

ON THE SUNNYSIDE

Sunnyside Ministry of the Moravian Church
Fall 2006

The Very End of a Miracle



By Roma Combs
Director

You can live a life of gentle kindness toward everyone you encounter and great things can be accomplished. If you do those same things in the name and to the glory of the Lord then miracles happen in your life and in the lives of those you serve. Sometimes you may not be aware of the miracle you are a part of.

The volunteers and staff at Sunnyside are in a unique position. They happen to see the miracle you are involved in. You never see the smile and excitement of a five year old boy who sees his favorite cookies, donated by you to Sunnyside, in the food order for his family.

You never see the tears of a young mother whose infant daughter will be warm tonight because you gave money to Duke Energy Share the Warmth and they gave a part of it to Sunnyside.

You never see the joy on the face of the elderly woman whose house has just been winterized and now her heating bill will be low enough that she can afford to pay for her medications, even in winter.

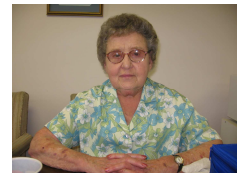
Those of you who support Sunnyside in any way are part of the Sunnyside miracle that happens over and over again. The volunteers and staff thank you for allowing us to be a part of the very end of your miracle.

May Our Actions Bless This Earth
With A Just Peace

Volunteer Spotlight

Sunnyside has many volunteers who do so much for the ministry and help us to bless the lives of everyone who walks through our doors. Our receptionists greet all of our clients with a positive and warm welcome. Our interviewers listen to clients, try to help them understand their situation and even pray with them. The volunteers we have in the clothing closet and the food pantry assist clients who need food or clothes and keep our storage areas organized. They also help bring in our donations. We couldn't do any of the work at Sunnyside without the help of our volunteers.

Recently we have had new volunteers join the ministry at Sunnyside. We have volunteers in high school and volunteers in their eighties. There is a place for everyone here at Sunnyside.



Carol Hunter,
Clothing Closet



Melvin Robinson,
Interviewer

*If you are interested, please call Jennifer Clark,
Volunteer Coordinator at 724-7558*

Program Review

The fall continues to be a very busy time for Sunnyside Ministry. Monday through Thursday we interview clients with crisis situations and determine how best to serve them. This year we have averaged 347 clients each month:

- Each interview takes approximately fifteen minutes to one hour.
- Each month an average of 323 people received food (includes clients and their families.) A food order lasts a family approximately four days.
- Each month an average of 130 clients were given clothing (includes clients and their families.)

The Sunnyside Free Medical Clinic is another important program that has been very successful so far this year. The first and third Thursday of the month Sunnyside

offers a free clinic that is open to pediatric patients. The first nine months of the year:

- 161 patients were seen by the doctors
- 306 services were provided

The Sunnyside Scholarship Program has had another successful year with the selection of new Sunnyside scholars. We chose four new scholars for the upcoming school year and one student received a one-time award. The four new Sunnyside scholars are Dubelsa Campos of Glen High School, Katie Proctor of Ledford High School, Megan Lane and Stephanie Richey of North Davidson High School. We also had two scholarship interns this summer at Sunnyside: Bracken Liner and Sarah Blankenship. The scholarship program has established a new enrichment trip for our scholars. The first trip will be to London.

Donations Needed

Food Pantry

We accept all non-perishable food items.

- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Cans of Meat
- Spaghetti/Macaroni and Cheese
- Paper Grocery Bags
- Toilet Paper

Clothes Closet

We stock one of the best closets in the county.

- Size 4 and Size 5 diapers
- School-age children's clothing
- Women's/Men's work clothes, underwear and socks

Upcoming Events

- October-April: Share the Warmth Season
- November 16, December 7: Sunnyside Medical Clinic
- November 23-24: Sunnyside closed due to Thanksgiving Holiday
- December 15: Volunteer Christmas Party
- December 25-26: Sunnyside closed due to Christmas Holiday
- December 27-January 2: Scholarship Enrichment Trip
- January 1: Sunnyside closed for New Year's



Sunnyside Volunteer Christmas Party, 2005

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Isaiah 58:7

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SUNNYSIDE WISH LIST

- * *new small space heaters for Sunnyside clients*
- * *new phone system for the Sunnyside office*
- * *new desk for Administrative Coordinator*
- * *newer computers for data entry and reception*

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