UNITED CRESCENT HILL MINISTRIES
160 State Street, 40206

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to Stephanie Heres-Floyd

UCHM hires new leader

United Crescent Hill Ministries is delighted to announce the appointment of Louisville native Stephanie Henry-Floyd as its new executive director.

Henry-Floyd is a familiar presence at UCHM, having served in recent years as the organization's associate director, a position that gives her deep understanding of the many parts that make up the ministry.

UCHM is accepting applications for a new associate director, but in the meantime, Henry-Floyd is flying around trying to fill the demands of both busy roles.



Stephanie Henry-Floyd

For most of her life, she pictured herself in a far different future. But she sensed from the time she was old enough to understand that people sometimes need help, that it was up to her to help them.

She was 7 years old, listening to the extensive prayer list for the sick and shut-in at St. Martin de Porres on Broadway. "There would be so many people on that list, and I felt like it was on me to try and fix the situation."

To do that, she decided to become a doctor.

And she tried to, three times, each time ripping up or college chemistry and the pressures of pre-med.

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UCHM WILL BE CLOSED JUNE 19TH FOR JUNETEENTH

Giving painlessly!

Kroger rewards program can help you support UCHM - for free!

Every time you shop at Kroger, you can help your neighborhood. All you need is a Kroger card. It costs you not a cent more than the groceries you're buying.

Here's how to do it:

- Enroll your Kroger Plus Card at Kroger.com/community-rewards.
- If you don't already have a digital Kroger account, you'll need to create one. If you do have an account, log in on the community rewards page.
- Click on the link on the page to select United Crescent Hill Ministries.

Now, every time you shop, UCHM will receive a donation at no cost to you!



New Executive

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holding several jobs - five at once for one two-week period - to pay for tuition.

Her closest friends threw her a Relieve – although she didn't quite see it that way at first.

"It was my second year of college, and I was struggling with my science classes," Henry-Floyd said. "But I was trying to push through despite the fact that I was doing horrible."

Two of my friends, Jacqueline and Kriana, they sat me down, and it sounded so rehearsed to the way they talked, so scripted! And they just said, Boy, do we have a friend that will make a great *social worker!*

"I said, What?! And they're like, Stephanie, we *think that you should be a social worker. You're family-oriented, and we just know that this is what you should do!"*

In 2017 she graduated with a bachelor's in social work from the University of Louisville. In May of 2022, after several jobs in the social work field, she received her master's from Lindy's Kent School of Social Work. In October of that year, she started at UCHM, in charge of emergency assistance, the afterschool program and volunteers.

Although Henry-Floyd knows she takes the helm of UCHM at a tough time, "I'm hoping to grow despite the current climate."

"I'd like to thrive, improve, fundraising and increase outreach, but I can't do this alone. But with the board, our supporters near and far, and our volunteers, I believe that this can truly happen."

Craft & Vendor Fair June 7 at UCHM

Stop by 1501 E. State Street on the first Saturday in June from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and pick up some cool hand-made items and more at our Craft & Vendor Fair sponsored by Republic Bank.

Vendors will be selling baked goods, cute yarn capes, African bags and jewelry, handmade crochet items, home goods, dog treats, human treats, sweaters, yummy baked goods and more!

Proceeds from the event support our summer camp program, providing funding for activities and tuition for those who need it.

REPUBLIC BANK



Your Next Party Place!

Rent our community room

UCHM's community room which seats more than 100 people, is available for parties, showers, and events!

Rent starts at $500, plus a $100 refundable deposit.

To find out when the room is available, or to book your event, contact UCHM at 502-893-0346, or [redacted].

Sneak into Summer Camp; it starts June 9



Don't miss out! Summer Camp is almost here.

If you hurry, you can still squeak your child into one of the few remaining places.

The camp runs June 9-13, Monday through Friday, 9-2:30 p.m.

Children in grades 1-8 can participate in games, field trips, and maybe even experience a little learning!

Lunch will be provided.

Register by calling 893-0346 or emailing uchmlouisville@gmail.com.

Or stop by at 160 State Street Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration is $50 per child. Financial aid is available.

Now's the time to prepare for school!

Help kids get ready for classes

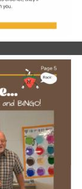
UCHM's Back-to-School Drive is going today!

We're asking donors to bring a new backpack - any size - and donate $30. The money goes toward school supplies to fill each backpack.

Last year, we helped 85 kids in the neighborhood with basic supplies.

Let's see if we can hit 120!

Drop off your donations at UCHM, 150 S. State Street, or send them online via Amazon or other means. Use our PayPal account or a check to send cash.



60-PLUS JAMS HAPPENING IN JUNE

TUESDAYS

10:30 a.m., JUNE 10: Michelle Last, from the Senior Medicare Patrol, discusses fraud trends in Kentucky.

10:15 a.m., JUNE 17: Crafts with Aunt Sally.

10:30 a.m., JUNE 24: The truth about trans fats

THURSDAYS

10:30 a.m., JUNE 5: Celebrating April, May and June birthdays

10:15 a.m., JUNE 12: Mellwood Musicians.

June 19: Closed in observance of Juneteenth

10:15 a.m., June 26: Blue Moon Karaoke

EVERY WEEK

LUNCH

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. Chair yoga with Arnia

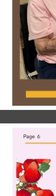
Tuesdays & Thursdays 11:15 Lunch. Registration required. Register a week ahead of time at 893-0346.

Tuesdays & Thursdays Bingo. Follows lunch, so stick around for some fun.

Wednesdays 10 a.m. Strength and resistance training.

Wednesdays 12 a.m. Join the group crocheting baby blankets for the infants in Operation Baby Launch. If you don't know how to crochet, they'll teach you.









Pantry NEEDS

On two consecutive days in late May, the pantry saw more than 50 visitors come in for groceries. To the best of anyone's recollection, it was a record.

At the same time, our delivery of USDA meat was the smallest many of us have seen. The meat came in as always on the third Friday of the month – when the pantry is closed – and two weeks later, we had only a few savings of USDA meat remaining, even as we doled back how much we gave to each family.

On the bright side, our supplies of canned goods, especially vegetables, including green beans, corn and tomatoes, remains high.

The generous gift of toilet paper from St. Frances of Rome Church is finally near it's end. That donation was a huge help.

This month, our needs are as follows:

- Frozen meat, especially chicken and ground beef.
- Canned soup
- Rice.
- Canned beans, such as kidney, pinto, black, great northern, cannellini, garbanzo
- most in a can such as Spam, tuna, chicken
- meals in a can like lasagna, ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs
- coffee, tea, soda
- milk, powdered milk and shelf-stable milk
- spices, cooking oil, butter
- baking supplies, including sugar, flour, baking soda, baking powder
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, pads
- deodorant
- shaving cream
- shampoo, conditioner
- soap, body wash
- diapers of all sizes except newborn and size 1.
- baby wipes
- adult diapers, all sizes
- cat food
- dog food
- folding grocery carts for those who walk or take the bus to the pantry.

WE NEED your SHOES!

We're looking for shoes. If we collect enough of them, United Crescent Hill Ministries might make as much as $2,000.

So, time for some summer cleaning. Check out your closets and donate pairs you don't wear anymore.

An organization named Funds2Orgs.com will reimburse us as much as 50 any gently used or new shoes, including pants per pound of shoes. But here's the rub: If we don't collect enough shoes, our earnings will be reduced by the cost of a shipping.

What kind of shoes will we accept? Almost anything!

We'll refuse shoes that are ripped, filthy, or missing a shoe. The F/I-store finds are not acceptable.

- The shoes must be part of a matched pair – tie them together if you can. No single shoes are accepted.
- Shoes cannot have holes or rips.
- Sneakers must have tread.
- We will accept lightly soiled or scuffed shoes.

We have receptacles for shoes at UCHM, 150 State Street. We'll tell you more as we learn more.



Looking for other ways to help UCHM sort with kids, provide meals and social services for the older crowd, help neighbors with bills and groceries?

Then check out our amazon.com wishlist at tinyurl.com/mu3mwshes.