

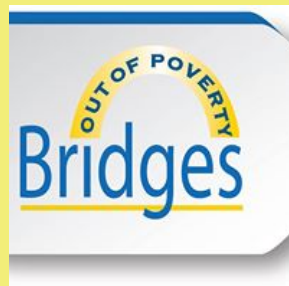


**Cooperative Christian
Ministries + Clinic**

Celebrating 20 years of Helping and Healing



Springing Ahead at CCMC!





Monthly Information Breakfast Meetings Continue

CCMC continues the monthly Bridge to Hope Information Breakfast meetings on the 3rd Wednesday each month, 8:00-9:30 a.m., at The Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce. The next breakfast meeting will be held April 19th.

Please plan to attend one of these sessions to learn more about how we can all help our community...and its citizens...move forward to sustainability. It will be 90 minutes well spent.

Please call 501.318.1153, ext. 303, to reserve your place or contact us at awilson@ccmchs.com. We will save you a spot!

The Express Clydesdales Came to Hot Springs for a Parade and Stayed for a CCMC Fundraiser!





Express Employment Professionals sponsored a fundraiser for CCMC featuring the Express Clydesdales team on March 18th. These majestic horses were here to participate in The World's Shortest St. Patrick's Day Parade in Hot Springs on March 17th and stayed over to meet and greet people while helping raise money for CCMC.

Wagon rides and pictures were offered for \$5, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and Express Employment Professionals' representatives were on hand to take care of the riders and the spectators.

We are so appreciative of this opportunity and want to extend our gratitude to Neal and Rhonda Harrington for making this event happen and for raising funds for CCMC!

Thank you to all who participated!



Remember CCMC and Arkansas Gives on April 6th!



Thursday, April 6
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
ArkansasGives.org



CCMC needs your help!

On Thursday, April 6, we're participating in ArkansasGives, a one-day online giving event. When you make a donation to Cooperative Christian Ministries and Clinic on April 6, you can help us qualify for bonus dollars and cash prizes that will make your donation stretch farther.

From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., **your donation** will help fund **CCMC's 'Getting Ahead' classes**. Getting Ahead is a 16-week self discovery program that provides individuals in the community with the environment and guidance needed to gain self-sufficiency.

Help us help others...while making our community stronger.



A 2015 Getting Ahead Graduate Quote

So what are the Hot Springs GA graduates saying about their Getting Ahead experience? We have a direct quote to share with you:

"This program has changed my thought process on how to become a better person. I have been blessed to be a part of this. There are a lot of people that I have been introduced to and in this process have definitely gained relationships and social capital. I have learned to manage my money

as a more responsible adult and learned to not think in the tyranny of the moment."

Our 20th class of GA/GAWGO began February 22, 2017. Please keep all these participants and graduates in your thoughts and prayers as they journey to a new life.



For Those Interested in Mentoring a Getting Ahead Graduate

There is an orientation opportunity the second Thursday each month at 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at CCMC. The next mentoring orientation session will be held on April 13th. We hope so see you there!



Our Spotlight on CCMC Staff and Volunteers



Our first spotlight is on Jim Pumphrey, a CCMC volunteer who is here on Mondays to work in the office and, in his words, "help wherever he is asked." We are certainly glad he is here...and appreciate his willingness to give his time to CCMC! Here are some things we learned about Jim -

Born: In Illinois...many years ago

Been in Hot Springs: Since 1998

Family: He and his wife have two children and two grandchildren

His favorite thing about CCMC: The friendly people

Work History: He served in the United States Air Force for 21 years and later

CCMC Speakers Always Ready to Share the Bridge to Hope and Getting Ahead Stories

If you would like to have a CCMC representative come to your business or organization to talk about Bridge to Hope in Hot Springs and the Getting Ahead stories, please contact Lynn Blankenship at lynn@ccmchs.com or call her at 501.318.1153, ext. 103.

The Getting Ahead story is about building resources, removing barriers, and supporting the journey from poverty to sustainability for those in our community who want to benefit from this process. The results...a better workforce, a new group of people to contribute to the community, and stronger families.

Ongoing Needs at CCMC

CCMC has many ongoing needs. In addition to volunteer help, which is always needed and appreciated, other needs are:

- Prayer support
- Financial support for overhead costs (utilities, medication, etc.)
- Office supplies (paper, pens, notepads, etc.)
- Paper towels, napkins
- Paper plates, cups
- Disinfectant wipes

Costs involved with Getting Ahead include:

- Classroom supplies for an entire class (16 participants) - \$200
 - Workbooks for a full class - \$300
 - Food for a 16-member class session - \$150
 - Price per class participant - \$600
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Monthly Information Meetings for Prospective Getting Ahead Participants

Please remember that we hold monthly information meetings for prospective participants for Getting Ahead. The 2nd Thursday of each month, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., Jill Johnson, Getting Ahead Coordinator, reviews the process and answers questions that attendees might have about the program. The GA process is a 16-

week self discovery for participants...to learn about themselves, the 11 resources the material outlines, and the journey from poverty to sustainability. If you know anyone who would be interested in learning more about Getting Ahead, please encourage them to attend one of these important meetings. Upcoming information meeting dates are:

April 13, 2017

May 11, 2017

June 8, 2017

Important Meeting Times in April

Mentor Orientation

Thursday, April 13 11:00 a.m.-noon
CCMC

Bridge to Hope Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday, April 19 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce

Seating limited - RSVP requested to awilson@ccmchs.com



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