

December 3, 2011

Dear CAM Volunteers and Supporters,

**Look what you have helped us do!** We could not continue **Community Action Ministries, Inc** without prayers and financial support from people like you. God continues to bless us with so many incredible opportunities to serve others and to demonstrate His love to those in our communities. Here are just a few of the highlights that **you** have helped support for 2011:

CAM has seen several new additions to the ministry this year: (#1-4)

1. Unlike the short devotions that the students lead on the volunteer days, CAM has begun a twice a month in depth Bible study that is lead by an adult. The Youth Advisory Council (**YAC**) selected the topics that are presented in a short series of teachings.
  2. I had been praying for a connection with the OU students for several years. OU Professor, Carolyn Morgan, began a Community Citizen class and asked me to come speak to the students. Through this connection, we had the opportunity to work side by side with some wonderful college students
  3. We are now on Facebook: for those of you that facebook, please check Community Action Mission's out and "Like Us" so you may pass along information.
  4. People may now give on line by going to our website ([www.cam-inc.net](http://www.cam-inc.net)) and give through Pay Pal.
- We have had 140 people participate in CAM events seeking to "put skin on the gospel," with over half of those being involved for the first time. This includes one volunteer that came all the way from Missouri to participate in the May CAMp.
  - We have helped 15 different non-profit agencies including 4 new agencies for the first time.
  - We held our 7<sup>th</sup> annual *One Night in a Box* event and raised \$1906.59, which was given to three organizations that have a direct impact on the homeless. Way to go!
  - This was the third year CAM helped the Josh Heupel's 14 Foundation collect money before the OU-Texas Tech football game. Dawn Heupel told me she gave us one of the toughest gates to collect at, since it is where the visitor come through. She said they decided to give us this gate because they "knew the CAM group would bring the most out of that gate." That is a HUGE complement. We raised \$1,814.00. GREAT JOB!
  - We have completed 20,949 volunteer hours since August of 1999!☺ 2,907 were served just this year.

In addition, we have witnessed God working greatly in the hearts and lives of the volunteers who participate in CAM. It is such an amazing sight to see teens transform their lives as they learn how to be diligent, hard workers; seeking to complete the task with fine details and leaving the site better than how they found it. They get a sense of accomplishment and great satisfaction in giving of their time to help others in need. One YAC member said he appreciated the challenge that CAM puts forth. It has helped him dig a little deeper in the Word in order to present the Gospel message.

**As you know, we do not charge to participate in CAM; however, like any ministry, there are expenses. CAM depends entirely on community donations from individuals, families, and churches. As this year draws to a close, we would appreciate your continued prayers and ask that you consider sending a financial donation. Any tax-deductible gift may be sent to CAM, Inc. at 819 Terrace Pl. Norman, OK 73069.**

We praise God for His goodness and faithfulness. You are an incredible blessing to us, and we hope that God has blessed you through your love and generosity to CAM as we partner together to see His Kingdom come.

**Here are a few testimonies to show you how your prayers and financial contribution has influenced the lives of so many:**

Donna, thank you and Jerry so much for your ministry and all that you do. You are such a blessing to my family! I love that my girls are able to benefit from your ministry. I'm so thankful for the seeds you sow into their lives. It may seem like a strange word, but "refreshing" comes to mind.

Gratefully,  
David, Parent

My son, Nathan is eager to return to Skyline. He said that he really enjoyed chatting with folks in attendance. I think I was there to speak to one 37-year-old guy who is very bitter and angry with God. He was a challenge, but I didn't back down. He was there with his Dad who is a Christian and sang a song...great voice. The Rev said that we had the best group of youth ever! She emphasized that she didn't blow smoke but really meant it. She could see us all over the church chatting with folks from 5:30 to 6:00 PM, until the meal arrived. She couldn't believe that we stayed until every thing was cleaned up. Most groups just come, serve the meal, and then leave.

Blessings upon you all!  
Barbara, Parent Volunteer

Full Circle has worked with CAM volunteers for several years. It is such a joy to have such well-behaved students come and work with our participants. They are always compassionate, respectful, and willing to jump in and do whatever is needed. We look forward to having them each time.

Jennifer Voss  
Life Enrichment Director  
Full Circle Senior Adult Day Center

Your group is always one of our favorites. GREAT bunch of workers and we hope they like us too. As always, you all were amazing. Thanks SO much for all the hard work and packed boxes!

Karen, Director of HUGS

We were thrilled with our CAM volunteers. This was Love Link Ministries' first summer to partner with CAM and it was well worth our time. The kids worked hard and stayed focused. We did a variety of things and they were willing to do whatever was asked of them. Love Link looks forward to working with CAM in the future and highly recommend others getting involved with this great organization. You won't regret it!

Marilyn Stark

Executive Director

Love Link Ministries, Inc.

Please accept my appreciation on behalf of Feed The Children, Inc. for your volunteer help on August 11, 2011. Your group worked with enthusiasm and a great attitude. We appreciate your group's willingness to give the gift of time. Your group's help made a difference in the lives of homeless children in the following areas;

960 homeless children in the Minneapolis, MN on 8-15-2011

960 homeless children in St Paul, MN on 8-15-2011

1,200 homeless children in Waco, Texas on 8-16-2011

1,920 homeless children in Carthage Missouri on 8-24-2011

I want to personally thank you for your tremendous individual and group spirit. I applaud your kindness, hard work, compassion, and generosity. Never forget that giving is a selfless act but it doesn't go unnoticed. Your group always leaves the work area clean and orderly. I would highly recommend your group to other agencies.

Thank you for your help

Veda Griffin

Thank you again for your continued support.

May you be richly blessed to have the opportunity to be surrounded by loved ones during this holiday season. Merry CHRISTmas.

Donna Hooper  
Executive Director