

## *Sharing Our Gifts with Others*

Matthew 8:5-13 tells the story of a centurion who asked Jesus for help. He had a servant at home who was “paralyzed and in terrible suffering.” We have mentioned in various pieces of correspondence that our theme this year is “Servanthood.” We are continually blessed with the outpouring of love and financial assistance, and our residents at Riverwood acknowledge God’s blessings and are thankful. Because of this attitude, we have been opening doors for our residents to give in return.

A few weeks ago, Gary received an email from a group in Henry County, Georgia, seeking help. This group serves the disability community by conducting a pageant and holding other events for our friends with special needs. The request was to have a community Easter egg hunt. While there is nothing sacred about an Easter egg hunt, it does allow people to get together and enjoy friendship and community. The request was for assistance in “stuffing” 3000 plastic eggs. You may have helped stuff eggs at one time or another; this can be a very monotonous ordeal. But here was an opportunity to reach out to a community even though it is a 4-hour drive from our residents.

Our Riverwood family responded with great joy to help, so we had to come up with a number. Our first thought was 100 eggs, but they needed more help than that. We asked them to do 250 eggs, but the number quickly jumped to 500. We received a wonderful thank you note and “People First of Henry County” was on their way.

Here are some pictures of our residents returning the gift of giving using our craft room.



Above – Kathleen works diligently.

Below – Kim is all smiles as she gets the job done.



Above – Don and Paula are a dynamic duo.



## *From the President:*



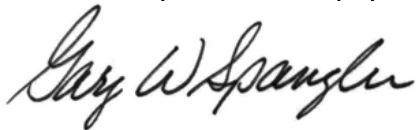
CCFH Ministries has been around for 25 years. We have two residences in Tennessee and have produced educational materials that have helped thousands. Our facilities continue to receive high marks, and our educational material continues to be a sought after commodity. I am proud to say that my predecessor, Dr. Jim Pierson, continues to be the expert that people want to hear; he has touched the lives of so many people with disabilities and the caregivers that love our friends with special needs. He continues to teach people that just because someone has a disability does not mean he or she has no contribution or that their contribution is small. This has given hope to people's lives and hope for their families and friends.

I have had the opportunity to attend two conferences with Jim in the first quarter of 2010; the B.A.S.S. conference in California and the Developmental Disabilities Ministries conference in Georgia. As the questions are presented to Jim, I learn so much about how he has touched and continues to touch their lives and how painful life can be without knowledge. Jim's theme for both conferences was addressing the topic of Autism and how to incorporate them in church. It is a fast growing disability that is affecting thousands.

One task given to every workshop was to tell us what information they need now. CCFH is committed to providing educational materials even if it is not a financial windfall. It is not something that gives us an ego boost or a feeling of being closer to God or better than anyone else. It is simply a commandment that we received a couple of thousand years back. "GO into all nations and make them disciples." There is no footnote or asterisk that says make disciples of those who are 6 feet tall or those who can see clearly or who can run...just a simple command to teach all to obey His commandments. Jesus said the greatest commandment is to love God and the second greatest is to love your neighbor as yourself.

We cannot love our neighbors if we have the knowledge and don't share it. Please be assured that as you send your gifts and pray for us, we are diligent in our efforts to help others.

God bless you and keep you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gary W. Spangler".

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### **Use the National Calendar to Stay Current**

Visit <http://www.healthfinder.gov/nho/nho.asp?year=2010#5> to view the National Health Information Center calendar. One of its designations for April is *National Autism Month*. Go to the site for information on available resources.

Other diagnosis and life events are also highlighted. Stay informed and aware.

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## CCFH Resources are at Your Finger Tips

Need help with training, establishing a new ministry, improving your present plan or just want to know more about what methods and materials are available?

CCFH Resources are always easily available. Just visit our website at [www.ccfh.org](http://www.ccfh.org).

*Exceptional Teaching Online* and other resources are waiting for you.

## Easter Celebration Offering (Update)

The offering response was good but we are still short of our goal of \$15,000. Our first and most important desire was to raise \$2,000 for our medication fund. I am proud to announce that mark was reached within the first week and now we know our residents will have the meds they so desperately need. Please give God all the praise and glory for this wonderful victory.

We are still receiving funds for our second goal of paying off the new van. To this date we have received a total offering of almost \$6,000.

Please keep praying with us as we continue to receive donations.

## *Thank you for your gifts in memory and honor of...*

December 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010

### Memory of / Contributor

**Jack Ballard** / William and Nancy Fischer;  
Bill and Louise McLendon  
**Ray Elder** / Mary Crawford  
**Bobby Kelly** / Hellen Kelly  
**Sam Kelly** / Hellen Kelly  
**David Lemming** / Buddy Britt  
**"Little B"** / Wilder and Ellen Huxford  
**Bob McMullen** / Peggy McCord; Jack and Dot  
Pickett and Shay Nix  
**Don Rhodes** / Peggy McCord  
**Dalton Scott** / Dorothy Scott  
**Shari Sprouls** / Tom and Phyllis Hendrickson

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**Julie Bassett** / Bill and Nancy Bassett  
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**Marjorie Nelle Cardwell** / Martha G. Williams

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**Barbara Hamilton** / Ken and Donna Jones  
**Tommy Kelly** / Hellen Kelly  
**Peggy McCord** / Buddy Britt  
**Bill and Louise McLendon** / Cecil and  
Catherine Hallman  
**Glenna Sandefur** / Richard Frost; Paul and  
Suzanne Greene; Kathy Miracle;  
Mortons Gap Christian Church; Mary  
Helen Sandefur; Larry and Jessie  
Thomas; Doug and Carol Watkins  
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**Wayne Wesley** / Ken and Donna Jones  
**Harry and Jean White** / Charlene Brothers;  
Pat Gaynes; Hellen Kelly  
**Jim Witt** / Mary Witt



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### **Where You Can Find Us This Quarter**

Gary: May 2<sup>nd</sup> – First Christian Church of Stockbridge, Stockbridge, GA

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Northside Christian Church, Georgetown, KY

Jim: April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Accessibility Summit, McLean Bible Church, McLean, VA

*Look for our booth at the North American Christian Convention in Indianapolis, IN, July 6-9.*

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### **Thank You for Remembering Our Residents on Their Birthdays**

April 10	Scott F.	May 24	Tom K.	June 26	Frank M.
May 17	Donald G.	June 9	Stacey B.		

*Cards should be mailed to Riverwood at the CCFH address listed below.*

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### **Your Generosity is Appreciated**

Thank you for considering our ongoing need for donations of paper goods, cleaning supplies, craft materials, and toiletry items for Riverwood.

Some specific requests are: household items such as Tupperware / Rubbermaid products; over the counter meds including Tylenol, Tums, Band-aids; paper products such as toilet paper, paper towels, napkins; drinking cups/glasses; cleaning products; eating utensils/knives.

Donations of items are accepted at our office located at *Riverwood Christian Community, 3123 Pride Road, Louisville, TN 37777*. Please call our office at 865-984-5178 to arrange for acceptance of your donation.

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