A quarterly report celebrating the many ways our donors are making a difference in the lives of children, teenagers and senior adults.

A Word from CEO Keith Horton...

Over 1000 children and senior adults live on the Christian City campus, so we have obviously felt the strain of the Coronavirus pandemic. We have taken extreme measures and are following best practices to protect the safety of all our precious residents.

I am pleased to report a hopeful spirit still permeates throughout the campus. Even though many activities have been put on hold, our professional and volunteer chaplains are active. Volunteers and staff are calling and checking on residents, and the campus recreation director is providing activities, such as Facebook Live exercise classes, as our residents practice social distancing. We have arranged for additional cleaning services for the facilities as well as grocery delivery.

2 Timothy 1:7 - For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love and sound mind.

Children’s Village house-parents have risen to the challenge of distance learning, with grades ranging from preschool to high school. Midwest Food Bank has been helpful to ensure two weeks of food for all our cottages.

One concern we do anticipate is in the area of fundraising, as two major events had to be canceled, but we walk by faith and not by sight. We live by this promise in 2 Timothy 1:7, For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love and sound mind.

Big Fun at Not-So-Newlywed Game

Do you know your spouse’s dream vacation location? Neither did some of our contestants! A large crowd laughed along with the brave couples who made this annual “show” so much fun. Please take a few minutes to see the photo gallery at christiancity.org/2020-not-so-newlywed-game/ and get a sense of why Christian City is such a special place.

MLK Honored Through Joyful Serving

A lively group from Unity Christian Church-Fayetteville made a huge impact at Christian City for the Martin Luther King Day of Service. “It’s a blessing to be a blessing,” said the volunteers as they sorted donations at Graceland Thrift Store and stored Christmas decorations around the campus. See more photos online at christiancity.org/photo-galleries.

Black History Month

Residents and staff joined together each Monday in February to celebrate the history and contributions of African Americans with programs, music and activities. In addition to the musical kick off celebration, events included a showing of the movie “Harriet,” a performance showcase, and biographical portrayals of black history icons. To see the full photo gallery, go to christiancity.org/photo-galleries.
Six Siblings Adopted

Living in three separate foster homes, these brothers and sisters longed to be together. Peter and Jennifer Barnett, parents of four biological children, felt led by the Lord to receive all six kids permanently into their home. Jennifer, who works in the finance department of Christian City, remarked, “Working with Crossroads made the process much simpler. They were incredible.”

Virtual Gala a Success

For the last two years, Drive and Dine has been Christian City’s signature fundraising event. Even though it could not be held on location at the Porsche Experience Center, a great time was still enjoyed by all those who participated in the Online Auction. $22,390 was raised for the Children’s and Family Programs. Combined with sponsorships, our grand total raised was $220,310! Thank you to everyone who contributed to this important fundraising activity. Learn more here.

We Love Our Volunteers!

However, due to the pandemic, volunteers are unable to serve at Christian City at this time. Instead, you are welcome to send notes of encouragement for our senior residents and Children & Family Program residents. You may email a note to jknighton@christiancity.org. Thank you!

Race for Safe Place

Christian City’s newly formed Teen Board worked diligently to organize a 5K run to benefit the Safe Place Homeless and Runaway Youth program, which rescues youth from the streets. Despite the event being canceled, $9,316.50 was still raised! Visit christiancity.org/get-involved/teenboard/ to see our wonderful race sponsors and learn more about Teen Board.

Homecoming Postponed

Due to safety guidelines to slow the spread of the Coronavirus, the reunion for everyone who has lived or served at The Children’s Village, originally set for May 2, has been canceled and will be rescheduled.

CHRISTIAN CITY: CELEBRATING 55 YEARS OF MINISTRY

In the field of children and the aged, some of our people have a wonderful dream. They dream of a city for both, supported by this congregation and other Christians. Already they have found a location and available land for such a project. They dream, let them infect us all with this vision. It will take work, hard work, to make such a dream a reality. These goals are ambitious, but no more so than many we have met against great odds in the past. God be with them.

~Excerpt from Southwest Christian Church Newsletter in 1962

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