





Touching Lives with Hope and Healing



Isaiah Darris (Guest Speaker) & Tom Schweizer (Emcee & ECM Advisory Council Member)

"Touching Lives with Hope and Healing." was the theme at Episcopal City Mission's (ECM) 13th Annual Moment in Time Gala on October 13th. Held at a new venue, Greenbriar Hills Country Club in Kirkwood, the evening centered on how the ECM chaplains touch the lives of the children they serve in the Juvenile Justice System.

The highlight of the evening was our guest speaker, Isaiah Darris, an 18-year-old young man who told his story of how he came to be in the Juvenile Justice System. He shared what the chaplains meant to him in detention and at Lakeside and how they helped him through some difficult times while still showing him God's love.

Isaiah is now on his own in the world – working full-time, planning to attend college in 2017, and aspiring to be a prosecuting attorney in the future. In addition, he has been a minister since his pre-teen years. ECM is very grateful to Isaiah for sharing his story and we wish him nothing but the best in the future. After the event, Isaiah sent the following note:

"It was an honor to be able to speak last night. Totally different than what I thought it would be. Great hospitality and I was shown much love."

Thank You to the gala attendees and everyone who worked so hard to make Moment in Time 2016 very successful! The event raised a net profit of over \$65,000 for the children! We hope to see you at next year's gala!



Attendees at the gala were provided at each table with quotes from the children when they were asked "What does time with the chaplain mean to you?" (See a few of these quotes on pages 2 & 3.)



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THANK YOU Lakeside Residential Treatment Center

St. Louis County Government has announced that Lakeside Residential Treatment Center will close at the end of this year.

Lakeside opened as Lakeside Center for Boys in 1962 with the goal of providing an open residential treatment center for youth referred by the St. Louis County Family Court that would allow them to remain close to their home communities and maintain regular contact with their parents during treatment. Over the years Lakeside expanded to include treatment services for girls, a community-based transitional living group home, emergency shelter care, and specialized treatment units for substance abuse and sex offenders. Over its 54 years of operation, Lakeside helped hundreds of youth learn to make responsible decisions, lead productive lives, and avoid progression into the adult criminal system.

ECM has provided chaplaincy services to Lakeside since 1989, providing hope, healing and a ministry of presence to these young people. ECM thanks and commends the Lakeside staff for their many years of service to the youth placed in their care. They will be missed.

> Bill Wolff ECM Board Chair Former Director of Lakeside

ECM PURSUING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

As the saying goes, when one door closes another door opens!

We are sad at the closing of Lakeside Residential Treatment Center. However, this situation allows us to pursue other sites where children in the Juvenile Justice System are being detained.

ECM has served youth periodically at multiple Missouri Division of Youth Services (DYS) facilities, such as Missouri Hills and Hogan Street. It is our goal to return to serving more youth within DYS facilities. Currently, Chaplain Dietra is spending time once a week with one group of young men at Missouri Hills. In addition, we are investigating other detention centers in the surrounding counties.

Please continue to pray for the youth that we currently serve and those that we hope to serve in the near future.

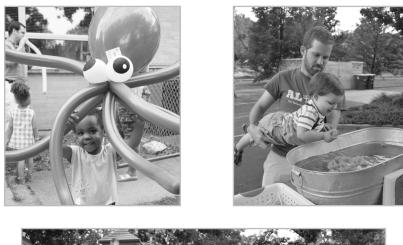
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SUMMER CELEBRATION 2016





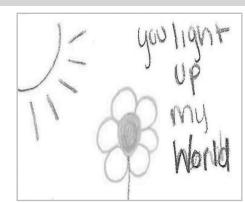
Summer Celebration was a true friend-raiser! Between the balloon artist, the petting zoo, carnival booths, silent auction and another wonderful meal, a great time was had by all!! Many thanks to Grace Episcopal Church for hosting, and the youth of St. Peter's, St. Timothy's, and Holy Communion, along with the Deaconess Anne House Interns for creating carnival booths and working in the kitchen!

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR 2017 DATE AND INFO!

APLAIN MEAN TO THE CHILDREN?



to me it means me getting time to know more about God & its teaching me now to build a relationship with him. Its also teaching me life Skills and how to handle things



Please help Episcopal City Mission continue one of our greatest traditions

ECM believes that the children in detention should know the magic of the holiday season. With your help, ECM makes sure that all children in detention during that time of year have at least one gift to unwrap.

The message they receive is the true gift: that someone cares about them and believes they can change their life paths.

Please consider a gift of any amount to ECM during this Holiday Season.

Does your employer match your donations to organizations like ours?

You can double or even triple your impact by using your employer's donation matching program!

BILL'S FAREWELL CONCERT FOR ECM



Bill Wolff, ECM Board Chair is finishing up six years on the board in February and here's the deal he is moving to Arizona!!

Bill is a talented musician and will be performing one final concert with his band, Not Oldies but Goodies, to benefit ECM.

You will be entertained by old time rock-and-roll with hits from the 50's, 60's, and 70's!

WHEN: January 15, 2017 Where: Kirkwood Train Station <u>Time:</u> 3:00 - 7:00 PM



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