Happy & Hope...We Deliver Songs & Stories for Children

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WE NEED YOU to share our story...with every Craddock Kid Christmas card you send, your friends and family will learn about The Craddock Center and programming you love and support. In addition, 100% of the proceeds support enrichment for all children we serve because, as you know, children from low income homes need the basics...and beyond.

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Storytime at Camp Craddock...

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And thanks!

you. —JJJ IT'S GETTING COLD...our neighbors in need will soon be calling to ask wood. Can you help? working wood splitter so that volunteers can prepare logs that have been found or donated. Center if you have one that you no longer use; we'll arrange a pickup!

THEY BEG FOR SPOOKY stories...even at four years old! This month, our storytellers have transformed this tale into an oral telling, enticing and delighting our preschoolers with the accompanying motions, repetition, whispered voices, and anticipation. Each classroom is "gifted" a copy of the book, which ends, not surprisingly, with "BOO!"

Sharing a smile with someone who didn't have one...

- Making superhero shirts and capes and seeing them "flying" around in their capes
- Daily farewell hugs
- When I was about to leave and they made me promise to come back

THESE COMMENTS come from Camp Craddock counselors young and...well, older. They were a few of the "Moments that Mattered." Would you like to be able to say this next summer?

It's your turn. Come! Live at the Center for one week with your own team. Deliver "happy & hope" to children in low income neighborhoods via our day camp curriculum full of story, song, craft, and activity. Make their summers matter. I promise you will be enriched...and you can enjoy the serenity, beauty, and activities of the area.

Reserve your group's preferred week now. Only seven weeks of summer...they'll go fast! More details at craddockcenter.org, or let's Camp talk...I'll be waiting to hear from

attendees at the October Preaching Workshop percent of first-time Preaching Workshop attendees percent of attendees who have attended 10 or more workshops volunteers--thanks



MANY OF THE UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES I've had in this part of the world being a preacher were being fed by the people. Feeding the preaching

was a very important thing in the community...I was in one home for lunch, and we had one thing: we had corn on the cob. It was not sweet corn; it was field corn. We called it horse corn—big ears—and it was racked up like cord wood. There was a bowl of butter, salt and pepper, and a glass of milk at every place.

There were six of us total...the man and his wife, and they had a son who was also named Fred, and he was mentally challenged, pleasant fellow, liked to laugh, and he loved to eat. And obviously, he loved corn on the cob. We had corn on the cob.

He said, "You like corn on the cob?"

I said, "I sure do." He said, "You know how to eat it?" I said, "Well, yeah, I do."

So he watched me. I put a little butter on there, put a little salt, a little pepper, and I take a bite. Nice fashion—I thought that's the way you do it. He said, "You don't know how to eat it, do you?" I said, "I thought I did." He said, "Let me show you."

He put a gob of butter on his plate, put salt and pepper on the butter, whipped it up into a frenzy, and then he would just saw his corn through it and eat back, and saw through and eat back. He said, "You got the hang of it?" I said, "I think I got the hang of it." He said, "I'll race you."

His mother was saying, "Don't do that! Don't do that!" Each of us has beside the chair a little tub. She said, "He likes to have a place to put his cobs." He said, "On your mark, get set, go!" When he stopped the race, he had a bucket full of cobs, and I had one cob and I was working on number two. I don't know why they signed up to feed the preacher.—FBC, as told at Winged for the Heart, 2007

Many thanks to CW Conner for his intriguing art, each piece full of story. And to friends of the Center who shared, we are grateful. A beautiful space was enjoyed by the community and Preaching Workshop attendees. Two dozen works and a visit from CW were a delight!





Save the DATES!



Songs & Stories is just around the corner! On Saturday, January 28, 2017, you will be amused and entertained by the many voices and stories of Andy Orfutt Irwin. Mark your calendar for a first-come, first-seated show. Doors open at 3 p.m. to the affecting voice and talents of Hannah From. Main show begins at 4 p.m.

The Rev. Dr. Alyce M.
McKenzie, Professor of
Homiletics at Perkins School of
Theology, Southern Methodist
University, will lead the next
Preaching Workshop
Monday, March 6, 2017.
McKenzie is the Le Van
Professor of Preaching and
Worship, recipient of the
Altshuler Distinguished
Teaching Professor, and



Director of the Center for Preaching Excellence. *More details to come!*

















You may recall from May that our annual campaign appeal theme this year was *Inside each tiny acorn lies a mighty oak*. At the time, I was thinking of all of the work that The Craddock Center has grown into thanks to your support. We're serving more schools, we have more Story Express visits, and our summer programming has grown.

BUT SINCE THEN, I've come to view that theme differently. I got an email from our first pilot Camp Craddock mission team from Mattapoisett, MA. They shared how experiences with the Story Express Lending Library during the summer of 2014 have led them to their own book giveaway at home. And this summer, Sonia, a camper at Camp Craddock asked a volunteer why the meals weren't coming to her trailer park. That volunteer called the school board, and within a week, 70 meals were served daily at that site all summer. You see, inside every tiny acorn...thanks to all who have given to enrich others. —JJJ

Pursuant to GA Code Section 43-17-8 this charitable appeal is made on behalf of The Craddock Center, located in Cherry Log, Georgia. Full program and financial information is available upon request: PO Box 69, Cherry Log, GA 30522 | 706-632-1772 | craddockcenter@tds.net

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