

## Community Rallies Together For Human Rights Commission Unity Breakfast

Richmond residents gathered on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> to “Celebrate Resilience,” which was the theme of this year’s Unity Breakfast. The event was held at the Perkins Building on the campus of Eastern Kentucky University and attended by nearly 300 people.

Dr. Kim Naugle, Associate Dean of the EKU College of Education, was the keynote speaker. In addition to Naugle’s powerful address about unity, the event featured awards and special remarks from key community members including local elected officials.

Colmon Elridge III, Executive Assistant to Gov. Steve Beshear and the Director of the Governor’s Office of Faith-Based Initiatives and Community Involvement presented a Kentucky Colonel commission to Betty Miller.

Ms. Miller was recognized for long-term community involvement and is now a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Ms. Miller has been employed by Foothills for four decades and is the Homeless Services Coordinator for the New Liberty Homeless Shelter. She served as Foothills’ Outreach Coordinator from 1968-2005.

Dr. Paula Maionchi was the recipient of this year’s Unity Award.

Dr. Maionchi has served as the Chair of the Liberty Place Advisory Council since the center opened in 2008. Joslyn-Olinger Glover, Human Rights Commission Vice-Chair and member of Foothills’ Board of Directors, presented Dr. Maionchi with this coveted award. Joslyn said that, “Dr. Maionchi was chosen as this year’s recipient because she has exemplified community leadership for more than 35 years.”

Dr. Maionchi provides medical services without regard to economic status. She is highly involved with Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women, the New Liberty Homeless Shelter, Habitat for Humanity, and several other community organizations. “I am speechless,” said Dr. Maionchi as she accepted her award.

Sandra Añez Powell, Foothills’ Hispanic Outreach Coordinator and Chair of the Richmond Human Rights Commission, along with many others, worked tirelessly to make this year’s event such a success. Ms. Powell received the first Unity Award in 2007.

In addition to the event, Madison County middle school students participated in a poster contest to celebrate unity. The theme of the contest was “Love Can Build a Bridge.” Morgan Winter of Madison Middle School is this year’s poster contest winner. Winning posters were displayed at the Unity Breakfast. The talented 99 and a Half Just Won’t Do



Interracial Men’s Choir performed a variety of musical selections.

The Platinum Sponsor for this event was the EKU Diversity Office. Gold Sponsors included: Bechtel Parsons Blue Grass; the EKU African and African American Studies Program; Fifth Third Bank; The Governor’s Office for Minority Empowerment; and Jimmy Dale Williams. Friendship Sponsors included Active Body Chiropractic; Office of International Education (EKU); Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs (EKU); First Baptist Church (Francis St.); Habitat for Humanity; Mayor Connie Lawson; Rita Smart; Jim Barnes; First Gear INC; Jason B. Morgan; Equal Opportunity Office (EKU); Landra Lewis; Robert R. Blythe; NAACP Richmond Chapter; and Kenny Barger.

Foothills would like to congratulate Betty Miller and Dr. Paula Maionchi for their outstanding accomplishments this year.

## Senior Happenings....

### POWELL COUNTY

The Powell County Senior Citizens Center hosted Leaders for Lunches on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Leaders for Lunches is a state-wide campaign designed to raise awareness of senior hunger and to encourage action on the part of the local community. The event provided an opportunity for local officials and community leaders to serve and deliver the luncheon meals for the seniors. Seniors appreciated the service, and enjoyed lunch and socializing with several policy makers including Rep. Richard Henderson, Clay City Mayor Jimmy Caudill, Stanton Mayor Dale Allen, PVA Officer Dustin Billings, and County Judge Executive Darren Farmer.

### MADISON COUNTY

The Richmond Senior Citizens Center hosted its first annual Spring Market on Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at their center. This event offered food and shopping from a variety of vendors. Participants were able to shop for jewelry, arts & crafts, purses, homemade hair bows and ribbons, UK merchandise, and much more. "Some of our sponsors included Century 21 Gold, Ramada Conference Center, Sign of the Times, and True Blue Beer Cheese, LLC," said Heather Slone, Richmond Senior Citizens Center Director. The program raised about 2,710. \$1,800 was generated in booth rentals and the seniors made \$455 at their booth. The event also generated over \$3,000 in in-kind contributions. The center is currently planning a Summer Market.

May is Older  
Americans Month.  
This year's theme is  
"Age Strong! Live Long."

### CLARK SENIORS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The Generations Center celebrated St. Patrick's Day in style. Each year the center raises money for the program by voting on a St. Patty's Day King & Queen. Two couples are nominated and the ones who raise the most money are elected. "We have containers in the dining room with their names on them and everyone "votes" with money," said Julie Woolsey, Center Director. The program raised \$725 this year. *Pictured right: 2010 King Coleman Ginter and Queen Irene Woosley.*



### BEREA ANNUAL LINENS AND LACE TEA PARTY JUNE 12

The Berea Senior Citizens Center will host its second annual afternoon tea on Saturday, June 12 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Acton Folk Center, located at 212 W. Jefferson St. in Berea. This distinctive event will feature a traditional afternoon tea, table decoration auction, and a silent auction. Music will be provided by a local Dulcimer group and a violinist. There are 120 tickets available to the public for \$14 per person. A table sponsor can purchase all eight seats for \$100.



There will be a silent auction beginning prior to the event beginning at 3:30 p.m. The center is seeking individuals, businesses, clubs, and churches to decorate a table for the Table Auction. Each Table Host will set a table and determine the table's theme. Tables can be decorated for any season or holiday.

The decorated tables including dishes, centerpieces, linens, etc. will be auctioned during the tea. Table Hosts provide all of the decorations for one table. White table cloths will be placed on each table and are not part of the auction. However, the table host may provide a table cloth to be auctioned as part of the table decorations. There are ten available tables; 6 round tables (60") and 4 oblong tables. Each auction table seats eight. Table requirements include: a table cloth or a table runner, or placemats or chargers. Place settings for each seat may include dinner plates, glassware, linens, etc. Tables can include optional items such as: favors, additional table linens, larger plates/chargers, teapots, silk flowers, ornaments, and greenery. Tables may be set up beginning at noon on June 12<sup>th</sup> and must be ready by 1:45 p.m. All Table Hosts will be listed in the event program. The deadline to sign up as a Table Host is June 4<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will not be given to Table Hosts.

For more information about purchasing tickets, donating a silent auction item, making a donation, or donating money so the center to decorate a table for you please call Paula Woodman, Berea Senior Citizens Center Director at 986-8350.

# The News in Brief...

## UPCOMING FINANCIAL PARTNERS CLASSES

Foothills' Financial Partners program is now enrolling participants in new spring classes. Financial Partners is a free 12-week, common sense money and budget management program for married couples. This program is designed to improve relationship skills by focusing on financial management. Financial Partners new fall classes are listed below.

### Powell County Library

725 Breckenridge St., Stanton, KY  
Thursdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Sign up by calling Bill Arrowood at 859/624-4116 x306  
or Susan Watson at Powell County Adult Education 606/663-1948.  
Class begins April 8<sup>th</sup> and finishes June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Rice Station Christian Church

1675 Rice Station Road, Irvine, KY  
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30pm

Sign up by calling Bill Arrowood at 859/624-4116 x306 or Rev. Kirt Scott  
606/723-4791. Class begins April 13<sup>th</sup> and finishes July 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Faith Created Assembly of God

314 Fourth Street, Richmond, KY  
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sign up by calling Joe Killin at 859/624-4116 x210 or Faith Created Assembly  
of God, 859/623-4639. Class begins April 13<sup>th</sup> and finishes June 29<sup>th</sup>.

## STAFF AND BOARD TRANSITIONS

Donna Hillman was hired as Recovery Services Director for Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women. Dr. Dennis Campbell has been hired as the Medical Director for the Healthcare for the Homeless program. Also, Foothills would like to welcome William Baker, Carol Barrier, and Pam Price to its Board of Directors. Mr. Baker is retired from Rockwell International Manufacturing. He is a co-owner in Breaking Bread Café in Winchester and will serve as a public representative from Clark County. Ms. Barrier is an Educational Administrator and also serves on the Head Start Area Policy Council. Ms. Barrier has early childhood experience and will serve as a low-income elected representative from Madison County. Ms. Price is a Payroll/Accounts Payable Clerk for the City of Winchester and will serve as a public representative from Clark County. Foothills has 21 Board members representing the public, private, and low-income sectors of the four primary counties it serves, which are Clark, Estill, Madison, and Powell. Welcome to our new members and congratulations!

## footnotes

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## HEAD START MARCHES INTO READING

Early reading enhances a child's language and communication skills and better prepares them for school. During the month of March parents and community members show children the importance of reading through an annual March into Reading Contest. The contest began on March 8<sup>th</sup> and runs through April 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents are encouraged to engage their children in activities such as visiting the public library to check out a book, getting a library card, reading a book to their children's classroom or reading a book about weather. Besides activities, parents are also charged with keeping a written log of all books the children read during this time. Prizes include Wal-Mart gift cards. One grand prize winner per county will be selected to receive books.





## Babes n' Bloomers Project Supports Liberty Place



*Pictured above: Liberty Place client Carrie P. receives her gift for Valentine's Day. Pictured right: Christine S. and Kristin M. laugh as they compare their gift packages during the distribution party on February 12th at the center. The day was full of laughter and cheer.*



Crossroads Christian Church made Valentine's Day very special for more than 70 ladies this year. Every client enrolled in the Liberty Place program was adopted by the women's ministry to receive two new bras and underwear. "As you might imagine Valentine's Day can be a very hard holiday to cope with, for anybody," said Karen Bailey, Foothills' public information and projects director. "But it is especially hard for women living at Liberty Place, who are temporarily separated from their children, husbands, boyfriends, parents, and friends. They have visitation hours and can communicate by telephone and letters, but they are still for a period of time – separated." The kindness and generosity the Women's Community showed was much appreciated. Gift bags were distributed on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> during afternoon snack time / before the last class of the day.

Crossroads is located in Lexington and will be partnering with Liberty Place to provide various other outreach projects in the future.

## Foothills Celebrates Black History Month

In February, two of Foothills' programs sponsored community-wide Black History Program's to honor civic rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. At the Generations Center in Winchester, Elaine Farris spoke about how Dr. King changed the consciousness in America. She said, "A primary legacy left to humankind by Dr.



*Pictured above l-r: Helen Walker, Clark County Schools Superintendent Elaine Farris and Christine Gay in traditional African American clothing at the Generations Center.*

King is his strength to love." She went on to say, "He changed the consciousness of America. He changed the consciousness to his legacy of love." The program, held on February 11<sup>th</sup>, included seniors, Head Start children, and community members. In Richmond, the New Liberty Homeless Shelter hosted a program on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 p.m. at the Betty Miller Community Center. Mr. Wade Stanfield was this year's keynote speaker. Both events also featured music and various readings.

In January, Phillis Adams was presented the Wallace G. Maffett Award for Public Service by the Richmond Chamber of Commerce at their annual awards banquet. Phillis is the Director of Foothills' Head Start program. She is also the long-time president of the Richmond Little League, serves on Safe Kids Network, Communities that Care, and the Child Development and Family Life Advisory Committee. Since its inception in 1997 Phillis has been an active board member of the Madison County Children's Champions. For nearly 40 years, she has worked tirelessly and with unwavering dedication to improving life in Richmond. In a powerful acceptance speech, Phillis expressed that she is motivated to provide opportunities to all children. Congratulations Phillis!