

**From the Education Director,
Marisol Jimenez**

A special thank you goes to Alison Lebovitz & Andy Hodes for leading the youth from B'nai Zion, Beth Shalom and Mizpah congregations in a day of hard work. They organized our donation closet and taped off the snack room for future painting. We are so fortunate to have had their help!

Led by Alison Lebovitz and Andy Hodes, the self-named "Jew Crew" from Beth Shalom, Mizpah & B'nai Zion Congregations joins Mike Feely for a day of work.



We want to welcome 10 more students and 2 more teachers to the St. Andrews Center. This Urban League afterschool program meets on site on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are happy to have them with us!!

We want to thank our wonderful Notre Dame volunteers for being proactive and asking their churches for warm blankets, clothes and other items for our families this cold wintry season. Our families are very grateful; you have been a blessing to them!!

On Thursday, February 12, youth from Christ UMC, led by Sheila and Greg Haynes, will be hosting a Valentine's Day Party for the after-school program!!! Come and join the fun

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CALENDAR

- Feb. 3—ETC New Play Tuesday, 7:00 pm
- Feb. 6, 7, 13, & 14—ETC performances of *Love Letters*
- Feb. 7—SAC volunteer work day, 9:00 am
- Feb. 12—SAC Board Meeting, noon
- Feb. 13—Seniors of St. Andrews Lunch
- Feb. 20, 21, 27 & 28—ETC Family Theater *A Woman Called Truth*
- Mar. 3—ETC New Play Tuesday, 7:00 pm *A Different Time*

Our Partners include:

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From the Executive Director, Rev. Michael L. Feely

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Focus, Focus !!

What a great year this will be for the St. Andrews Center! I have enjoyed spending some quality time with members of our board, as well as our partners and local foundations, to continue to focus our vision, mission and goals for 2009 and 2010. As part of this process, we're asking some hard (at least for me) questions. What are the top priorities – both urgent and long term needs – we need to address to serve our Latino neighbors? How can each of our programs and people be more integrated? How can we get back to some of the simple acts of community building like sharing a meal, holding a roundtable conversation, tutoring children and celebrating holidays and accomplishments? Equally important to ask, but more difficult, perhaps, is "where are the disconnects?" – what resources and talents do we need to seek prayerfully as we continue to build an authentic meaningful center?

One way I want to better engage our board, volunteers, staff and broader community is by establishing an interactive blog – a conversation that can be ongoing to check and balance our mission and challenges with different perspectives. We have been involved as a resource partner with other projects across the state and across the southeast and through social media, we can all learn better from each other and share ideas in a smart efficient way, Although I will always prefer sitting across a table at Niedlov's sipping coffee with people, I think we can use technology to pull up more chairs to the conversation.

We've got several new members coming to our board of directors with fresh ideas and new energy. Our volunteers continue to make St. Andrews a fun place to make change in the world. Check out the photos of some recent groups that made a big difference.

We also welcome a new staff member, **Dane Glaser**. Dane is working with us to help manage and apply practical green practices at the facility, and assist us as we evaluate the best uses of our unique space. He will also be coordinating the garden and related food projects. He is already doing a fantastic job. .

As we approach spring, we ready to volunteer in the garden and watch St. Andrews Center become a more nurtured place as we focus, focus, focus.

Christ United Methodist Church youth members of Project Ark spend a day painting the afterschool room under the direction of Greg and Sheila Haynes.



Love Letters by A.R. Gurney

In age of emails and cyber connectivity, Gurney's play concerning a lifetime of letters between two people still proves timeless. Andy and Melissa begin writing letters to each other in the third grade and continue throughout their lives. From their letters, we watch two people mature through life's struggles and obstacles. A relationship told solely through handwritten letters. Letters that allow one girl to freely express feelings in a world where she struggles for acceptance and allows a typical man the ability to share his sensitive side. "One of the most touching and endearing dissections of the human relationship and experience. To witness this is to witness what it truly means to be human." Says Garry Posey, ETC's Producing Artistic Director. The show will feature two couples rotating performances over the course of two weekends. This is a great play for a Valentine's Day date.

February 6 and 13 at 7:00pm; February 7-8, 14-15 at 3:00pm Tickets: \$10.00 adults, \$8.00 students

NEW PLAY TUESDAY- March 3, 7:00 pm. Tickets \$4.00. *A Different Time* by New York playwright Peter Macklin.

Drew has been dead for a year now. Les Manor, his friend since childhood, has gotten more and more erratic since Drew's death. MJ, Les' wife, doesn't quite know what to do to help her husband of forty years. All comes to a head when Drew's widow, Maura, comes to town on business with her new friend Jack. In this new play, nuance of character, human frailties/strengths and realizations about long held perceptions come center stage.



This will be African drummer/dance teacher Kofi Mawuko's last month with our after-school program.. We are sad to see him go. The children learned some fun and energetic African dances. We are so lucky to have had this wonderful experience, and we will never forget it!!!

ETC FAMILY THEATRE

Feb. 20, 27 -7:00pm, Feb. 21, 22, 28 - 3:00pm

A Woman Called Truth by Sandra Fenichel Ascher

As America enters into this historical moment of its existence, having elected the first black President, ETC is proud to be able to present the story of another trail-blazer, Sojourner Truth. Travel back with us and see how this one woman fought for the rights of black people and women alike, standing up for her rights as a human being.

Tickets:

\$7 adults,
\$5 students


Running time:
60 minutes

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