



2004 ANNUAL REPORT

WINTER 2005

Family Housing and Learning Center Resident Receives “Spirit of Fatherhood” Award



Charles Jackson and his children at the awards ceremony. Photo courtesy of [Chattanooga Courier](#).

On December 19th, members of the Chattanooga Area Chapter of Black Journalists honored Charles Jackson for his commitment to fatherhood.

Charles, a divorced single father, lives in a three bedroom apartment at the Family Housing and Learning Center with his five children ages 10 to 16. He has sole custody of his children.

A year ago, Charles was renting a one bedroom, privately owned apartment. When the children's mother relinquished her parental rights, he realized that he would be unable to care for his family in this small space and unable to afford a larger apartment. Not wanting to raise his children in the projects, Charles became proactive in pursuit of a better life.

He and his family became guests at the Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter. From Interfaith, they moved to the Family Housing and Learning Center. Now Charles is enrolled in Habitat for Humanity and is working on his hours for his four bedroom house which will be built in the Shepherd community. The house is expected to be completed by the fall of 2005. Charles was chosen as the first recipient of this award because of the example he sets as a responsible father. He has kept his family together and planned for the welfare of his children. He works to break the cycle of poverty and sets a good example of fatherhood and manhood both for his children and the community at large.

Fast Day 2004

Chaired by Pat and Angie Conroy

Total of Fast Day 2004 Campaign

\$450,464.27

Goal: \$450,000

Volunteer Hours 2004

total 29,921



Financial Contributions

We value your support and regard ourselves as accountable not only to you but also to God for stewardship of the funds you entrust to us.

We are audited by a recognized, local independent CPA firm and publish an audited annual financial statement.

The Chattanooga Community Kitchen, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization. Contributions are tax deductible.

Federal employees may contribute through the Combined Federal Campaign by designating funds to go to CFC #4008.



WMBW 88.1 FM Moody Radio Even Bigger Food Drive

557 turkeys

9500 lbs nonperishable food items

\$301.00

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, it was pouring rain - but that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the WMBW staff. In fact, one of the staff members said not to worry about the weather, that these were "Showers of Blessing." Bobby Byrd fried turkeys, volunteers made lunches and the rain and the people poured in. The people came to eat fried turkey sandwiches and bring their "showers of blessings" in the form of frozen turkeys and food items and cash. This drive just keeps getting bigger and bigger. It has become a wonderful way for us to begin the holiday season.

We thank all those who participated and look forward to 2005.

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2004 HELP II

(Job Training and Placement)

Entered Program:

257 single adults

55 adults in families

Left Program:

91 single adults

27 adults in families

75 had no income at entry
93 were employed at completion
91 moved to approved housing
11 entered treatment programs
16 remain in shelters working on housing plans

Food Service 2004

123,197* meals served

(*28,962 more than in 2003)

9759 volunteer hours

2004 Recycle

Cardboard	34.53 tons	\$1496.70
Mixed paper	76.49	\$2180.75
Plastic	4.95	
Aluminum	.26	\$ 577.54
Tin Cans	3.17	
Glass	7.04	
Mixed Metal	4.62	\$ 249.45
Cloth	198.376	\$17,996.40
Shoes	11.19	\$ 1952.04
TOTAL	340.626 tons	\$24,453.04

St. Catherine's Shelter for Women and Children 2004

44 women, 5 children
49 total

4992 volunteer hours

St. Matthew's Shelter for Men 2004

96 residents

4903 volunteer hours

Homeless No More



Above: Deb Shirley, Family Housing resident, and her friend Laura work out Deb's "sweat equity" for her Habitat for Humanity home.

Below: Up go the walls on Deb's Habitat house.



Consider The Lilies Thrift Store 2004

Total given away	\$262,794.36
Total sales	\$154,852.63

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Charlie's Corner



Charlie Hughes

Fast Day 2004 raised **\$450,464.27!**

Many people have asked me how the Community Kitchen does as well as we do with our Fast Day Campaign. This has to be one of the largest non-capital campaigns in Chattanooga and it occurs every year.

We see this fine response as an affirmation of what we do. People believe that our work is important to the community and that we do a good job with the resources that are given. We have a dedicated staff, a large core group of wonderful volunteers, a committed board of directors and a **very generous** donor base.

But, still people ask, HOW?

First, you must have good Fast Day Chairs. Our list of past Fast Day Chairs reads like a veritable Who's Who of leaders of Chattanooga.

This year, Pat and Angie Conroy were our Chairs. It was their past volunteer involvement with the Community Kitchen and enthusiasm for our mission that made this year so successful.

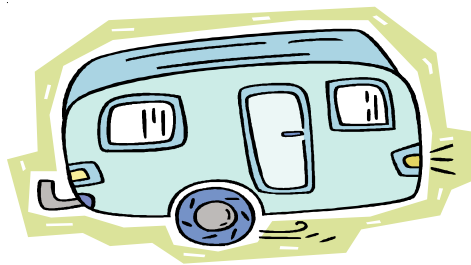
We did not exceed our goal of \$450,000 with large donations. Our average donation for Fast Day was \$51.00.

In addition to making individual donations, many groups do innovative things to raise money for us:

- Red Bank Baptist Church each year has a soup/chili luncheon as a fund raiser for us. This year it raised \$2,155.00.
- Red Lobster at Hamilton Place put out one of our donation piggy banks and collected \$258.62.
- The students at Rivermont Elementary School collected loose change from their parents and donated \$850.00.
- A group of individuals gather each year at Merv's and take up money for us. Their donation this year was \$2,470.00.
- New Covenant Fellowship Baptist Church for the second year had a benefit gospel concert and raised \$785.49.
- The Downtown Kiwanis Club collected \$1,000.00 from its members.
- Charlotte's Web offered gift wrapping for its customers for a donation to the Community Kitchen. They raised \$767.00.
- The Beat Hunger Concert by the percussion department at UTC raised \$221.00.

So many did so much for us, there is not room here to recognize everyone. Most of these events were enjoyable for the participants and a part of activities they already had planned. Many of the ideas began small and have grown as they have been repeated.

To these and our many other individual and group donors, we say thank you for the confidence and support you have given us.



A Christmas Visit

Christmas morning at the Community Kitchen is much like Christmas morning anywhere: lots of company, good things to eat, gifts for all. By Christmas afternoon the food is eaten, the gifts are unwrapped and taken, and the company is gone. It is a quiet, sleepy time for those who are left.

My friend and co-worker, Jord, and I went out into the streets to find anyone who might have missed Christmas. We took socks and gloves and toboggans and scarves and fruit and candy and some new sleeping bags.

We decided to visit a man who lives down in some woods in an abandoned camper. The camper is small and very old and decrepit. The man is young, probably in his early thirties. He is originally from Turkey and speaks broken English. The camper is pitch dark inside, save for a small oil lamp. It reeks of kerosene and sweat.

As we approached the camp, we called out to the man to let him know we were there. He greeted us and was so happy and thrilled that we had come to visit him on Christmas Day. He welcomed us into his home and made haste to find us a place to sit. He was so grateful for the gifts we brought him. He produced a small tin of cookies to share with us.

This man, who has so little, extended such love, hospitality and warmth to us. In that time with him, I felt the true joy and fellowship of Christmas.

Ron Fender, n/BSG

Whose Present?

For the last two years, the Community Kitchen staff has chosen to forego a party for ourselves at Christmas time. Instead we have fixed desserts and hosted a holiday party for our consumers. We play carols and provide cards and postage and assistance for those of our consumers who want to send cards to their loved ones. We know for many of them this may be the only contact they have with family and friends during the holidays.

A week or so after this event, the phone rang in the office. Vanessa answered it. There was a woman on the other end who identified herself as a doctor in Washington, DC. She was holding one of the holiday cards from a man, "John". "John" had explained on the card that we were assisting him. The doctor said that she hadn't talked to "John" in over a year. Was there any way she could speak to him. It was snack time and Vanessa went out to the lunch room and called "John's" name. Luckily, "John" was having his snack. She told him he had a call and took him to her office. As she was leaving the office so he could have some privacy, she heard him say tentatively, "hello." He turned to her excitedly and said, "It's my mom!"