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Will Work for Guidance

By Beth Lindsay Templeton

Where can you find people who are willing to work and do amazing things for little or no money? Why, at United Ministries, of course. We are blessed to have interns with us each year. Learning Center and Place of Hope enjoy the services of work-study interns through Greenville Tech. This spring Catherine Hipp interned at Our Eyes Were Opened for two and a half months before leaving for Cameroon, Africa, with the Peace Corps.

This summer we have five interns. Two are paid by Furman to be here full time. Sarah Ferguson and David Wantland will spend at least fifty percent of their time with program participants. Additionally they will facilitate the Listening Project that Catherine helped get off the ground. Brianna Mawby and Janet Newton will work part-time. Brianna is sponsored by Aldersgate UMC and Janet by Fourth Presbyterian. Kelly Warren will intern part-time for the experience.

All the interns will rotate through the programs, choose specific areas of interest, develop a project of their choosing, and work in Our Eyes Were Opened events and projects as needed. Additionally they will fill in wherever and whenever needed.

Previous interns have reported that the summer experience at United Ministries helped them clarify the next steps for their life journey. Some decided they wanted to work in nonprofits. Others decided that they felt compelled into other areas of work. They acknowledged they would always think about poverty and people who struggle with poverty in more compassionate and sympathetic ways than they would have without the experience.

Those of us who are privileged to work with the interns enjoy their energy, delight in their enthusiasm, struggle with some of their

questions, and cheer the insights they glean and the growth we witness. If you'd like to learn more, call Beth at 271-2965 or e-mail at btempleton@united-ministries.org.

NOTE: Look on the back cover of the June issue of Sojourners Magazine for the advertisement for Loving Our Neighbor: A Thoughtful Approach to Helping People in Need and the EcuFilm DVD *Servant or Sucker?* See [excerpt](#) of *Servant or Sucker*.

Meet Bob Dillon - Learning Center Volunteer Extraordinaire!

By Amanda Warren



Bob tutoring a GED student.


Bob joined the Employment Readiness team last fall as a workshop volunteer. He runs the intake workshop for new program participants every Tuesday, which frees up more time for the Employment Readiness counselors to spend one-on-one with participants. As a former small business owner, Bob's experience and skills help him provide new participants with quality advice concerning how to best fill out job applications and answer interview questions. However, not everything Bob does for Employment Readiness is "old hat" for him. He now has experience with drug testing potential participants and dealing with the various reactions and stories that often come along with that job, which definitely was not a part of his past business ventures!

After a few months, Bob decided to expand his volunteering to the top floor of the Learning Center. Now, following workshop every Tuesday, Bob spends several more hours tutoring in the GED Program. Different from the group volunteer experience in Employment Readiness, tutoring involves more one-on-one time. Bob circulates among a room of students, building rapport and relationships, which enable him to prepare students for the GED Exam. His efforts also allow staff to spend time working with students on the issues they may have outside of the classroom, which is critical to the program's success.


Huge thanks to Bob and to his commitment to United Ministries!



Bob conducting an Employment Readiness workshop.

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20th Annual **Walk for the Homeless**
Registration opens August 1

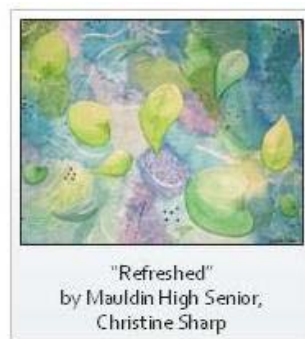
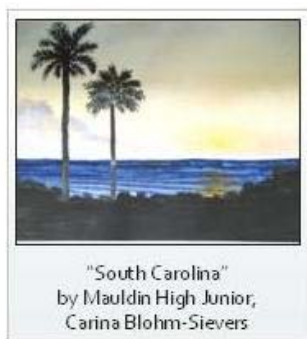
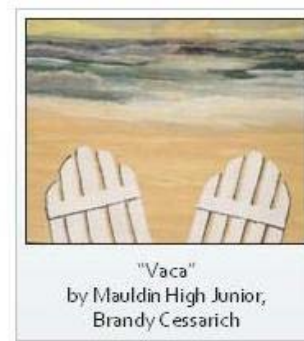
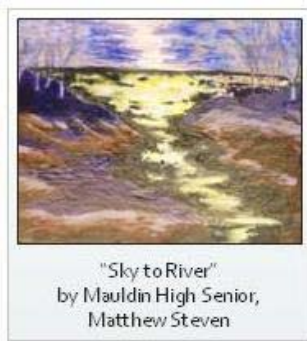


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Sunday, October 18, 2009
2pm Fluor Field,
Greenville Drive Stadium

Spring Honor Cards

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



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 or 864.335.2613.

Gifts in Memory

David Jerome Kitterman
Sanctuary Choir of Covenant United Methodist Church

Laura "Lopsy" G. Parker
Dewey & Louise Oxner

Robert W. Sutherland
Michael & Pam Sutherland

Maggie Thackston
Ann G. Bozeman

William H. "Billy" Wallace, Jr.
Dewey & Louise Oxner
Mr. & Mrs. James M. Shoemaker, Jr.

Donna Ware
Evelyn Runge

Dr. Thoams Whitaker
Evelyn Runge

Gifts in Honor

Birthday
Eunice Looper
Justin & Jennifer Simpson

Father's Day
James F. Moore
Michael & Pam Sutherland

The Newlyweds
Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nicholson
Heidi Hamilton



Dine at [Brew & Ewe](#) on Sundays and a portion of your food and beverage bill will be donated to us.

Make Way for God's Message: Donate Bibles

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Psalm 119:105

Does your church have Bibles that you would like to share with those seeking assistance from United Ministries? To make a donation of Bibles, please call Rebecca at 864.335.2612.

Pet Projects

- Emergency Assistance needs **peanut butter, non-perishable food & canned meats.**
- The Learning Center needs **upward-shining floor lamps & Wednesday morning GED study partner volunteers.**
- Place of Hope needs **full & travel size soap, 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

Thursday, June 18 9:30-11:30 am
Wednesday, July 8, 9:30-11:30
Wednesday, July 29, 9:30-11:30

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.

CANstruction Reminder

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

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](#)

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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