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Thanks to an initial donation by the United Methodist Women of the Cleveland District, the shelves of the Food Pantry at St. Andrews are beginning to fill. Started as a joint project of both St. Andrews and La Paz de Dios, the Food Pantry will fill a critical need for the growing Hispanic population in our community. Seeing families and children on a daily basis who, for one reason or another, are facing difficulties putting food on the table spurred Melody Bonilla, the client care manager at La Paz de Dios, to suggest a partnership with St. Andrews to address this need. Weeks later, volunteers cleaned out the pantry in our kitchen and began stocking it with canned goods and other non-perishables.

It is heartbreaking to hear elementary students in our afterschool program tell tales of having no food at home; to see the gratitude for a mere cup of coffee from the adult students in the GED and ESL classes, many of whom are homeless and/or simply hungry; or to turn away the strangers off the street who come knocking and looking for assistance with food and other needs. In a country as rich as the United States, there is simply no excuse for allowing anyone to go hungry. We ask for your support in this vital ministry. Please consider making a monetary donation specifically for the Food Pantry. If you are unable to support this project financially, consider purchasing an extra "meal" of canned items each week when you do your grocery shopping and donating it to the Pantry.

These items will be stocked in our Food Pantry: canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned meats, bags of rice, bags of dried beans, canned beans, tomato sauce and tomato products, soup, baby formula, and diapers. Drop your donations off at St. Andrews or La Paz at your convenience.

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CALENDAR

- May 1 La Paz de Dios fundraiser *Sangria on the Southside, 7:00, Decosimo-Rogers-Studio*
- May 3 La Feria Hispana, First TN pavilion , 11:00am-4:00pm FREE
- May 8 Seniors of St. Andrews lunch, ER Shoneys
- May 14 SAC Board Meeting, noon
- May 16 Volunteer Work Day, 9:00 am
- May 22&23—Theatre Quest youth performance of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown!*
- June 2&9 ETC New Play Tuesday, *The Land of Royal Blood, 7:00*

Our Partners include:

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| Chattanooga Girls Choir | La Paz de Dios |
| Chattanooga State Comm. College | Plaza Comunitaria |
| Chattanooga Theatre Centre | Scenic City Women's Network |
| Children's Nutrition Program of Haiti | Sobriedad de Chattanooga |
| Ensemble Theatre of Chattanooga | Lifespring Community Health |
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**From the Executive Director,
Rev. Michael L. Feely** May 2009

On April 3, an amazing thing happened. Over 125 people from all walks of life gathered in a field in Hixson, along with renowned poet/writer/farmer Wendell Berry, to dedicate a partnership: a partnership that places the stewardship of a pristine 60-acre family farm in a lease partnership between the McConnell family and the St. Andrews Center. Together we celebrated the opportunity to reimagine the Hartnell Farm as a sacred place to inspire, to teach and to grow food for the hungry in our community. We are overwhelmed by the support and interest of the community in this project and are excited to see how it will unfold in the coming months.

Michael



Approximately 125 supporters braved the questionable weather and soggy fields to participate in the dedication of Hartnell Farm—and were rewarded with hot coffee from Stone Cup, artisan bread from Niedlov's Breadworks, scratch biscuits from The Bluegrass Grill topped with apple butter from Fairmount Orchard and honey from the Sale Creek beekeepers, and homemade Tennessee fainting goat sausage from Link 41 Artisan Carved Meats.



Wendell Berry reads his poem entitled *To the Garden Club of America* at the dedication of the Hartnell Farm in Hixson.

The Chattanooga Girls Choir, a partner organization here at the St. Andrews Center since 2006, announces two upcoming events. First, the annual spring concert, entitled "Tapestry in Song," will be presented Friday, May 8, at First Baptist Church. All levels of the Girls Choir organization will perform. For ticket information, contact the Girls Choir office at 629-6188.

Second, the Girls Choir is excited to be partnering with the Chattanooga Theatre Center to offer a workshop on "Creating a Musical" to the Chattanooga Community July 6-17th from 9:00am—4:00pm at the St. Andrews Center. This is a summer intensive musical theatre workshop that will walk rising 4th-7th grade boys and girls through the many steps of creating a musical. Each participant will not only learn how a musical is created from concept to character generation, and from writing scenes to selecting music, but they will also help write a musical as a group. Participants will have a role in the musical and will have the opportunity to sing, dance and act. Their musical will be performed with sets and costumes that they also help to create. To showcase their hard work, on the last day the participants will perform their musical for friends and family. Please call the Girls Choir at 629-6188 for more information.



**From the Education Director
Marisol Jimenez**

Our Afterschool Program is finished for the school year. Thanks to the Urban League, teachers, volunteers, parents and students for a very successful after school program this year. We will start back up in the fall, and will keep everyone posted on the date. This summer we will be moving the afterschool program down the hall to the big blue room and surrounding rooms. If you are interested in helping with the makeover, please let us know! Our kids and families are blessed by your dedication and support!!

La FERIA Hispana is a community-wide celebration embracing Latin-American culture by promoting awareness and appreciation through a family festival of music, dance and food. Celebrating its fifth consecutive year, *La FERIA* attracts more than 5,000 members of Chattanooga's community to its various cultural displays and the locally-made arts and crafts of the Chattanooga Market. The family-friendly event will be a day to recognize and appreciate Latin-American culture and traditions.



WHEN: Sunday, May 3, 11 to 4 pm
WHERE: First TN Pavilion

FREE ADMISSION



ETC continues on its hiatus through the month of May, planning for the summer and the year beyond. **New Play Tuesday Series** returns on June 2nd with a play hot off the presses. Producing Artistic Director Garry Lee Posey will present his new full length play tentatively titled **THE LAND OF ROYAL BLOOD**. A series of short plays focusing on five generations of a Southern family and spanning almost 160 years with more than 30 characters, Posey's epic play takes two seemingly unlikely people to meet and marry in 1850: Mary, a woman from England with direct lineage to a popular royal household and Chief, a half-blooded Native American gentleman. The family tree that Mary and Chief generate creates the characters for the rest of the play. The play takes place on the tip of a ridge overlooking a winding river. Across the river the face of another cliff is home to a beautiful waterfall. Although we span more than 15 decades, each story takes place on the cliff. Posey's play looks at love, marriage, birth and death while weaving into the story the cyclical concept of Native American culture.

THE LAND OF ROYAL BLOOD will use the New Play Tuesday venue as a workshop experience. The feedback from rehearsals, performances and audience members will help shape the future of the play as it is developed for nationwide playwriting competitions.

**June 2nd and 9th, 7:00 curtain.
Admission is \$4.00**

Mark your calendars! Chattanooga Theatre Centre's Theater Quest youth group will perform two shows of *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, on May 22 at 7:30 and May 23 at 2:30.. All seats are \$7.00 at the door.

