

HACOBACARE MINISTRIES
ANNUAL REPORT
2008-2009

As we come to the close of my first year as Director, many things have run through my mind as I reflect back over the year!

- All of the Volunteers that have given of their time and talents to make this a very successful year.
- The many testimonies shared with me this year are exciting to see how God is using this ministry
- To all of the Churches that have stood with HaCoBA this past year, we say thank you very much
- To the staff of Hamilton County Baptist Association, a special thank you for all your help and support.

It was our pleasure to have a young man, earning his Eagle Merit Badge, select HaCoBA for his scout project. He planned, organized and supervised the remodeling of the center's rest room. He did an excellent job, and our thanks go to him and his Scout Troop.

We have had a number of other groups come and work on various projects, and for fear of leaving anyone out, we say to each, "thank you" very, very, much!

Some statistics for the year 2008-2009:

- People receiving food 9384
- 3410 of that number were children, ages 3-18
- God blessed us with 183 professions of faith and 59 rededications

The Baptist Nursing Fellowship (BNF) has registered nurses, each day, conducting HaCoBACare Health Ministry, under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Louise Gunnells. This year:

- 1,349 Blood Pressures taken
- 256 pairs of glasses given
- 20 to Volunteers in Medicine and 22 to other professionals

Computer training classes continue and have full enrollment. They are conducted by Mr. Ed Markert and Mr. Hugh Irvin. Mr. Markert has a program that takes non-working computers and repairs them to a working state, then makes them available to clients, with mouse, keyboard and monitor. All units are tested to assure their workability.

The following is written with deep appreciation for all of the support that is being given to HaCoBACare:

- The Sara Lee Thrift Store is a regular supplier of loaf bread.
- Pruett's Food Market on Signal Mountain has also become a supplier of canned good and other food items
- Two BI-LO Food Stores give pastries and bread, daily.

- The Woman's Missionary Union sponsors an annual event to promote collecting canned goods and money.
- A number of churches have groups that have sponsored events to collect food items.
- Sunday School Classes and other groups send regular monetary gifts
- Individuals who give both monetary and material support.
- Some monetary gifts come through a church budget.
- The U. S. Postal Service, South Station, has an annual food drive that benefits HaCoBACARE

HaCoBACare was organized to exist by free will support for all expenses, including operational overhead, and not to rely on finances of the Hamilton County Baptist Association, except in an emergency. Staffing is 100% by volunteers who personally give monetary and /or material support.

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