



WOW! We have been busy here at ETC. Our recent production of *HAMLET* was seen by two English teachers from McCallie on our closing night and they loved it so much they are contracting ETC to bring *HAMLET* to their campus. This is exciting news for us as this really helps kick-start our education and outreach programming.

We just closed our production of *LARAMIE PROJECT*, marking two milestones for ETC. The first is that this production marked our one year anniversary in the space, a space that has changed tremendously in the past year and we have several new ideas planned for its future. The second is that we had our largest opening night crowd ever for an ETC production or co-production.

Our New Play Festival Series is up and running as well. *OUT* by Garry Lee Posey was presented on the last two Wednesdays of October and the audience for this series is growing steadily. It will continue in December. Are you or do you know a budding playwright? Would you like to get professional feedback on your script? ETC is always looking for new material to showcase in our New Play Festival Series!

Finally, our Youth Theatre Touring Shows kicked off on October 29th with a performance before 137 3-5th graders at East Ridge Elementary of last season's popular *A WOMAN CALLED TRUTH*, the story of Sojourner Truth. Bookings are already in for Daisy Elementary and Red Bank Elementary as well. The production, under new direction by Education Director Jessie Knowles and with a mostly new cast will be presented to the public on Saturday afternoons at 12:00pm November 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th. You can always check out what is going on by visiting us at www.ensembletheatreofchattanooga.com.

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CALENDAR

- Nov. 6—CityFaith, 4:00
- Nov. 7—ETC Youth Theatre, noon
- Nov. 12—SAC Board meeting, noon
- Nov. 13—St. Andrews Seniors lunch, East Ridge Shoneys, noon
- Nov. 13—CityFaith, 4:00
- Nov. 14— ETC Youth Theatre, noon
- Nov. 17— Plaza Comunitaria Thanksgiving dinner
- Nov. 20— CityFaith, 4:00-
- Nov. 20-21— Fix-it Team work days
- Nov. 21—ETC Youth Theatre, noon
- Nov. 22— Garden Service and meal, 5:00
- Nov. 25-27— SAC offices closed

MATCHING GRANT AWARD FROM MACLELLAN FOUNDATION

Over the next twelve months, the Maclellan Foundation will match every dollar raised by the St. Andrews Center, up to \$25,000. Please help us make the most of this generous grant.

Every donation you make will be doubled in effect!

To help us track donations for required reporting purposes, please indicate "GOS" on your check.

WISH LIST

- lap top computers
- gas-powered weed eater
- vacuum cleaner (prefer bagless kind)
- classroom set (30) of school recorders
- assistance framing children's canvas paintings



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From the Executive Director, Michael Feely

Our Next Five Years

This month marks the 5th anniversary of the beginning of the St. Andrews Center. It is hard to believe that the time has gone by so fast, and that so much has happened. We do give thanks to God for a great group of friends, volunteers and board members from Highland Park and around the city who have helped to make the St. Andrews Center vision a reality! So many of you have been such faithful supporters with your time, prayers, thoughts and presence. And we continue to build toward the future.

I have spent this year doing some serious thinking about what the St. Andrews Center will look like for the *next five years!* It is clear that we will need to operate differently to meet some significant challenges, and be structured differently to more efficiently respond to our changing community. Our mission has not changed, but the *way we organizationally respond* to that mission by necessity has to change. In Hamilton County, nearly every non-profit (and many churches and other faith-based groups) has had to make significant changes in the past year (in some cases in order to just survive). For us, thankfully, the challenge is what changes do we need to make in order to thrive?

I have asked the board to take a look at some proposals for how we do our work and achieve our mission. I'll be sharing these with you as well in the next newsletter. One of the key staffing changes will be the proposed addition of an assistant director/site manager to manage the programs and proactively build community within the Center among all our disparate agencies and groups. We have grown a lot in five years, and need to make sure that our wide network is really working as a community. I am also proposing that we have a receptionist/administrative desk out in the middle of our building so that we physically welcome all the many different folks who enter our facility. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer as receptionist and greet our guests! We could use some great volunteers for a few hours each week!

These are positive changes, in response to five years of wonderful ministry and presence! This week alone, we started our afterschool arts academy (with 30 kids) and our high school program (with over 50 youth from 10 countries!!) Yes, we need volunteers in these programs too!! We have a lot to celebrate as we start our next five years!

Happy Thanksgiving! Michael

Arts Academy Report

The St. Andrews Arts Academy got off to a rousing start last month. Thirty children selected from nearby Eastside Elementary take the bus ride over to St. Andrews four days a week. After a short homework session, the real fun begins: drama exercises (can you act out being juice?), warming up to ballet steps, experimenting with charcoals and portraiture, and discovering that singing takes lung strength! Some days, we're not sure who is having more fun, the instructors or the children! Come volunteer and check it out!

We appreciate the Johnson Family Foundation, Signal Crest UMC, Christ UMC, and our many individual donors who are generously providing support for this exciting new endeavor.

Marisol Jimenez, Director
Anna Flynn, Asst. Director

GARDEN SANCTUARY SERVICE & MEAL



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22
5 PM IN GARDEN
@ KIRBY & S. BEECH

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ~ POETRY
JOYS & CONCERNS
HOLY COMMUNION

JOIN US AFTER THE SERVICE FOR
A SIMPLE MEAL OF SOUP & BREAD
AS TOGETHER WE GIVE THANKS FOR THE
BOUNTY IN OUR LIVES



The Food Pantry is receiving more requests. A recent contribution from First United Methodist Church in Oak Ridge has allowed the purchase of much needed cornmeal (Maseca), rice, and beans, as well as grocery store gift cards to use for perishable items.

Won't you help? Consider sponsoring a food drive at your church or job-site. The current list of items needed is small and specific: bags of rice, cornmeal, dried or canned beans, cooking oil, and canned fruit. Or consider a monetary donation of \$25. This will go a long way toward feeding a family for a week. In addition, diapers and baby formula are always in high demand. We are grateful for any and all donations!

TO Bill Atkinson for his many bags of canned goods for our Food Pantry.
TO Soddy United Methodist Church for an electric keyboard and other small instruments for our Arts Academy.
TO Vic Oakes and the Chattanooga Boys Choir for donating the love offering taken at their recent Hymn Festival.
TO Barbara Ashenbramer, Sharon Eaves, Deborah McCarron, Frances Moore, Rayco Electric, Fred Williamson, Vicki Hardesty, Martha Anderson, Carolyn Swain, Gisela Gresham, Mary Waring, Anne Bright, Ann Jones-Pierre, Big Springs UMWomen, and Signal Crest UM Church for their support of our Arts Academy.
TO Commissioner John Brooks for sharing from the last harvest of peppers from his very productive garden!

THANK YOU