item. Let me suggest a guideline: If you previously took it to the dumpster and it was returned to you, that's a clue.

Thanks.

THE 10 MOST ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT APPALACHIAN WEEKEND

- 1) Are there restrooms? I forgot.
Yes, several clean restrooms.
- 2) When is it? I forgot.
Sat., Sept. 24, 2005, 9:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 25, 2005, 9:45 a.m.—10:45 a.m.
- 3) And it is where? I forgot.
Sat. at the Lion's Club buildings at the fairgrounds in Ellijay, GA. Sun. a.m. at the Cherry Log Christian Church on Hwy. 515, 10 miles north of Ellijay, 5 miles South of Blue Ridge.
- 4) What's it for, anyway? I forgot.
Each year we celebrate some aspect of Appalachian life. This year the program will be provided by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. On Sun. a.m., Dr. Craddock will talk about the Western Band of Cherokee.
- 5) What will the Cherokee do?
Tell stories of Cherokee life, culture, and spirituality, sing, dance, and demonstrate arts and crafts, some of which will be for sale.
- 6) Are there restrooms? I forgot.
Yes, several clean restrooms.
- 7) What does it cost?
Nothing. And bring the family, especially the children.
- 8) Will food be available?
Yes, the Lion's Club will have its grill open, with hamburgers, hot dogs, sandwiches, etc. and drinks.
- 9) Will the program for Sat. be published?
Yes, in local papers, on posters, and in Milk and Honey.
- 10) Are there restrooms? I forgot?
Yes, several clean restrooms.



IKNOW IT'S ONLY JULY



But reservations for the Fall Preaching Workshop are coming in rapidly. The limit is 90 and we have over 70 as of this writing. Call or email.

Oct. 3, 9:00—12:30 at Cherry Log Christian Church. Continental breakfast and deli lunch provided. Topic: "By What Authority Do I Preach?"

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