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The Nehemiah Foundation's  
Informational Fundraising Winter Reception

**A NEW YEAR:  
A DEFINED FOCUS**

featuring the introduction of  
**2012 FUNDED MINISTRIES & NEW MINISTRY PARTNERS**

And a few words from  
**ERNIE HAASE**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2012  
5:00 - 6:30 PM**

Hollenbeck Bayley Creative Arts & Conference Center

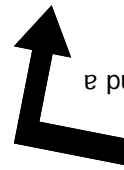
No cost for the Winter Reception but Reservations are required.  
RSVP (937) 325-6226 or [events@nehemiahfoundation.net](mailto:events@nehemiahfoundation.net)

Then join us for a concert with **Ernie Haase + Signature Sound**  
**7:00 PM** at the Clark State Performing Arts Center

Concert tickets go on sale December 13. For pricing and info visit [pac.clarkstate.edu](http://pac.clarkstate.edu) or call (937)722-8587

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Join us for a fun evening - The Nehemiah Winter Reception and a great concert by Ernie Haase!



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**WAYS TO SUPPORT**

*The Nehemiah Foundation with a year-end gift*

- ... **Cash Gift** - All gifts are income tax-deductible
- ... **In-kind Gift** - Equipment and services can be utilized by TNF and the ministries we serve
- ... **Donated Securities** - Gifts of appreciated stock, bonds, mutual funds, real estate, collectibles and antiques can mean large tax savings
- ... **Charitable Trust** - You can receive income and help support Springfield ministries
- ... **Charitable Gift Annuity** - Generate a lifetime fixed-income with generous tax savings
- ... **Insurance** - Consider naming The Nehemiah Foundation as a beneficiary on your insurance policy
- ... **Memorial Gifts** - Remember deceased loved ones with memorial gifts
- ... **Honor Gifts** - Honor loved ones with a gift to the Foundation in their name.
- ... **Wills** - Remember that every person should have a will. This is yet another way to honor God through the distribution of your estate.

To learn more about giving to The Nehemiah Foundation, contact Bruce Grimes, Executive Director at 325-6226 or email him at [bruce@nehemiahfoundation.net](mailto:bruce@nehemiahfoundation.net).

**Prayer Requests**

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Eph 6:18*

During our phone-a-thon in November, several friends shared prayer requests with us. We consider it a privilege to lift these requests to the One who can heal all, bless all, love all. Would you join us in taking these requests to the Lord:

- ... Dave - friend, Jackie, who has ALS
- ... MaryLou and Lenora - health
- ... Tony - stress and world peace
- ... Pat - salvation for grandchildren
- ... Esther - safe travels for children
- ... Roger - healing for Lucille from stroke
- ... Julia - mourning loss of her father
- ... Carolyn - alone and homesick
- ... Janice - husband's back surgery
- ... Robert - general prayers
- ... Kendra - economy
- ... Don - praise God for all good things
- ... Jennie - daughter suffers with headaches, going through testing, pray for healing and answers
- ... Maxine - restore health for her, her husband and her brother
- ... Judy - husband's salvation, friends with cancer and family member with congestive heart failure
- ... Barb - Bill has stage 3 lung cancer, salvation for family members
- ... Eleanor - family, young people, health and continued faith
- ... Dick - getting older
- ... Don - upcoming back surgery
- ... Shantel - new job
- ... Tim - son-in-law's knee surgery
- ... Lenora and Sue - unsaved family
- ... Jeff - insurance
- ... Don - back surgery on December 8
- ... Marcia - jobs and peace in America
- ... Candy - health and happiness for the Holidays
- ... Bob - restore health for him, his wife and mother
- ... Wendy - job security & health for her & her husband
- ... Anonymous - grieving the recent loss of spouse

Also visit our website [www.nehemiahfoundation.org](http://www.nehemiahfoundation.org) for our ministry prayer requests. If you would like to be added to our prayer list, please email us at [Sue@nehemiahfoundation.org](mailto:Sue@nehemiahfoundation.org) or call the office 937-325-6226.



# Building Clark County as a Community of God ONE STONE AT A TIME



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## PASSING THE BATON - CRC has new directors!

Passing the baton in a relay race is a tricky and well practiced process. You can't simply "hand over" the baton with no thought, preparation, or follow through - it will be dropped. The "best" process is when the person carrying the baton gets close to the person receiving the baton, they start to run and pace themselves to receive the baton, the person who is handing off the baton paces with the receiver they both hold on to the baton for awhile, until the baton is securely in the receiver's hand and then they run a few more moments together and receiver takes off - the hand off is complete. After 20 years of carrying the "baton" known as Children's Rescue Center, Co-Executive Directors, Nancy Lutz and Susie Rastatter have handed their baton to Meredith Berzins and Nikki Tighe.

Nancy and Susie began "running" with a pass off in mind in 2007, realizing after the death of Nancy's husband, Gary, that a plan for the future needed to be put into place. Meredith & Nikki were not actually "in sight" for the hand off until February of 2011. Meredith had been a volunteer at Ark West during her community service hours for Wittenberg University three years ago, and Nikki came on staff as the Office Manager five years ago. Meredith and Nikki started pacing with Nancy and Susie in February and they ran together until September 1. Now Meredith and Nikki are leading the CRC striving to hold onto the Master's hand and follow His lead, just as they have been trained.

The Children's Rescue Center runs a collection of ministries - The Ark & The Rock afterschool programs, the Daily Bread Food Pantry, Un Mundo on Main, the Gary Lutz Gopher Dome and they also own Un Mundo Café downtown. The dedicated staff and new Co-Executive Directors take seriously the mission of the CRC, "to facilitate the love of Jesus to children and families in need in the inner city and beyond, by providing services and activities to meet individual needs with a holistic, comprehensive approach." As they begin this race they are excited about the people they will meet and be impacted by on the journey. You can learn more about the CRC and its ministries at [www.childrensrescuecenter.com](http://www.childrensrescuecenter.com).



## Building Together What Can't Be Built Alone...

takes many people using the gifts and talents that the Lord has blessed them with (Neh 4:19-20). We would like to recognize and thank two special volunteers.

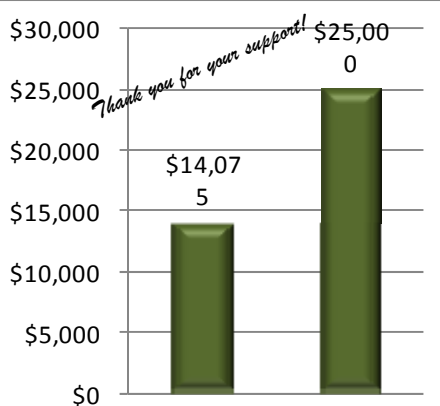


**Jerry Kuyoth** returned in July to once again serve TNF as a board member. He is the Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for National Church Residences Health Care. Jerry brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our board. Jerry and his family are from Springfield but he and his wife Lorie currently reside in Dublin. Lorie is Director of Ethics at Nationwide Insurance and they are blessed with two sons, Joe (Veronica) and Andy and a grandson named Jackson.

Jerry said he gives generously to The Nehemiah Foundation "because of the Evangelical Mission of the supported ministries and the accountability that the (NF) Board monitors of the leaders and the ministries in their day to day activities. I believe we are accountable to God for the Stewardship of donated dollars and for building up and supporting the ministry leaders in finances, prayer, and physical involvement."

Jerry says " It was and is a privilege to serve on the Nehemiah Board. I thank our Lord for the ministries we support and look to his direction for our efforts each day." Thank you for your heart for our Lord and for this community Jerry!

### FINANCIAL UPDATE



A generous group of anonymous donors will match dollar-for-dollar every gift given to The Nehemiah Foundation until December 31, 2011 up to \$25,000!

**Barb Korn** has been a regular volunteer with The Nehemiah Foundation for many years. She retired from Wittenberg University and decided to bless us with her experience here. She always helps organize and assemble large mailings from our office as well as help register guests at our events. Barb says "I like what The Nehemiah Foundation stands for and am proud of the accomplishments that have been made. They are always looking forward for new opportunities to help in the community." Thanks Barb, you are a blessing to us!

### WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT A MINISTRY?

The Nehemiah Foundation loves to share what is being done by the ministries it supports. If you would like more information, or would like to visit a ministry, simply contact us at (937) 325-6226.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To all of you, I extend my sincere thanks for your support and prayers. During this dynamic season of the year, it is good to remember the amazing creativity of God. After all, He invaded this earth to save it *as a baby!*

His creativity obviously hasn't stopped there. He is still creating...still forming...still shaping us to look just like Him. This was his original intent ("let us make man in our image") and He hasn't changed his mind.

As Nehemiah is being refined and shaped by God's hands, we are excited to announce that The Nehemiah Foundation is intentionally identifying and supporting ministry leaders who are dealing with specific issues in our community such as:

- ... Third grade reading levels
- ... Academic improvement for youth
- ... Self sustainability for adults

All of the programs we support have a strong spiritual component of Christian discipleship. Nehemiah's cause continues to focus on "building together what can't be built alone." Together we can make a difference in a child's life. You are making a difference.

Merry Christmas and God bless!

Bruce



Would you like to give your Aunt Esther or Grandpa Joe something more meaningful than another sweater or fruitcake this Christmas? Why not make a donation to The Nehemiah Foundation in their honor? We'll send them a beautiful Christmas card recognizing the gift and they will be part of building something with eternal benefits. Just write "In honor of..." on your giving envelope and we'll take care of the rest.

