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Report to the Community

April 2009

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## We celebrate the Easter season together!

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade – kept in heaven for you... I Peter 1:3 – 4*

What a significant time this is for all of us and the work of OPEN M. We celebrate the love of God expressed through the death and resurrection of Christ and the opportunity that we have to receive from Him His love. Just like the Apostle Peter, we rejoice that through His mercy He has given hope to all – an inheritance that can never perish or fade – an inheritance that is reserved for each of us and most importantly for you.

We must not forget the reality of what Christ endured to provide us this opportunity. First of all, He accepted ridicule and physical beatings at the hands of the Roman leadership and others. He was crucified with all the pain and torment of having His hands and feet nailed to the cross. He was a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. Such pain we may not be able to understand, but we can praise Him that He would go through all of it for us.



We must not forget the reality of His resurrection from the dead in order that we too can have opportunity to live by accepting Him as the One who took on Himself the penalty of our sin. Peter reminds us that what He did is for you, for each of us. Praise God that we are not given what we really deserve to receive, but that we through faith in Him receive that which we do not deserve – life with Him for eternity.

In this Easter season, we celebrate together what Christ did for us. His actions

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hopefully drive us to action, to share His love with others through our actions. During this season, let us not forget those who are in need, those who need to see His love through us. We at OPEN M are committed to invest our lives into other people – to help, to comfort, to encourage those who have need. Thank you for joining with us in that work.

During this season, we are asking you to consider the opportunity to share in that work. Could you consider sharing an Easter offering toward the work of OPEN M? You can use the pledge card below or on line at [www.openm-ministry.org](http://www.openm-ministry.org). Could you consider volunteering your time to the work of OPEN M? Lastly, please pray for the work of OPEN M and the staff as they invest time into those who need help. Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate your interest and involvement.

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## Free Medical Clinic has growing needs in this recession

by Marla Oddo, Nursing Administrator

The clinic has felt the pressure in these changing economic times. Normally, during open enrollment for new patients, it takes three to four weeks to fill the allotted slots for the upcoming quarter. This quarter, it took only four days to fill those slots. The need will continue to increase as more people lose their jobs and their insurance coverage. As we try to meet the needs of our patients, we must also consider the possibility of declining donations making it even more difficult to provide our patients with the needed medication and services.

Fortunately, we have been blessed with many new volunteers in the clinic, including dental staff. Our continued goal is to increase our volunteer staff. We continue to look for additional physicians, nurses, and pharmacy staff. Among our greatest needs are a pharmacist to volunteer one Wednesday afternoon per month for our diabetic clinic, and several podiatrists to see patients one morning or evening per month.

If you are in the medical field and would like to donate your time to the clinic, please contact Marla at [nursadmin@openm.org](mailto:nursadmin@openm.org) or 330-434-0110, ext. 414.

Other pharmacy needs include:

- New pill cutters
- Ibuprofen 200mg
- Toothpaste, tooth brushes, dental floss
- Aspirin 81mg
- Fish oil capsules
- Tylenol Extra Strength, 500mg tablets
- Eye lubricant (such as Artificial Tears)

Just a reminder, in keeping with Ohio State Board of Pharmacy regulations, the clinic is unable to accept unused patient medications. All medications that are donated to the clinic must be in sealed containers and must not be expired.

## **Annual Beacon of Hope Benefit Dinner, Saturday, April 25, at the Martin Center**

**W**e invite all of you to come to the Annual Beacon of Hope Benefit Dinner on Saturday, April 25. This dinner is sponsored by the OPEN M Women's Board and will be an exciting evening of dinner and dancing.

The benefit dinner will be held at the Martin University Center with keynote speaker, Dr. Roger Chaffee, MD, FACC, medical director for OPEN M's Free Health Clinic. The evening begins at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres, cash bar and music by pianist Dave Stofka. We are currently seeking donations from local artists for our silent auction.

This year the event will include dancing to the Mike Petrone Trio and a dance demonstration by In-flight Ballroom Dance Company. Mike Petrone has been performing in the Cleveland, Hudson and Akron area for more than 25 years. Tickets are \$75. If you would like to attend, please e-mail Doris Stewart at [projects@openm.org](mailto:projects@openm.org), or visit our website, [www.openm-ministry.org](http://www.openm-ministry.org) for more information.

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## **OPEN M hosts networking extravaganza**

**T**he NETWORKING EXTRAVAGANZA held at OPEN M for businesses and organizations on Wednesday, March 25, was a huge success. More than 150 members from local businesses and organizations came to network and tour OPEN M. For most of our guests, this was a true "eye opening" experience, and it allowed us to put a face to the wonderful work we do here.

We thank Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic and Stow Mayor Fritschel along with Summit County Executive Russ Pry and Dan Horrigan from the Summit County Clerk of Courts for visiting. Several of our trustees also attended and had the opportunity to talk with the guests.

A Special thanks goes to the Stow-Munroe Falls Chamber of Commerce, The Fairlawn Area Chamber of Commerce, The Akron Boards of Trade, Catering by Mark DiFeo, Chick-fil-A, Applebee's Stow, Sam's Club, The Villages of St. Edwards, Plant Kingdom Bakery, Pizza Hut, The Winery at Wolf Creek, Akron Aero's mascot, ORBIT, Chef Dave Goshen, The Hudson Mom's Club, The Chapel Bakery Ministry and all the guests and door prize donors. It was truly a "WOW" event.



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## **April is the last chance to take advantage of the Feinstein Challenge**

**T**his is the last chance in 2009 to participate in the Feinstein Challenge to help eliminate hunger in Akron. The Feinstein Foundation will add money to donations designated for food made to OPEN M through the end of April. Any food donations will be credited to the Feinstein Challenge as well. Don't miss this opportunity to help make a difference in the lives of others. **Thank You!**

# *Thank you to our donors who help us be a Beacon of Hope in the Heart of the City.*

## **OPEN M Donor List - February 16th to March 15th**

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### **Get the OPEN M newsletter electronically**

If you would like to receive the OPEN M newsletter as an e-mail attachment, please contact Dave King at 330-434-0110, Ext. 419, or e-mail at [operations@openm.org](mailto:operations@openm.org).

Please provide your name and e-mail address and we would be pleased to do so. This would save OPEN M some postage costs and enable you to get the newsletter more quickly.

## Woodland Brownie Troop #191 shares girl scout cookies with OPEN M

**W**e are so thankful for the girls from Woodland Brownie Troop # 191 from Stow who adopted OPEN M as the organization they wanted to support. With the help and support of their families, friends and neighbors, during their annual cookie sale, people were asked to buy a box of cookies to donate to OPEN M. Ninety-three boxes of Girl Scout cookies were brought to OPEN M as a result of the sale.

On behalf of all of us at OPEN M, thanks to Hilda Duran, the other scout leaders, and the Woodland Brownie Troop # 191 for their support.



## Join us for the Fifth Annual Walk for Kids

**S**pring is in the air and the Walk for Kids is right around the corner. On Saturday, May 2, OPEN M will be the place where you will want to be – with your family, friends, co-workers and church members. The day begins with a pancake breakfast being served by the Akron and Stow-Munroe Falls Kiwanis's clubs at 8:30 a.m. We need team captains and walkers willing to help us raise money and, it is easy, fun and entertaining! Just ask friends to sponsor you on this 1.5-mile walk from OPEN M to Spaghetti Warehouse. The money that you raise goes to help us support our children's programs. Most walkers are able to raise \$100 or more for their team. Any amount raised is greatly appreciated. A captain's breakfast was held at OPEN M on Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m., immediately following the membership meeting.

**Help us to continue to bring our programs and services to the neighborhood children whose lives are blessed by OPEN M's outreach. Contact Doris Stewart at 330-434-0110, Ext 404, to register or with any questions you may have. We need your support!**

## New ways to support the work of OPEN M

**W**e are pleased to let you know about three more exciting ways to have some fun and support the work of OPEN M in the coming months. Additional details for each can be found on the OPEN M Web site: [www.openm-ministry.org](http://www.openm-ministry.org).

**1.** Enjoy baseball at OPEN M nights with the Akron Aeros. You can choose either Sunday, June 28; Thursday, July 9; Friday, July 17; Thursday, July 30 or Saturday, August 8. The price for each ticket is \$6 with 50 percent of the proceeds being donated to OPEN M. In order to take advantage, you must order tickets directly using the registration form located on our Web site or call us and we can fax or mail one to you.

**2.** Enjoy a meal at Zeppe's Pizzeria and Italian Bistro, 5843 Darrow Road in Hudson. On May 19 between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m., 20 percent of your meal proceeds will go to support the work of OPEN M. You must bring a flyer with you to the event. You can find one on our Web site or call us and we will fax or mail one to you.

**3.** Listen to Dottie and Doris on the radio. Dottie Achmoody and Doris Stewart will appear on the Gary Rivers/Amy Malone show on My107.1, WHOF on April 16 from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. They will have the opportunity to talk about the work of OPEN M and promote the May 2 Walk for Kids.

**Please support OPEN M by joining us for these events.**



## Hot Lunch Headlines

**Monday, April 20**  
Hudson UMC

**Tuesday, April 21**  
Stow UMC

**Wednesday, April 22**  
Church of Our Saviour

**Thursday, April 23**  
Twin Falls UMC

**Friday, April 24**  
Macedonia UMC

**Monday, April. 27**  
Greensburg UMC

**Tuesday, April. 28**  
Christ Church Episcopal

**Wednesday, April 29**  
1st Congregational, Hudson

**Thursday, April 30**  
1st UMC Falls

## Save the date for this year's OPEN M golf outing

**F**ORE! The annual golf outing on Monday, August 3, at Fox Den Golf Course in Stow. This year the outing is being held at the public course and is open to men and women who love the game of golf. The cost is just \$95 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, appetizers and a fantastic LUAU dinner catered by Kirbie's Meats & Catering. The play will be a scramble format with a shotgun start.

Bring a guest to the LUAU for just \$25. Call Doris Stewart, 330-434-0110, ext 404 to sign up your team, yourself or to find out more about sponsorship opportunities. Golf committee positions are also available. This is going to be a fun day that you will not want to miss, while helping us to raise money to support the Free Health Clinic at OPEN M. Check our Web site at [www.openm-ministry.org](http://www.openm-ministry.org) for updates.

## Susan Mailey named Volunteer of the Month for April

**S**usan Mailey is one of those volunteers who just seems to be everywhere at OPEN M. Over the past eight years, she has been a huge part of the OPEN M ministry. Susan started getting involved through her church, collecting hams for the Easter program. Since then, Susan has become the church representative for Christ Church Episcopal and has definitely made an impact on the programs of OPEN M.

On top of her duties as the church representative, Susan is involved in the Christmas Program, Thanksgiving, Hot Lunch, Play Day for the children on Presidents Day, and she participates yearly in the Walk for Kids and the Fall Fest. She is very willing to help out in any area that OPEN M needs assistance. For her efforts in 2007, OPEN M awarded her the Church Representative of the Year.

Susan has a wonderful family. She will be celebrating 20 years of marriage to her husband Ted this year. They have three children together, two girls and a boy. Susan is very involved in their lives and even helps in the guidance office at the high school and is her son's room mom. In her spare time she enjoys reading and attending exercise classes as well as being a part of the Social Justice Committee and Mom's Class at her church.

Susan looks at herself as a normal person, living a normal life that has been blessed with many opportunities. But anyone who knows Susan knows she is an extraordinary person, exceptionally kind and most generous. Thank you, Susan, for all you do at OPEN M and for the warmth and kind spirit you bring to each program in which you participate.



Can you picture a child enjoying fresh air, laughing, screaming, learning, and having fun? Picture them going on field trips like roller skating, the movie theatre, parks and more. Think about all that they can learn throughout the summer. Without your support and funding these at-risk youth in our area won't be able to participate in a program that offers all of this. So what can you do to help?

## SPONSOR A CHILD TODAY!



The 2009 Learning Just for the Fun of It and Spirit Enrichment Camps offer the following for 110 campers in our Community:



- 2 week "Learning Just for the Fun of It" for children ages 13 – 16 from June 15 to June 26, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. weekdays.
- 4 week Spirit Enrichment Camp for children ages 6-12 years from July 6, 2009- July 31, 2009, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. weekdays
- Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks each day
- Games, Sports, Crafts, Music, and Field trips
- End of Program Celebration for campers and their sponsors- This is a time for students to share with their sponsors all of the exciting things they have done throughout the summer. The event takes place July 31<sup>st</sup> from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and reservations to attend should be made by June 5<sup>th</sup> to Felicia Bronner, ext 410.



**YES! I would like to sponsor a child to enjoy the summer in a safe, educational, and fun environment for \$110.00 per child!**

**Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return this form with check to:**

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Saturday, Apr. 25, 6 p.m.**

Beacon of Hope Benefit Dinner  
and Dance, Martin Center

**Saturday, May 2, 8:30 a.m.**

Walk for Kids

**Tuesday, May 19, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Dining Opportunity at Zeppe's  
Pizzeria and Restorante

**Sunday, June 14, 6 p.m.**

Annual Volunteer Dinner

**Monday, Aug 3, 8:30 a.m.**

OPEN M Golf Outing,  
Fox Den Golf Course

## **Volunteer Dinner scheduled for Sunday, June 14**

**A**t OPEN M, we are privileged to work side by side with such incredible volunteers! Without their support, we would not be able to provide help for as many people as we do. We want to honor them by showing our appreciation and letting them know how proud we are that they are part of our ministry

Please join us on Sunday, June 14 for our 41st Annual Volunteer Dinner. The night will start at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and conclude at 8 p.m. Father Norm Douglas, co-founder of Heart to Heart Ministry and a past OPEN M Trustee, is our guest speaker for the evening. Chef David Goshen is preparing a delicious dinner which will be served by our Diamond Ladies.

Following dinner, we will have an awards ceremony paying tribute to our wonderful volunteers. It will be a great night full of food, fun, and fellowship to show how much all of our volunteers mean to us.

The cost is \$15 per person, and the deadline to get your tickets is June 1. We encourage everyone to purchase your tickets early. We look forward to seeing you there! To receive more information or to purchase your tickets contact Tiffany Stahl at 330-434-0110, Ext. 409.

*OPEN M is located in the Neighborhood Center, 941 Princeton Street in Akron, Ohio.*

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