



OPEN M

A Ministry of Faith, Health and Hope

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Community Relationships with OPEN M

Here at OPEN M we are thankful for our community collaborations and relationships. They are important to us, and we appreciate their support of the OPEN M mission. This past May, during Nurses Week, two of our community partners were gracious enough to think of OPEN M. While Nurses Week is a time to celebrate how hard our nurses work and show them how much we appreciate them, the nurses had a different thought. They wanted to celebrate and show appreciation by giving back to the community. OPEN M was the chosen charity to be the recipient of their fundraising activities.



AKRON GENERAL

The nurses at Akron General went over and above in giving back to the community. In celebration of Nurses Week, the nurses contributed 28 baskets for a raffle. One of the baskets included a champion Cavalier King Charles puppy. He earned over \$3,000. The proceeds of the sales were given to OPEN M and Akron General's SOS fund. The nurses raised over \$17,000 and will donate over \$12,000 to OPEN M. Thank you Akron General for your generous contribution!

On the same note, Summa Health System also took it upon themselves to put together a fundraiser for OPEN M. Each floor competed by creatively coming up with their own fundraiser to raise money for OPEN M. They worked hard at raffles, bake sales, dinners and many other unique ideas. Thank you to the Nurses Practice Council-Summa Akron City and St. Thomas Hospital for raising \$4,700 for OPEN M!



We are grateful to have such amazing community partners that support OPEN M. Thank you for placing your confidence in OPEN M and thinking of us as your charity of choice. It is because of your generosity that OPEN M can reach more people in the community spiritually, physically, intellectually and emotionally.

"The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others." —DeAnne Hollis.



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Walk for Kids rain or shine and we had both!

It did not rain on our parade at this year's Walk for Kids. The walk was a huge success! However, May 14 did have its weather challenges. With the rain, we were still shining because we exceeded our goal of \$30,000.

God has given us an abundance of support for this year's Walk for Kids and the donations are still coming in. As of the end of May, the Walk for Kids brought in an estimated \$38,500! That deserves a very big Wahoo!



This was well beyond our dreams to reach this number, and it is all in thanks to you and your amazing churches, businesses, schools, and organizations that contributed. It is such a wonderful blessing to be able to raise this money for the mission of OPEN M. You have worked very hard and it has paid off. You met the challenge head on and now we will be able to truly reach out into the community and help those who need it most.

The day of the walk, we had a core group of OPEN M supporters come and brave the rain. We appreciate their support and the support of those who donated raffle items and baked goods. What a wonderful success, we did not let the weather ruin our time. Those who joined us enjoyed the Akron Police K9 unit, a bake sale, raffle, face painting, clown, panda and of course the animals in the zoo. Thank you for all you have done for the walk! It is because of your support we can proudly say we exceeded our goal and can really make a change in the lives around us!

Hot Lunch Headlines

June Hot Lunch

Mon. June 20 - Hudson UMC

Mon. June 27 - Stow UMC

Tues. June 21 - Manchester UMC

Tues. June 28 - St. Barnabas Northfield

Wed. June 22 - Church of Our Saviour

Wed. June 29 - 1st Cong. Hudson

Thur. June 23 - Twin Falls UMC

Thur. June 30

Fri. June 24 - Al Kaf Court 144

1st UMC Falls



Walk for Kids Sponsors

Event Sponsor



Promotional Sponsor



Goody Bag Sponsor



Zoo Keeper (donation equals \$9,310)

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List reflects donations turned in before May 20th for the Walk for Kids. Individuals collecting for the same church/organization were added together for the above totals.



OPEN M

Annual Golf Outing

Monday, August 8, 2011

Fox Den Golf Course, Stow, Ohio • 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A Community Event to Raise Money to Support the Free Medical Clinic at OPEN M and the overall mission

Remember 8-8-11

Join us for our 11th Annual Golf Outing!

What is OPEN M?

OPEN M is a ministry of faith, health and hope. Our mission is to touch the lives of people in the greater Akron area at their point of need through the combined effort of over 80 congregations representing 15 different Christian denominations. Several businesses have joined OPEN M as ambassadors. We are a faith-based, nonprofit organization serving people and families in Akron who are economically disadvantaged.

Our services include:

- The OPEN M Free Medical Clinic serving all of Summit County - Free Legal Clinic - Food Pantry - Hot Lunch Program
- Summer Day Camp Program - Community Thanksgiving Dinner - Christmas Food and Gift Program
- After School Mentoring - Bridges Out of Poverty - Mountain of Food Give Away



OPEN M

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Schedule of Events

- 8 a.m. Registration with coffee and donuts
- 9 a.m. Play begins, shotgun start, scramble format
- 11:30 a.m. Light lunch at the turn
- 3 p.m. LUAU dinner begins

In the unlikely event of a total rainout, each golfer will receive a voucher for 18 holes with cart.

Golf Outing Registration Form

Deadline for registration is Friday, July 22

\$95 per person includes golf, cart, lunch, light appetizers, catered luau dinner with a steel drummer, games of skill, and a Chinese raffle. (Dinner only tickets available for \$25.)

Partner Sponsor \$440
Golf for 4, lunch, dinner, and hole sponsorship

Golf Foursome \$380
Golf for 4, cart, lunch and dinner

Hole Sponsorship \$100

Signage (see next panel)

Individual Golfer \$95

Dinner only \$25

I cannot attend the Golf Outing. But please accept my donation of \$_____

Sponsorships are available, call Tiffany Stahl for details.
Limited to 116 golfers.

Contact Information

Name _____

Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Members of Foursome (Individual golfers will be assigned a foursome)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

Method of Payment (Circle One)

Check/Cash Visa MasterCard

Acct. Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name on Signage _____

Event sponsored by:

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You may fax your registration to Tiffany Stahl at (330) 434-6661 or mail your registration form to: **Tiffany Stahl OPEN M Golf Outing 941 Princeton St., Akron, OH 44311**
Or, if you have any questions, call Tiffany at (330) 434-0110, Ext. 404, projects@openm.org • www.openm-ministry.org

Community Outpouring of Support

As many of you may have heard, the OPEN M storage shed was broken into during the weekend of our Walk for Kids in May. Three lawn mowers, containers of gas, and a Weed-eater were stolen. OPEN M prides itself on keeping our facilities and grounds looking nice. It is a shame that this unfortunate incident happened. We are keeping our heads held high with the thought of whoever stole these items from OPEN M must have been in dire need.

We want to thank you for the outpouring of support from the community. We appreciate knowing we have your support in times of need. A special thank you to Craig Sisak for his donation of a lawn mower to replace the stolen one. In addition, thank you to Tommy Bruno, general manager, and the rest of the Summit 91.3 team and the Akron Police department for their swift action in getting the news into the community; the Akron Beacon Journal, and WNRI for broadcasting this incident. That helped us secure the donation of a replacement lawn mower. Finally, a huge thank you to Prince Landscaping for donating their time to mow our grass until we can purchase equipment.

Again, we want to thank everyone for your prayers and help during this difficult time.

Sponsor a Child Today! 2011 Camp L.E.A.R.N.

(Leadership, Encouragement, About themselves, Respect, New interest)

- 4 week Summer Enrichment Camp- Providing a safe and educational environment throughout the summer months for children age 5-12 years of age
- July 5 through July 29 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. weekdays
- Breakfast, Lunch and Snacks each day
- Games, Sports, Crafts, Music and Field trips
- End of Program Celebration on July 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for campers and their sponsors- This is a time for students to share with their sponsors all of the exciting things they have done throughout camp. (Reservations to attend should be made by July 15 to Felicia Bronner, ext 410)

If you would like to sponsor a child for \$110 to enjoy the summer in a safe, educational, and fun environment please send your check with "Summer Camp Sponsor" in the memo line. To: OPEN M – Summer Camp, 941 Princeton Street Akron, OH 44311.

- **Stow Curves** for donating 701 pounds of food to our food pantry
- **Hudson Curves** for donating 1461 pounds of food to our food pantry
- **Thank you to the Walk for Kids committee Lori Heilmeier, Pauline Ellis, and Colleen McMahon** for their continued help with planning and executing this year's very successful Walk for Kids at the Akron Zoo
- **The Church Agency** for sponsoring a car wash for the Walk for Kids at their facilities on May 7
- **Everyone who donated to the raffle baskets for the Walk for Kids**
- **Thank you to those who donated baked goods for the Walk for Kids on May 14**
- **Norm Schmidt** for his help coaching the boys basketball team, transporting when needed and washing the uniforms.
- **Akron General Medical Center Nurses** for their hard work on a silent auction for OPEN M, raising \$12,000
- **Summa Health Systems** for raising \$4,700 through nurses week for the overall mission of OPEN M
- **The Rev'd Knute Larson** for delivering an inspiring speech at our benefit dinner

Darryl Bradley: Our June 2011 Volunteer of the Month

In April, our volunteers gave over 1,700 hours valued at more than \$50,000.

In Daniel Chapter 3, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were sent into a blazing fiery furnace because of their stand to exclusively serve their God alone. This is a favorite Bible story of this month's featured volunteer!

Darryl Bradley, a retired veteran, has been volunteering at OPEN M for three years. He helps with our monthly Mountain of Food Giveaway, in our parking lot for events, and anything else we call him for. He is always

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 by
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 by
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OPEN M at Project Homeless Connect

For the third year in a row, OPEN M has participated in the Project Homeless Connect event held at The Chapel in downtown Akron. The event was held May 10, 2011, and was successful in helping the needy obtain services ranging from dental services to haircuts. We



want to first thank every one of you and your respective churches for your generous donation of socks. Without you, we could not have surpassed our previous year's quantity, and we are very proud to say that we did it this year with flying colors.

This year, 800 people were served during Project Homeless Connect. OPEN M distributed over 1,100 pairs of socks from kid's socks to adult men and women's socks. Thanks to your generosity, there was a variety of socks for people to choose from to meet their family's needs. They had the option of dress socks or regular socks, black, white or color socks and so much more! What a blessing to those who attended! You have truly made a difference in another's life.

Secondly, we would like to say thank you to two very gracious volunteers that actually worked the OPEN M table with Vikki Thomas, our family development community coordinator. So a big thank you from the bottom of our heart to Lynn Garver from Faith United Methodist Church and Mary Myers from Holy Family Catholic Church.



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willing to lend a hand to help with a cheerful attitude!

Darryl moved to the area from Cleveland about three years ago to be closer to his four grown children and their families. While he

was in Cleveland, he worked with the Salvation Army, and once he was settled in Akron he soon found OPEN M an organization he wanted to volunteer with. Darryl is also an active member of the West Park Salvation Army

Corps, and he also volunteers with Habitat for Humanity.

Darryl is a member of the Woodland United Methodist Church, actively participating in Bible study and volunteering his time there too, mowing, shoveling or anything to keep him busy. His hobbies include camping, making 3-D puzzles, being a fix-it man, and he enjoys spending time with his four granddaughters.

OPEN M is fortunate to have so many wonderful volunteers such as Darryl. He has a great attitude, fun-loving spirit and is always willing to make another's day brighter. **Thank you Darryl, for all you do for OPEN M.**

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Monthly Membership Meeting

Friday, June 17, 9 a.m.-
Mountain of Food

Thursday, June 23, 5 p.m.-
Legal Advice Clinic

Monday, June 27 -
Kickoff to Camp

Tuesday, June 28, 3:30 p.m.-
Champions for Wellness

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Champions for Wellness is a series started by OPEN M's free medical clinic to educate and empower patients to live healthy lives, both physically

and mentally. The last Tuesday of each month at 3:30 p.m., a different topic will be discussed at OPEN M and will be open for anyone in Summit County to attend. These sessions will have time for education, discussion, participation, socializing and learning about community resources. Each month different experts in the community will run the session with a different topic surrounding health. Many thanks to The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation who provided funding to make this series possible.

The first group was held in March and was entitled "Healthy Eating and Nutrition." With over 25 individuals in attendance,

the session started with Summit County Nutritionist Donna Skoda talking about nutrition and answering questions from the audience. This time was very interactive, informational and educational!

Donna has worked in the past with families in poverty and individuals with a mental health diagnosis; and she was able to present healthy living and nutritional information in a way that was applicable to our clients. After the educational talk, all 25 individuals walked into OPEN M's kitchen to see Donna demonstrate cooking, finish up a few meals, and break bread together. Everyone helped to prepare the meal and even helped wash the dishes, making this event not only educational but community-based.

In April, the group was entitled "Hope for the Smoker." There were 13 clients in attendance who talked about the possibility of quitting, the realities of smoking and strategies surrounding kicking the habit. We look forward to continuing this series with the May topic of "How to deal with depression and anxiety." The Champions for Wellness series is another great way that OPEN M is making an impact in Akron!