

**From the Education Director,  
Marisol Jimenez**

We have been working hard getting the kids ready for exams. Thank you volunteers, we sure couldn't do it without you. Also, thanks again to Greg and Sheila Haynes for a wonderful Valentines Day party last month. Starting in March we are planning weekly field trips to the Hunter museum!! The kids are really excited. Jane Newman has offered to teach painting classes to our kids!! McCallie School has invited our children to participate in Duck Day, a traditional field day off from classes filled with fun activities. I don't know all the details, but do know it involves inflatables and maybe even water!! It will happen early in April and be the perfect end of year fiesta.



**WELCOME to our new  
board members!**

We welcome four new board members to St. Andrews. Joseph Madida, a Systems Analyst at BC/BS, has been coordinating our work crews for several months. In addition, he has website management knowledge. Gary Grogg, a retired Methodist pastor, brings his interest in computers to St. Andrews and has been instrumental in getting us set up and networked! Roger Kincer, an auditor with the State of TN, naturally will bring his experience to bear on the financial aspects of running St. Andrews. Gary Rudolph, the regional youth and young adult coordinator with the TN Career Center, hopes to impact our visioning and results process, while working to secure assets to further our mission. We are excited to have them join us and add their skills and interests to the mix!

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**CALENDAR**

- Mar. 3—ETC New Play Tuesday, 7:00 pm  
*A Different Time*
- Mar. 12 SAC board meeting, noon
- Mar. 13 Seniors of St. Andrews UMC lunch,  
Noon, East Ridge Shoneys
- Mar. 20 & 21—SAC volunteer work days
- Mar. 26 SAC board training, 4:00-7:00
- Mar. 30 Family Fun Night, 5:30
- April 7 ETC New Play Tuesday, 7:00 pm  
*Tightrope*

**Our Partners include:**

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| Chattanooga Girls Choir               | Heavenly International Missions |
| Chattanooga Sports Ministry           | Iglesia Monte Sinai             |
| Chattanooga State Comm. College       | La Paz de Dios                  |
| Chattanooga Theatre Centre            | Plaza Comunitaria               |
| Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti | Sobriedad de Chattanooga        |
| Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga       | Lifespring Community Health     |
| Holston Methodist Fed. Credit Union   | Children's Clinic               |

**SAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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| Malone Maddox | Charley Spencer  |
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**ST. ANDREWS CENTER**

Rev. Michael L. Feely, Executive Director  
Marisol Jimenez, Education Director  
Katie Walters, Administrative Assistant



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**From the Executive Director,  
Rev. Michael L. Feely**

**March 2009**



**Growing a garden.....**

Spring is on the way! I can see the signs all around town! The crocuses and daffodils are blooming, and the trees are beginning to bud. ....and we are getting our plans together for the community garden at the St. Andrews Center!

Our garden last year was a real blessing to this community, and was expertly planned and maintained by Drew and Ann Jennings. We were assisted as well by Crabtree Farms. This year we have a garden committee (yes, we'd love to have you on it) that is making plans for the garden. We also have been partnering with some local gardeners and our friends at Crabtree Farms, attending workshops and looking at seed catalogs, and dreaming of design and greenhouse kits, and vegetables and mulch.

But my biggest dream is this - that our garden might be a place where the whole community feels at home, and can meet together and work together and grow together. We have hungry families in our neighborhood, and I hope that the garden might feed them. But we also have folks in our neighborhood and across this city who are hungry for community. Who are looking for a place to meet their neighbors. Who are seeking to relate to each other in some new ways. Theologically and practically, a garden's a pretty good place to start building community. God started with a garden in Genesis - and digging in the dirt and compost, and growing vegetables together transcends language, ethnicity, economics and all the "isms" that so often divide us. Everybody's got to eat, and putting a garden together is a great way to build bridges and relationships in a lot of different ways. I'm hoping we'll have not only vegetables, but also beehives (and someone has even offered us some goats!).

I hope you'll come down and join us as we grow together at the St. Andrews Center! Spring's on the way!

*P.S. For a look at a very impressive faith-based garden project, look at [www.anathothgarden.org](http://www.anathothgarden.org)*



**NEW PLAY TUESDAY**—March 3, *Different Time*, by New York playwright Peter Macklin.

Tickets: \$4.00, 7:00 pm show

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.

**NEW PLAY TUESDAY**—April 7, *TIGHTROPE* by Rob Smith. Tickets: \$4.00, 7:00 pm show

The playwright for February's New Play Tuesday one-act DUST has given ETC permission to produce his latest work TIGHTROPE. In TIGHTROPE, Smith introduces the audience to 13 year old Keaton whose complex life causes him to escape reality and imagine life as a circus. Keaton's father has been diagnosed with a terminal illness which has rendered him practically uncommunicative. Keaton's grandfather, a stern military veteran embarrassed at his son's condition, keeps his family from seeing his son. And then there is Keaton's mother, who is struggling with insecurities as a mother, wife and daughter-in-law. Keaton's father, mother and grandfather all have their

respective roles in the circus inspired imagination of Keaton. Keaton uses this imagination to help him cope with and learn from his reality. "It's this profound use of one's imagination that drew me to this piece," says Producing Artistic Director Garry Lee Posey. "It fits perfectly with our mission of 'engaging the imagination.' It's a truly wonderful piece of theatre." We are hoping to have the playwright in residence for the reading.

**Opening Doors,  
Building Bridges**

People often ask “what exactly does the St. Andrews Center do?” Sometimes, that can be hard to answer. Other times, it is crystal clear what we do: we open doors and build bridges. A case in point involves the



Zuñiga Mazariegos family. Three sisters and their parents recently moved to Chattanooga from Guatemala. The children were enrolled at East-side Elementary and a door was opened: ESL teacher Marisol Jimenez signed them up for our afterschool program. As Marisol got to know the children, she had the opportunity to get to know their parents. Although employed as elementary teachers in their homeland, their lack of English skills was making it difficult to adapt here. Because of the uniqueness that is the St. Andrews Center, Marisol was able to build a bridge for the parents: they are now enrolled in the Plaza Comunitaria program here where they are taking ESL classes themselves.

Through our children's programming, we are often able to reach adults and connect them to the other programming that is available from our partners. Whether it is helping them open an account at the Credit Union, making them aware of the free children's clinic that operates five days a week downstairs, or setting up an appointment for free legal advice on everything from housing disputes to domestic violence issues, the St. Andrews Center and its partners strive to help our Hispanic neighbors adjust to and become part of this community. It's an awesome thing!