

# Unity Mission News

February 2018

## Hesed House Meals – Lincoln Homeless Shelter

Unity provides meals for the Hesed House the first Tuesday of each month. Hesed House has ongoing needs for consumables, as well as lunch ingredients. If you would like to participate in preparing or delivering meals on an “as available basis” the first Tuesday OR wish to provide other help, please contact Vic Leith at [vlleith@twc.com](mailto:vlleith@twc.com). Time commitment is 4 hours maximum, 4 times a year, and volunteering a few times doesn't obligate you to help every time. **Another 6 to 8 volunteers are welcome!**

Many thanks to all who helped brighten the holidays by providing Angel Tree gifts for Hesed House clients. Unity provided almost 100 gifts in December. A special thanks to the Unity Presbyterian Women's group for providing a much needed toaster oven to Hesed.

## Building Bridges to Better Race Relations

The Compassion, Peace, and Justice Committee will meet in the fellowship hall on March 11, with 15 invited African-American community leaders in East Lincoln County. The purpose of the meeting is to listen to their stories and ask questions. What have they loved about life here? What do they dislike? What perceived injustices have they experienced? What aspirations do they currently have for themselves, their families, and the community? Hopefully, this meeting will result not only in knowing each other better, but in continuing dialogue over time, improving communication, and building trust and friendships. If providentially led, the two groups may identify a need in Denver that can best be met by working together.



## Mission Trip to Haiti

Experience Haiti on a mission trip May 27 - June 3 with Community Coalition for Haiti (CCH). Unity member and CCH staffer, Kate Conrad, will lead a team interested in learning more about Haiti and CCH. This trip is open to anyone. Team members will help Haitian doctors and nurses run school-based health clinics for students at two of CCH's partner schools. There is a special need for doctors, nurses, and healthcare professionals to staff these student clinics. Non-medical volunteers are also needed to help with clinics, vacation Bible school, and small (low-tech) construction projects. If you have other skills (education, agriculture, leadership training, etc.), new projects may be arranged during this week based these skills.

More details are available at [cchaiti.org/2018-trip](http://cchaiti.org/2018-trip). Please prayerfully consider joining Kate and help her spread the word.

## Habitat For Humanity in Lincoln County

Habitat for Humanity is currently building three houses in Lincoln County. Anyone interested in participating in this caring and important work can register at the Lincoln County Habitat website, where all volunteer opportunities are posted on the calendar page. The website is [habitatlnc.org](http://habitatlnc.org). You can also contact Vic Leith at [vlleith@twc.com](mailto:vlleith@twc.com) for more information.

## Lakewood Care Center Need

In 2015, we became aware that Lakewood residents did not have television service in their rooms and there was no working television in the common area. So, the Lakewood TV Project began. Funds were raised to purchase and install 12 flat-screen televisions in dual-occupancy rooms and the cost of DirecTV service for a year. The program was so successful it has continued. The current DirecTV contract ends March 19, 2018, and more than half of the \$150 cost per room has been raised. Unity Mission funds and Presbyterian Women of Unity have each volunteered to sponsor service for a room. If you are interested in sponsoring or learning more about this program, contact Gail Satterthwaite at 704-858-1116 or [gsatt@att.net](mailto:gsatt@att.net).

## Joy at Lakewood —Thank You

The residents at Lakewood Care Center were delighted by the Christmas party and card activity provided by Unity. We provided refreshments, crafts and cards for everyone — they loved having cards to give to each other. Also, each resident received four cards with a dollar in each from Unity friends. One resident commented “it was the best Christmas party she had attended.” Thank you for your response to this project.

In February, our youth treated residents to a Valentine's lunch and bingo. Also, our regular Lakewood Bingo will be Wednesday, February 21 at 2 p.m. Volunteers to help residents find numbers on cards are appreciated. See Denita Sample if you would like to help.

## Children at Risk

The Birdie Program coordinates with Lincoln County Social Services to identify and fill the needs of homeless children or those living in extreme poverty in our county. This month, the Mission Team supplied 100 tubes of toothpaste for Social Services to help these children with personal care needs. The Birdie Program got its name due to the hesitancy of the homeless to come forward. Most often, needs are identified in confidential ways, such as in “a little birdie told me.” The program includes supplying school clothes closets, personal care items, mentoring and much more. Contact Gail Satterthwaite at 704-858-1116 or [gsatt@att.net](mailto:gsatt@att.net) to find out more.