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**Doing and Being**

By Beth Lindsay Templeton

Many of you who read this newsletter are actively involved in the community. You volunteer at your children's schools, you teach at your church, you visit a lonely neighbor, you serve through your civic organization, your college, or a nonprofit. You work with integrity at your job. Some of you do all of the above and more. We know that without people like you, we could not do what we do at United Ministries. And certainly without the wonderful volunteers who help with the Poverty Simulation we could not "open people's eyes!" I love the doing that all of us are engaged with for the good of others.

However, after taking a week off just to be at home, act like a tourist in Greenville, and rock on my screened porch, I realized that sometimes we get so involved with *doing* that we forget the *being* part. As we move into the summer months, I encourage each of us to contemplate the many ways we can refresh our being. Without healthy being, we are lousy do-ers. Find ways to claim time just for yourself. As important as all those other people are in your life, as important as the work is that you devote your days to, as important as your accomplishing things is... your sense of wholeness, deep peace, and inner stability is what gives you the strength for your doing.

O God, help us be human beings and not just human do-ers! Amen.

**Spring Honor Cards**

**Honor a Loved One, Graduate or Newlyweds While Giving Back to Your Community**



"Sky to River"  
by Mauldin High Senior,  
Matthew Steven



"Vaca"  
by Mauldin High Junior,  
Brandy Cessarich



"South Carolina"  
by Mauldin High Junior,  
Carina Blohm-Sievers



"Refreshed"  
by Mauldin High Senior,  
Christine Sharp

We are honored to present our 2009 Spring Honor Cards, courtesy of art students at Mauldin High School. The students, under the direction of teacher Christy Plecha, submitted their interpretations of spring, and the United Ministries staff, board members and supporters chose their favorites.

Please show your support of these budding artists by purchasing Honor Cards. You'll also show a loved one they mean the world to you when you help mankind in their name.

Honor cards are available for a minimum donation of \$5 each. The variety pack, which includes all four designs, is on sale for \$15. All proceeds benefit the programs of United Ministries.

Place your order today: mail or fax the [order form](#) or contact Lisa Maronie at [lmaronie@united-ministries.org](mailto:lmaronie@united-ministries.org) or 864.335.2613.

### Greetings from Another World

By Meta Armstrong

WOW! Y'all are so generous! Thanks to you, Place of Hope has lots of foot powder and nail clippers in response to my Maundy Thursday newsletter article. Being careful stewards, we keep the clippers in Tyrone's desk and watch carefully as they are used. Things like clippers do develop "feet."

There are a lot more folks at Place of Hope - lots of new faces and more families who are homeless. It's now "standing room only." I saw several mothers who had come over from United Ministries with baby food and formula. It made me smile.

I was talking to someone who works downtown. As a compassionate Christian, she said that she does give money to panhandlers and wanderers. I asked her NOT to do that but instead give to Place of Hope or Meals on Wheels. Cash often goes to drugs and alcohol rather than food. We had a parishioner who carried McDonald's gift certificates and gave them to panhandlers. I reluctantly accept that, but the best approach is to give to us, Place of Hope, so we can actually help them get off the street.

Thank you again for the foot powder. We can still use it, spray deodorant and Q-tips into the summer.

Meta Armstrong,  
Tuesday volunteer

### Gifts in Memory

Martie Armstrong  
Jean G. & Jeanne Howard

### Grounds for Delight Indeed

By Lisa Maronie

**Mary Frances Bruce**  
Robert & Joan Ashworth  
Dale & Marilyn Farrington  
Buddy & Judy Player  
J.B. Watts Co., Inc.

**W. Jackson Burnett**  
John & Mary Lane Pellett

**Katherine Byrholdt**  
Francine Higgins

**Vickie Byers**  
Nancy Hardesty

**Brian Cato**  
Kenneth & Betty Moore

**A. Heide Davis, III**  
Mrs. Thomas H. Coker

**Robert E. DeLapp, Jr.**  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Elliott Batson  
Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Stripling, Jr.  
Kathryn Timmons  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Whitmer, Jr.

**Shirley DuPree**  
Elizabeth Rigby

**Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ehling**  
Douglas Chamberlain  
Jeffrey Chamberlain

**Patsy "Pat" Everett**  
Mrs. Tommy Everett

**Rev. Charles O. Ferguson**  
Christine Ferguson  
Henry & Catherine Horne

**Jane Carson France**  
Perry Gwinn  
Mrs. Glenn Henderson  
Tom & Margaret Sowden  
Mr. & Mrs. Carl Whitmer, Jr.

**Sarah Cannon Garrison**  
Frank Halter

**Mary M. Graham**  
Arthur R. Graham

**Williams Cochrane Jones**  
Tom & Margaret Sowden  
Dr. Carol Stilwell

**Mary King**  
Janet Greene

**Thomas W. Leavitt, Sr.**  
Suzanne Webster

**William B. Lindsay**  
Sara M. Lindsay

**Robert Marion**  
Lamar G. & Elizabeth Reeves



May 2 couldn't have been a better day for [Hands on Greenville](#) Day. The morning began with a brief drizzle, but the skies soon turned friendly, providing the occasional breeze and overcast relief.

Volunteers from Ford Motor Credit proved to be a hard-working herd. They embodied teamwork and creativity as they set about clearing beds, planting gardens and laying stones. Thanks to their efforts, guests at United Ministries (who sometimes come under undesirable circumstances) will now be greeted by beauty and delight when they set foot on our grounds.

A special thanks to Grower's Outlet for furnishing discounted plants, Campbell Tile Co. for supplying natural paving stones, Landscaper's Supply for the soil and compost deal, Dixie Rubber for donating a 100' garden hose, Raspberry Moon and Louise Peabody for contributing to the plant purchase, Joseph & Frieda Brown for a providing a cement bench, and Bonnie Berry Design Group for their guidance.

### Operation Inasmuch

We are very grateful to several organizations that worked tirelessly on May 2 to improve the agency's image.

A heartfelt thank you to:

- Trinity Lutheran Church members who painted rooms at the Place of Hope, and detail-cleaned United Ministries' vehicles.
- St. Michael Lutheran Church members who cleaned out the basement and removed an old storage building and fence.
- First Baptist Church, Greenville worshippers who painted rooms at the Learning Center.

"...Truly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me."

- Matthew 25:40

**Diane Martin**  
Samuel & Ilene Knowlton  
Nina Revis  
Mr. & Mrs. Harlan Wilson, Jr.

**Virginia B. Martin**  
Dr. Carol Stilwell

**Virginia Mae Martin**  
Frank Halter  
Mrs. Glenn Henderson

**Robert McAnulty**  
Mary R. McAnulty

**Deborah McDonald**  
Lamar G. & Elizabeth Reeves

**Hazel Miller**  
Lamar G. & Elizabeth Reeves

**J.W. Moon**  
Barbara Chamberlain

**Albert Musco**  
Shirley Twiss

**Carolyn Orders**  
Mrs. Glenn Henderson

**Virginia "Ginger" C. Penick**  
Carolyn Penick & Phil Kearney  
Elizabeth Penick  
Michael & Elena Penick  
Dan & Dianne Williamson

**Ted Revis**  
Nina Revis

**Alma W. Shirley**  
Mr. & Mrs. Lee Groome  
Mr. & Mrs. David Hagins

**Libba Stone**  
Frank Halter

**Percy Terry, Jr.**  
Robert & Mildred Vail

**William H. "Billy" Wallace, Jr.**  
Appy & Frances Apperson  
Mr. & Mrs. H. Elliott Batson  
Bennett Baxley  
Maxcy & Sylvia Boineau  
Hal & Pat Brown  
Mamie Bruce  
Charles & Barbara Carter  
Roy & Mary Chatman  
Kay Cheves  
Christ Church Middle School  
Marilyn Clarke  
Joe & Sally Coble  
Mrs. Thomas H. Coker  
Sara Anne Collins  
Marcus & Christine Cunningham  
J. Donald Dobbins, III  
Bill Dolan, Jr.  
Mr. & Mrs. O. Perry Earle, III



Matt Robinson (l), LUTCF, secured a \$1,500 grant from the MDRT Foundation on behalf of United Ministries and presents the check to Rick Erwin (r), Board President, at the April Board meeting.

### Pet Projects

- The Learning Center needs **upward-shining floor lamps, pocket folders, reading glasses and notebook paper.**
- Place of Hope needs **gently used bath towels, bottled water or reusable sports water bottles, razors, socks, men's/women's underwear, foot powder, Q-tips, Vaseline and spray deodorant.**
- Our Admin Building needs a **functioning vacuum cleaner and shampoo carpet cleaner.**

### Orientation Upcoming Dates

**Wednesday, May 20, 9:30-11:30 am**  
**Thursday, June 4, 9:30-11:30 am**  
**Thursday, June 18 9:30-11:30 am**

Orientation provides a thorough overview of United Ministries programs: why they are structured as they are, how they operate, and what someone can do to get involved.

Call 864.271.2965 for more info.

### For Your Information

CANstruction, a design/build competition of canned goods held in cities throughout North America, has been postponed locally until September.

That means your business, church or organization has more time to get in on the fun. When you participate, you'll be partnered with an architect or engineer mentor to build giant structures made entirely from cans of food.

At the close of the exhibition, all the canned food used in the structures will be donated to

Mrs. Judd Farr  
 Edward & Virginia Fenton  
 First Citizens Bank & Trust, GA Division  
 Tom & Karen France  
 Greenville Country Club  
 Perry Gwinn  
 Cornell & Jimsie Hart  
 Knox & Priscilla Haynsworth  
 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Hipp  
 Christopher & Angela Holland  
 Bob & Page (Scovil) Hoyle  
 Anne Huffman  
 Mr. & Mrs. Rolfe E. Hughes, III  
 Mr. & Mrs. Gaines Huguley, Jr.  
 Sonny & Motsy Johnson  
 Lee C. Julian, Jr.  
 John & Betty Kulze  
 William & Henrietta Lowndes  
 Dr. Walter & Mrs. Charlotte McFall  
 Mr. & Mrs. S. J. McKinney  
 Alex McPherson  
 Douglas & Joy Page  
 Mr. & Mrs. Edmund Potter  
 Kay Quinn  
 Albert & Jennie Ritchie  
 Jack & Kitty Robinson  
 Steve & Elena Rush  
 Donald & Marian Sellers  
 Tom & Margaret Sowden  
 Bill & Martha Stephenson  
 Mary P. Sterling  
 Mr. & Mrs. Robert J. Stripling, Jr.  
 William & Eugenia Thomason  
 Kathryn Timmons  
 Tuesday Study Club  
 James & Ann Watson  
 Mr. & Mrs. Carl Whitmer, Jr.  
 Morris & Ann Williams  
 Bob & Mary Ellen Yeargin

**Virginia C. White**  
 Lamar G. & Elizabeth Reeves



Dine at **Brew & Ewe** on Sundays

and a portion of your food and beverage bill will be donated to us.

United Ministries staffers think they've got the best fruit smoothies, lemonade & chicken salad in town.

United Ministries' food pantry.

To participate, please contact John Long at 864.503.5241. [CANstruction](#)

### Gifts in Honor

#### **Birthday**

**Wilma Haynes**  
 Rachel H. Christy

#### **Lu Brown**

Gaines & Austin Hughuley

#### **Feinstein Challenge**

United Ministries' Learning Center Staff  
 Robert & Mary Dillon

#### **Graduation**

*from Furman University*

**Jessica Brown**  
 Barry & Elaine Nocks

#### **Her Birth**

Sophie L. Taylor  
 David & Maria Taylor

#### **In Appreciation**

*of babysitting grandkids for a week*

Ken & Sandie Rawls  
 Dave & Karen Hunnicutt

#### **Just Because**

**Russell & Mable Butler**  
 Kevin & Leah Mitchell

#### **Vicki Byers**

Nancy Hardesty

#### **Dorcas Lindsay**

Mildred Dowis

#### **Chris Marchbanks**

Kevin & Leah Mitchell

#### **Craig & Carol Raughley**

Ken Christy

#### **Wonderful & Amazing Mothers, Grandmothers & Friends**

Jeannie Bouton  
 Merrie Bouton  
 Toni Bouton  
 Nancy Carpenter  
 Tudda Carpenter  
 Carolyn Freeland  
 Jackie Hatch  
 Wylie Holder  
 Daphne Moore  
 Peggy Morgan  
 Frances Roe  
 Susan Shelley  
 Ginger Stuart  
 Dot Walker  
 Nancy Williams  
 Angie Willis  
 Becky Bouton

## Walk for the Homeless Sponsor Form

Thank you for sponsoring the 20th annual Walk for the Homeless, Oct 18, 2009! Please fill in the information below:

Sponsorship name as it should appear in print: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address (to mail receipt): \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Level: Method of Payment:

- Pathfinder \$10,000  Check: Mail check with form to United Ministries, 606 Pendleton St, Greenville, SC 29601.
- Pioneer \$5,000  Please invoice me: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hiker \$2,500  Credit Card: VisaMasterCard
- Scout \$1,000  Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Footprints \$500  Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor a Walker:

- \$250 Sponsor 3 walkers. List the group/walkers' names, if known: \_\_\_\_\_
- Sponsor \_\_\_\_ walkers for \$100 each. List the group/walkers' names, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

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