

# CCA Newsletter

Congregations for Community Action  
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## EVANS STORE / MT. MORIAH

Mt. Moriah leaders and members of the Powell Subdivision continue to work with Palm Bay officials in developing a plan for Evans Store. Leaders held a Research Action with Mayor Mazzioti Sept. 26. The Mayor agreed to present to City Council the plan which CCA leaders are developing for Evans Store.



*Evans Store property*

## MT. MORIAH KID CARE AND SCHOOL SUPPLY EVENT

Powell neighbors, church members, and CCA leaders worked together on the Kid Care Enrollment and Back to School Event, August 9. More than 450 people filled the church for the press conference which began the event. At the press conference were Palm Bay Mayor John Mazziotti, Melbourne Vice Mayor Kathy Meehan, County Commissioner Helen Voltz, Representative Mitch Needleman and Palm Bay Councilman Milo Zonka who all gave testimony to the value of the Kid Care Insurance Program. Ronnie Sims, a Kid Care single parent, spoke of the benefits of the program for her family.

The event then moved into the church social hall for the school supply give away where 366 children received book bags and supplies to start the school year. 150 packets with Kid Care information and applications were given to parents and CCA leaders helped 33 families begin the Kid Care enrollment process for their children.



*CCA leaders Susan Macuska and Rita Billingsley enrolling children in Kid Care*

## HEALTH CARE

The Health Care Team is developing a *Kid Care Outreach and Enrollment Project*. The project will entail all the Health Care team members being trained as Kid Care Navigators and in turn training other CCA members and church members as Navigators. The goal is to help 250 families enroll their children in the Kid Care program by the end of 2009. Anyone interested in being part of this project, please call Rita Billingsley @ 254-3865 or Linda Filippini @ 536-3027

## PALMDALE PRESBYTERIAN

CCA leaders at Palmdale held their first research meeting Thursday, October 02, 2008. They met with Ed Gardulski, the Assistant Director of Brevard County Public Works. Ed's department is responsible for road repair and maintenance and traffic engineering. The leaders brought pictures of several large and potentially hazardous potholes on Croton Road. They also shared concerns about the dangerous intersection at Sarno and Croton Roads and several drainage issues. Mr. Gardulski agreed to repair the potholes and shared with the leaders that the city and the county are partnering together to resurface Croton Road. He will report back to us with the time frame for that. He agreed to look into our other concerns and report back, which he did within a week. The Research Meeting was such a success, that an **ACTION MEETING has been set for Friday, November 21. WAY TO GO PALMDALE!!**



*Joel, Les, Janet, Helen and Rosemarie*

## WARD CHAPEL BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

On Saturday, August 9, 2008 over 200 residents, friends and family gathered in the Booker T Washington Neighborhood for the First Annual "I Am My Brother's Keeper Celebration". Over 30 agencies and organizations brought information and spoke

to residents about their needs and concerns in the community. Five area pastors led the event with prayer and celebration, committing themselves and their congregations to working with and for the families and children to make BTW a safer and healthier place to live. The pastors led by Pastor Carl Wallace of Greater Ward Chapel, clasped hands and asked for God to bless and protect this community. Melbourne City Councilman Mark La Russo read a Proclamation sign by Mayor Harry Goode of Melbourne declaring August 9 as "I am my brother's keeper celebration" day. Then City Councilman La Russo and Commander Ron Bell of the Melbourne Police Department committed to the Community to work together with the pastors and the residents to improve the quality of life for everyone that lives, works and worships in that neighborhood.

Despite the pouring rain, spirits and hope were lifted and there was a sense that "Today was a day where history was made".

Ward Chapel (Carl Wallace's Church) is one of Congregations for Community Action newer members and this was their first major "ACTION". They worked together with St John's Baptist Church, St. James Baptist Church and the Booker T Washington Neighborhood Association to plan this event.



*Pastors lifting the Neighborhood up to God*

## **CCA POT LUCK DINNER**

Tropical Storm Fay made it necessary to postpone the retreat which was scheduled for August 22-24. The Retreat kick off Pot Luck dinner was held Friday, August 22. Everyone needed the time for fellowship after dealing with the wind and rain Fay brought. Deacon Michael McElwee and Peter Phillips (FOCUS) led discussions about the vision leaders have for the future of CCA.

(The retreat was rescheduled to October 24-26 at the Canterbury Retreat Center, Oviedo, FL.)



*It all looks so delicious*

## **CCA RETREAT**

Key leaders attended the CCA retreat at Canterbury Retreat Center, Oviedo, Oct. 25-26. Leaders participated in trainings on 1-1s, relationship building, and fund development. They shared goals and visions for CCA and the future of the organization. All the leaders realized that 1-1s are nothing to be afraid of, but are the lifeblood of CCA. One to ones are the vehicle through which new leaders first learn about CCA. They are the foundation of relationships leaders build with others in the community. And 1-1s are where leaders hear the concerns facing people in our congregations and neighborhoods.

As a result of the trainings and conversations at the retreat, all the leaders committed to do more 1-1s in order to strengthen the organization and share the great work CCA leaders are doing in Brevard county.



*You can do a 1-1 anywhere*



## **TROPICAL STORM FAY MEETING**

Monday, August 25, Pastor Harvey Riley, Mt. Moriah CCA leaders, and Powell Neighborhood Association members held a meeting with Palm Bay and Melbourne city officials regarding the flooding in both cities caused by Tropical Storm Fay. More than 150 people attended the meeting, an opportunity for residents to voice their concerns and frustrations about the flooding and the city officials' responses to that flooding. Public officials gave explanations of why the flooding

occurred and what the cities had planned to address flooding problems for the future. An incredible piece of this meeting was the fact that Pastor Riley and the leaders pulled it together in just 3 days. Pastor Riley attributed much of the success of the meeting to the skills he, the leaders, and the Powell residents had received through the training provided by CCA.



*Congratulations to everyone involved*

### **LEADER NEWS**

Pat Bradley, Kathy Drane, Denwood and Linda Parrish, Joel and Pam Kelly went to the PICO S. E. Regional Retreat in Live Oak, Oct. 17 - 19. The annual retreat was a training opportunity for new and seasoned leaders as well as an opportunity to meet with leaders and staff from our Florida and Alabama affiliates. There was also discussion regarding the state health care organizing CCA is doing with Florida affiliates in Orlando, Gainesville, and Pensacola.

Pastor Harvey Riley, Kathy Drane, and Denwood Parrish will be going to Washington, DC, Nov. 17 - 19 joining PICO affiliates from across the country. During those 3 days leaders will be meeting with newly elected and re-elected representatives regarding the re-authorization of SCHIP. Now more than ever, with the sagging economy, it is critical for SCHIP to be fully funded in order to guarantee health care for our most vulnerable citizens, our children.

### **FUND DEVELOPMENT**

The Fund Development Team led by Linda Filippini is continuing to reach out to the local business community in order to educate businesses about CCA and to gain business support of CCA's work. The team is meeting with business owners and attending Chamber of Commerce events to develop more awareness. The team made a presentation to the Indialantic Rotary in August, the Eau Gallie Rotary in October and the Cocoa Rotary in November as part of that business outreach. CCA will be launching a **Sponsorship Program** to present to businesses in the very near future. CCA launched a **Stewardship Campaign** asking CCA leaders to make commitments of Time, Talent and Treasure to CCA in order to help ensure CCA's continued success.

If you are interested in helping the Fund Development Team in their efforts toward financial security for CCA, please contact Linda at 254-1595, x3067.



*Shirley Broomfield, Linda Filippini,  
Janice Everson at Indialantic Rotary*

## **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

To date we have received pledges totaling \$720.

Thank you to the leaders who have made pledges thus far.

Jock Walker

Kathy Drane

Shirley Broomfield

Charles Culver

Clorene Culver

Dianna Douglas

*A pledge card is enclosed for your convenience. You can mail your pledge to the CCA office at 2950 N. Harbor City Blvd. Melbourne, FL 32935*

## **FINANCIAL SUPPORTERS**

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Ward Chapel, A. M. E.

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