



Fall, 2011

C-SCDC UPDATE

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C-SCDC Board Members Receive Appreciation Awards

On October 27, 2011 the Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council's Board of Directors presented Cecil M. Greene, Jr. and Evelyn Wilson with a plaque in recognition of their ten years of service on the C-SCDC Board of Directors.

Cecil M. Greene, Jr. represented the low-income persons of Fort Smith and during his tenure was very active on the C-SCDC Board of Directors, serving as Vice-Chairperson of the Board, Chairperson of the Nominating Committee and the AD HOC Committees when needed.

Evelyn Wilson represented the low-income persons of South Sebastian County and during her tenure was very active on the C-SCDC Board, serving as Vice-Chairperson, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee and the AD Hoc Committees when needed.

Linda Bryant, a representative for Del Gabbard the Mayor of Greenwood, was also recognized for faithfully serving on the C-SCDC Board of Directors in representing the City of Greenwood since 2003. Linda served as Chairperson of the Board for over three years and actively participated in discussions for the improvement of C-SCDC. Linda was unable to attend the meeting, her plaque was forwarded.



Chairperson Karen Pearson presenting Cecil M. Greene, Jr. with his plaque of appreciation.



Chairperson Karen Pearson presenting Evelyn Wilson with her plaque of appreciation

Arkansas Air National Guard 188th Fighter Wing Air Show

By Ted Clemons, RVRFB Director

The River Valley Regional Food Bank was selected to receive the proceeds from the parking at the Fort Smith Air Show held on October 1st and 2nd. This really was a blessing, I had a speaking engagement with the United Way of Fort Smith at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center #6007 located here in Fort Smith. I had given a speech about the Food Bank and what we do for our community and how we tie in with the United Way. I met Tim Clemmons and Randy Bartmier (operations managers) for the warehouse and struck up a conversation with these gentlemen about hunting and we had a lot in common and I found them to be very caring individuals that were concerned with helping folks in the community.

It was a couple weeks later when I received a phone call from Tim Clemmons asking if we would like to be the recipients of the parking proceeds from the Fort Smith Air Show and of course we gladly accepted the invitation. We scheduled a meeting the next day and discussed the plans and what our role would be in the air show and gave them a tour of the food bank. Well the rest is history now but there was a lot involved in making this happen.

The Wal-Mart Distribution Center teamed up with Wal-Mart #141 on Rogers Avenue (Jim Hutchison) Store Manager and had over 55 Wal-Mart associates involved in volunteering over the weekend to park cars. These volunteers logged in over 800 tiring hours parking vehicles at the air show with 255,000 in attendance. Wal-Mart has a program called Volunteerism Always Pays (VAP) Program where the Wal-Mart Foundation will contribute money back to the organizations of their choice for the hours they volunteered. The River Valley Regional Food Bank received \$7,750 from the VAP Program and \$11,477.84 from the parking which resulted in a check presentation at the Wal-Mart Distribution Center in the amount of \$19,227.84. What a Blessing for the food bank!



Pictured from left to right: Ted Clemons, Jim Hutchison, Randy Bartmier and Tim Clemmons

River Valley Regional Food Bank Selected for Community Card



Every year the Times Record selects a non-profit organization/program to receive the proceeds from the Community Christmas Card. Persons send in \$2.00 per name to be added to the Community Christmas Card which is included in the Christmas Eve edition of the Times Record. This year, the Community Christmas Card is accepting donations for the River Valley Regional Food Bank, which serves food pantries and direct feeding programs in eight western Arkansas counties and three agencies in Eastern Oklahoma. This year, thousands of people, including children, seniors, veterans and those who are disabled, will benefit from help from the Food Bank. That means a merrier Christmas for all of us!

A Light at the End of the Tunnel

By Michele Trawick, Editor



As I reported in the last issue of the Update, we had hoped to have the Community Dental Clinic up and running by late October. Well, October came and went, then November, now it is December and I am happy to report that on December 9th we passed our final inspection and on December 10th we had a move in day. 13 Volunteers, logging 70 hours, moved the old into the new. Many of us (ME included) realized the next day that we are not as young as we thought we were. Pictured left are some of the “younger” volunteers loading their plates with pizza. Next issue:

*Grand Opening! Until then, “**Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!**”*

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United Way Campaign

C-SCDC employees have pledged \$2,317 in the 2012 United Way Campaign. We also held a Halloween Costume Contest to benefit United Way which raised \$25.00.



Pictured left to right: Front row, Michele Trawick Back row: Debbie Stewart, Deanna Neal, Patty Park, Darlene Hill and Kathy Lord

Board Members

Karen Pearson, Chairperson

Patricia Free, Secretary

Van Ferguson

Judge David Hudson

Mayor Lt. Colonel Gary Baxter

Judge John Hall

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Sebastian Co. Sheriff Bill Hollenbeck

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Mission Statement

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc. is a community action agency whose purpose is to make improvements in the lives of low-income individuals, families and the communities in which they live , so that a greater level of self-sufficient living can be achieved.