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PeyBack Foundation Funds Lighthouse Summer Program

Hands and Feet Ministries was recently blessed to receive a grant from the Peyback Foundation to assist The Lighthouse at Austin Homes in Knoxville with its summer program for children. One of the most dynamic components of The Lighthouse ministry is year-round outreach to children. The summer program, which just celebrated its fifth year, is offered free of charge to children ages six to eleven. The **P e y B a c k** Foundation was established by **Peyton Manning**, current Indianapolis Colts and former University of Tennessee quarterback, to promote the future success of disadvantaged youth by assisting programs that provide leadership and growth opportunities for children at risk.

Thanks to the PeyBack Foundation, it was possible to offer new activities for the children such as photography lessons, weekly field trips such as seeing a live stage show about Noah's Ark, nutrition programs complete with food samples, a community garden (planted and cared for by the

children) and computer classes. The children also participated in community service projects like cleaning up the grounds around buildings, emptying trash, etc. Proper dental hygiene was demonstrated by providing each child with a toothbrush and toothpaste and having them brush their teeth after lunch each day. Each child completing the summer program received a backpack filled with school supplies, underwear, socks, and a flashlight.

The grant also enabled the Lighthouse to provide an opportunity for three teens that were too old for the program to earn a small stipend by training and working as interns at the Lighthouse. Working alongside adult staff and volunteers, the youth interns received on-the-

job leadership training by carrying out specific assignments with the children.

One beneficial program this summer was "Ready-Set-Read." Books from Knox County Schools' summer reading list were utilized. Each child had a car and

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Children participate in summer activities at The Lighthouse.



"... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Christian Automotive Ministry Assists Single Moms

CAM isn't always confined to Car Care Saturday. This year, God also used CAM as a channel to provide two donated vehicles to single mothers. One of these ladies recently lost her husband and had two small children. Her Nissan Maxima was a danger to have on the road. Having once visited Car Care Saturday in 2004, she contacted CAM. A newer model Maxima had recently been donated to the ministry, and leaders were praying about what God would have them do with it. God answered the prayer, and CAM gave the Maxima to this single mother so she would have a road-worthy car.

Another single mom was assisted in September, 2005. She moved to Knoxville about four years ago after losing one of her sons to a tragic illness and was working herself through college. A friend borrowed her car and wrecked it, leaving her with no transportation. CAM had a Chevrolet Celebrity that was donated about a year before, but had not been utilized due to the repairs it required. However, REDI Automotive Service in Powell assisted CAM in repairing the car, and it was given to this single mother. She was amazed at God's provision for her and has started to pursue a personal relationship with Him.

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raced toward the "reading" finish line. The goal was for each child to read 100 pages of a book. Ten children reached the goal, and 10 more did at least 80%. All children who participated in the challenge attended a celebration party at Chuck E. Cheese.

Hopefully, by assisting the children to become productive members of the community, the cycle of illiteracy, teen pregnancy, and drug addiction prevalent in the community can be broken. Lighthouse Director **Andrea Hughes** said, "It is remarkable how a little love and attention from the volunteers can boost a child's self-

esteem and confidence."

The summer program ran for eight weeks, Tuesday through Friday, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thirty children were enrolled this year, with an average of 20 children attending daily.

H&F Ministries and The Lighthouse staff express gratitude to the PeyBack Foundation, youth interns, and volunteers for making this a very special summer for the children of Austin Homes.

If you would like to know more about year-round opportunities to volunteer in children's programs at The Lighthouse, please contact Andrea Hughes at 865-544-3060 or lighthouse5678@comcast.net.

2006 GOLF CHALLENGE

The third annual golf challenge was held on April 24 at Gettysvue Polo, Golf & Country Club. We were blessed to raise over \$25,000 through this celebrity tournament, which will provide a significant amount of the \$145,000 annual ministry budget. In addition to a round of golf, 71 players received a gift bag, breakfast and catered lunch. Special thanks to guest speaker Dave Beck and top sponsors Paul & Dana Froula, Jiahong Zhu & Ying Zhang, Phillips and Jordan, Inc., Freeman Webb Company, and REDI Automotive. Please take a moment to look over the insert recognizing all tournament sponsors, players and donors.

Bob McInnis and Ken Patterson enjoy the competition at the 2006 Golf Challenge.



Children in the summer program planted and maintained this vegetable garden.



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