



## Volunteer Ministry Center

Celebrating 20 years of service with Knoxville's poor and homeless

Board of Directors 2007

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Jerry Askew

Dear Friends,

Hugh Bright

Judy Burnette

I stopped by to visit a favorite couple of mine the other day. They are excited about Thanksgiving. It will be their first Thanksgiving in their own home; a year ago they were homeless. Now they sit at their kitchen table and make out a grocery list.

Katharine Pearson Criss

Charlie Daniel

George Doeblen

As the holidays approach, I cannot help but reflect on how much better it is for our folks to spend these precious days in their own homes rather than in a shelter. And it is so much better for them to sit at their own table with friends and family than to partake of a large feeding program. There is dignity and pride in having a place of their own.

Dan Ely

Randy Gibson

Craig Griffith

Carney Ivy

You know by now that the goal of VMC is to help each person who comes to us to achieve housing and to be successful there. Of course we can't do it all at once. There are limited low income units and we only have a certain number of case managers. But working within these limitations, we can make some miracles happen. As I sit and write this, I can share with you that we have placed 70 individuals into housing this year alone, and case managers visit with them regularly to make sure they will succeed. 70 people who were homeless when the year began – and are no longer! And we're not done yet!

David Jones

Peter Keese

Sherry Murphy

David Murray

Judi Nelson

Carol Nickle

It is expensive work. And it's doubly hard because our budget does not allow us to spend money on a lot of costly ads or commercials. Raising the funds is always a challenge. That's where you come in.

Davis Overton

David Rausch

Lois Ross

Cliff Tennison

We do ask that you partner with us in this incredible work that has a goal of ending homelessness. We ask that you be as generous as you can. The rewards are great and the goal is achievable. But we can't do it without your help. We simply can't.

Doug Thompson

Edward Vickers

And please accept our warmest wishes for a blessed holiday season.

Ginny Weatherstone

Gratefully,

Chief Executive Officer

Ginny Weatherstone



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