# July-August 2019 Newsletter

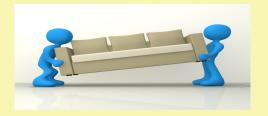
# MILK & HONEY





## CAMP CRADDOCK IS UNDERWAY!

Camp Craddock is underway! The Craddock Center staff, mission groups from across the nation, and fabulous volunteers are busy this summer serving local children with curriculum, crafts, and adventure resulting in lots and lots of "Happy and Hope". Connie Chancey, Programs Director, is busy at work to ensure a fun camp experience for the children each week. The Craddock Center welcomes and greatly appreciates Mt. Zion United Methodist Church of Marietta, Episcopal Church of the Holy Family of Jasper, Boys and Girls Club of North Georgia, Sandy Springs Christian Church, Boys and Girls Club of Gilmer County, and Trinity United Church of Christ of Wooster, Ohio. A huge thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers that help make Camp Craddock happen! With their help, we successfully "Deliver Happy & Hope".



#### **THE LIVING ROOM PROJECT**

Do you have household items and/or furniture that you would like to donate? The Craddock Center accepts donations of these items. We give them away to those in need! Give Lauren Miller a call at 706-632-1772 for further information or to volunteer for this program!

# THE CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

### AMANDA GALLOWAY, CEP ARTIST

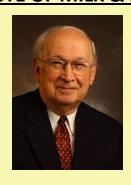


"My sign language had really paid off! I had 2 children last year that were hearing impaired. One little boy ran up to the front of the room to get a seat right under my feet. He was signing with me during every song and clapping his hands with excitement. I heard the teacher say, "Wow, look at "child's name". He's really getting into music today!" And he was! He danced with me each visit for that 30 minutes. He is my special friend!

### THE CRADDOCK CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to deliver educational and cultural programs to children, families, and communities, primarily in Southern Appalachia. We serve by sharing and spreading centuries old traditions of song and story characteristic of the region.

## A TASTE OF MILK & HONEY



DR. FRED B. CRADDOCK

**O, FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES** and then I could express the gratitude of 1,000 children who say to you, "thank you." It is important, whether you gave little or much, that you know you have blessed children you probably will never meet. I want you to know that last August most of these children came into Head Start classrooms afraid, silent, or crying, hiding behind Mother. This month they ran out of those rooms laughing and singing. Thanks to you, they have songs to sing all summer, stories to tell all summer, and books to take to their parents with a new request: "Read me a story."

Not all the beautiful changes in the children are due to our program; of course not. Most, but not all, come from home that are poor in things but rich in love. The Head Start schools have good teachers who care for the children. But the Head Start programs are

strapped for funds and word out of Washington brings the tragic news of further cuts. Budgets are trim, with no funds for programs of enrichment—music, art, storytelling, and dance. And so, through The Craddock Center, you come into their classrooms singing, dancing, telling stories. You have enriched their lives, and if the statistics are to be believed, you have improved their chances for success in school and in life. So, thank you. I hope you will join us in August to begin a new year.

It has been my pleasure to visit some of the schools. To be sure, with some children there is evidence of physical and emotional abuse and it breaks your heart. But the overwhelming experience is one of delight. You look at each new face and say, "This is a child of God. I see a striking resemblance."



We have many opportunities for volunteers of all ages. Come help us deliver "happy and hope" to the children of southern Appalachia!

#### Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Office Work (Books, mailings, hats, special events, etc.)

The Story Express (Driving the van, helping with the van at special events, helping deliver books to the schools)

**The Living Room** (Picking up and delivering furniture to our families in need)

**Building and Lawn Maintenance** (Cleaning gutters, mowing grass, pruning trees and bushes, upkeep of driveway and buildings)

Special Events (Cooking, cleaning, passing out information, decorating, running the Story Express, etc.)

Hats (Make hand-knitted hats)

If you are interested in volunteering, please give Lauren Miller a call at 706-632-1772, or email craddockcenter@tds.net



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