



FACES WITHOUT PLACES GAZETTE

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AUGUST 2007

NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS ARE APPOINTED TO THE FACES WITHOUT PLACES BOARD OF TRUSTEES

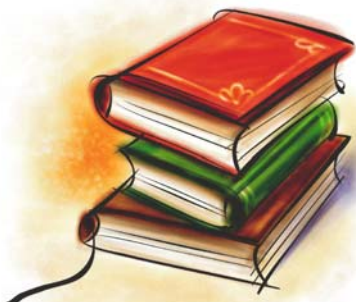
The August board meeting proved to be very exciting for the members. As it was the annual meeting, officers and four new board members were elected to the FACES without PLACES Board of Trustees. New board members include; Shannan Boyer, Wordsworth Communications; Annie Droege, Cincy After School; Donna Owens, US Tennis Association; and Mark Pottebaum, Central Business Group. The Board and Project Connect are fortunate to have these talented and committed members join us as we advocate, raise awareness and funds for the children of Greater Cincinnati.

The Executive Officer positions were filled for the next term. The officers are Kim Blank, President; Tracy Eads, Vice President; Bryan Foltz, Secretary; Rob Ford, Treasurer.

PROJECT CONNECT SUMMER CAMPERS READ FOR A CAUSE!

This summer, Project Connect campers read with a passion to help others by donating money to purchase farm animals. This program enables families to obtain a sustainable source of food and income. The results speak for themselves! Prior to the start of camp, numerous individuals, one corporation and parishioners of two local churches pledged monetary support of the reading program. The campers read a total of **283 books** and raised **\$3,053.25** for Heifer International. For additional information about the wonderful work Heifer International does, please visit their website at www.heifer.org.

As a result of the campers' reading and the community's support, the following animals will be given to needy families in the United States and around the globe: One Milk Menagerie (1 heifer, 2 goats and 1 water buffalo), two heifers, two llamas, one sheep, one goat, two pigs, two trios of rabbits, three hives of honey bees and two flocks of chicks.



Special thanks to Philip Morris, Turning Point Ministries, First Unitarian Church and everyone else who supported the program. What a perfect way for children who normally have neither a voice nor a choice to make their voices heard and give so generously to other children around the world!

Project Connect Summer 2007

For the tenth year, area children experiencing homelessness were granted a fun filled summer jam packed with daily adventures and surprises. During the eight weeks of camp there was not a day when campers left disappointed. Adventures included field trips to Kings Island, Coney Island, AMC Theatre, Paddle Fest, The Beach Water Park, The Freedom Center, Reds Baseball, and even a cruise down the Ohio River with BB Riverboats.

Who Made This Possible?

Thanks to the numerous supporters of Project Connect, the campers were well taken care. Volunteer groups and supporters of Project Connect began working even before camp began. Designing and assembling bulletin boards, providing meals and snacks, encouraging kids to read, and making provisions for families to receive back to school clothing are just a few ways that the following groups showed their support.

Hats Off to Our Supporters!

Many of these supporters were able to visit our camp this summer.

Crossroads Community Church, Duke Energy, Philip Morris, J.T.M., Jeff Thomas Catering, Sharon M. Draper, Borders Books, Debbie Reinhart & Friends, the Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency, Sandy Downing & Friends, Red Squirrel, Frisch's, St. John's Shelter, Prasco, West Cincinnati Presbyterian Church, Jake Berberich, and Cathy McIntire.

Is It All Worth It?

When a child says, "I wish I could go back to the Beach Water Park" or better yet, they tell you that it's been a long time since they were able to take a shower and really enjoyed the hot shower they took after swimming at the YMCA, it's clear that the answer is yes. It is well worth the time and effort, and it doesn't take much to make a child happy!

**2007 SUMMER SUPPORTERS...
WE COULD NOT DO WHAT WE DO
WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT.
THANKS SO MUCH!**

Avanti Group, Jake Berberich, Diana Brake, Bo Broadnax, Borders, Center for Independent Living Options, Central Clinic, Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency, Cincinnati Reds, City of Cincinnati, Civic Garden Center, Costco, Creative Chatter Chicks, Crossroads Community Church, Bob & Lynda Dann, Daughters of Isis, Duke Energy, EMPOWER Foundation, FACES without PLACES, First Book, Foster Grandparent Program, Frisch's, Glaceau/Vitamin Water, Happen, Inc., Jeff Thomas Catering, JTM, Kings Island, Krohn Conservatory, Landmark Church, Macy's "Partners in Time," Mercy Franciscan at St. John, Most Valuable Kids, National Junior Tennis League, Josephine Otta, Paddlefest, Payless, Philip Morris, Prasco, Procter & Gamble, Red Squirrel, Rachel Schafer, Stadtmiller Family, UBS Financial, United Dairy Farmers, Urban Health Project & Persuasive Speaking Students - University of Cincinnati, West Cincinnati Presbyterian Church, Social Work Students & Summer Service Internship-Xavier University, Mike & Dawn Yeager.

**KIDS MAKING
CHANGE 4 CHANGE!**

Our thanks to the following kids who found creative ways to help children experiencing homelessness this summer.

Zachary Francis, 7, who held a yard sale and purchased school supplies for PC with the proceeds!

Rachel Schafer, 11, who collected backpacks and school supplies instead of birthday gifts this year!

Bo Broadnax, 13, who donated 10 gift bags full of summer fun: Kings Island passes, gift certificates, swim trunks, flip flops, beach towels, and more, from his bar mitzvah!

Joe Mertens, 10, who found \$21 on the ground at Cedar Point and decided to give it to PC!

~Small acts of kindness that yield extraordinary results! Thanks to all of the kids making a difference.



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STARBUCKS AND USBORNE BOOKS

Starbucks Coffee and Usborne Books are partnering to help Project Connect and FACES without PLACES put books into the hands of children who are experiencing homelessness with five Family Fun Days at Cincinnati area Starbucks stores. Usborne Books will be available for purchase at all events, with sales benefiting Project Connect and FACES without PLACES.



Where:

<i>September 1</i>	<i>September 8</i>	<i>September 15</i>	<i>September 22</i>	<i>September 29</i>
Hyde Park Plaza	Maderia Crossing	Rookwood Pavilion	Mariemont	Mason-Montgomery
3786 Paxton Rd	7011 Miami Ave	2692 Madison Rd	6800 Wooster Pike	8467 Mason Montgomery Rd.
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BILL HUTCHINSON – THANKS FOR YOUR SERVICE

An Open Letter to Bill Hutchinson

Even though you have reached your term limit of 8 years as a FACES without PLACES trustee, I know that you will remain a champion for children experiencing homelessness. In fact, this is your greatest gift to us, and to our community.

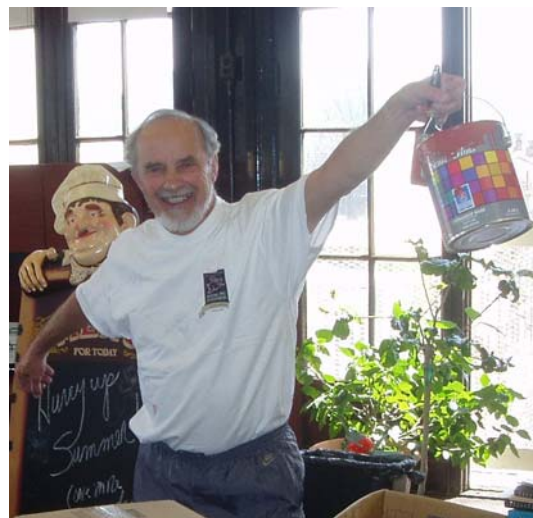
We can list the titles and the work you've done on behalf of FACES without PLACES and Project Connect: Treasurer, Executive Committee, Vista Volunteer, Community Shares, chairing numerous events and projects. . .

But truly it is your passion for these kids which we thank you for. It shows on your face and in your voice every time you talk about them. And the best part is that you never stop talking!

Any person who crosses your path learns about children experiencing homelessness in our community and the services we provide to them. You are the best ambassador I know and it's your passion that drew me to Project Connect so many years ago.

Thank you,

Trish Fries, the entire staff of Project Connect, and
FACES without PLACES Board of Trustees



10TH ANNUAL BENEFIT UPDATE - "IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE"



This year, FACES without PLACES (formerly Project Connect Homeless Children's Fund), will be celebrating its **10th Annual Children's Benefit**. Join us on Friday, November 9, from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. for the **"IT'S A JUNGLE OUT THERE"** fundraiser at the Paul Brown Stadium's East Club. Benefiting FACES without PLACES, and helping homeless children pursue educational opportunities they might otherwise miss, this is our biggest fundraising event of the year. The evening will offer a lot of fun and excitement including heavy Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks, Live Music, Dancing, Raffles and a Silent/Live Auction. Tickets are \$80 per person or \$1,500 to reserve a table for 10. Sponsorship opportunities are available and welcome. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, or would like to get involved, opportunities are still available. Please contact Benefit Co-Chair Bryan Foltz at (513) 708-5241, or email him at bryan.foltz@kroger.com.

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for FACES without PLACES
effective August 20, 2007.
The staff has moved to:
Douglass Elementary
2627 Park Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45206
513.363.3300

FWP FUNDRAISING 101!

Debbie Reinhart, PC Board

One of the most important things about being a FwP board member is to have some FUN while raising money and awareness to support our children and youth experiencing homelessness. So to add a little spice and some friendly competition, all board members have been divided into teams of three. Each team has been challenged to raise \$1500. Oh my, how the creativity has been flowing. A few teams have arranged Happy Hours around town, requested friends and family to make donations to FwP for their birthdays and others have contacted local restaurants to donate a percentage of sales for eating at their establishments on specified dates! Please join us in our efforts—whenever you see an opportunity that appeals to you please join in our fun! Events are posted on our web page, in our quarterly newsletter, as well as in monthly emails. Together we can all make a huge impact by removing barriers to education for this often disenfranchised group of children and youth.



**SCHOOL
PROGRAM
NEEDS**

- 1 Subject Spiral Notebooks
- 1 Inch Three Ring Binders
- 2 Pocket Folders
- Highlighters
- Scissors
- Calculators
- Crayons
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Erasers

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