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## 2012 Annual Report



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## Our Donors

There have been many generous donations from individual, groups, and organizations that support the HMC programs and services.

Thank you to all the churches, businesses and individuals who have carried out the ministry of HMC this past year. Our mission can only be accomplished with your continued support and volunteer assistance.

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"For the good of our neighbors" | Corinthians 10:24

## Message from the President

Lora Wyss PhD, RN, CNS, Certified School Nurse

Another successful harvest season has concluded in Hartville. Activities at the Migrant Center have slowed considerably after a fast-paced summer. In the midst of a wide range of migrant services, several building and grounds improvements occurred. Offices were relocated for increased efficiency, the commodity room was moved to the improved basement to make way for a Migrant worship area, and landscaping and new railings enhanced the physical appearance of the building. Upgraded electrical and telephone systems improved efficiency. A new pump and water treatment system were installed just as the building was closed for the winter.

Medical services were provided for over 1,000 physician and nurse visits. Volunteers were from Aultman Health Foundation, Kent State University, Malone University, NEOMED, North Canton Medical Foundation, Stark County Health Department, Walsh University, and many more. New this year were students/faculty from the University College of Lillabaelt in Denmark as part of an exchange program with Malone University.

The children's program entered a new era this summer, with the development of a more comprehensive relationship with Marlinton Local Schools. Daily activities and summer school

programming for both elementary and high school children were housed at Marlboro Elementary. Approximately 80 children participated this year. We continue a strong relationship with Migrant Head Start housed a few blocks from the center where over 40 children, 6 weeks to six years of age, are safely cared for. English as a Second Language, GED, Credit Recovery Classes, as well as Citizenship classes continued in the evening at the center where many adults were served. Many volunteers continue to work with the migrants to meet their spiritual needs, such as baptisms, first communions, and regular masses.

Before next spring when the migrants return, it is hoped that a solution is found for the center's septic system deficiencies and the parking lot improvement can be completed. In addition, several minor maintenance projects have been identified. Clearly, many short and long term improvements must be made to ensure that migrant outreach services can continue to be offered. With the consistent assistance of a very supportive community, compassionate local congregations and the dedicated commitment of a loyal contingent of volunteers, the above mentioned needs will be met and hopefully services may even be expanded.

## Mission Statement

We are here to serve the needs of the migrants through our Christian ministry.

## Our Purpose

- To supply a Christian-based ministry to migrant workers and their families in the Hartville area.
- Work in cooperation with other agencies and organizations to assist migrant workers.
- Encourage a sense of worth and community belonging among migrant workers and their families.
- Build awareness of cultural diversity and advocate for the good of migrant workers.

## Executive Board Members

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## Ministry

We celebrated 8 Catholic Masses over the season in the chapel with 50-75 in attendance at most services. The ministry held 11 classes for sacramental preparation from June 13 through August 29. One child was baptized, 6 children made their First Communion/First Confession, 3 young adults received the Sacrament of Confirmation on September 9. Families were visited over the summer for pastoral support each week.

## Medical Program

A wide variety of medical services were provided during the 2012 growing season. Some specific areas of care are below.

**Migrant Medical Clinic** A total of 782 patient visits, 155 well child visits, 139 OB/GYN visits. In addition 257 TB tests were administered. 113 Flu vaccines and 19 tetanus vaccines were given.

**North Canton Medical Foundation** In addition to physician services at the Center and in North Canton, they provided lab tests, diagnostic procedures and physician referral services.

**Stark County Health Department** Health Department staff offered a wide variety of services both at the center and the health department offices. Clinics include a dental, prenatal, well-child, WIC, and Women's Health.

The above services were provided by a large group of dedicated medical professionals offering compassionate and dedicated care to the migrant community. Their numbers were too large to list individually.

## Migrant Education Programs

Significant changes to the migrant ministries educational programs were implemented in 2012. The following list highlights the primary educational activities:

**Adult Education Programs** Located at the Migrant Center, classes offered included Citizenship, ESC, and GED

**Friends of the Library** Expanded hours for the children's library saw increased usage as well as several new Spanish language book donations. In addition, regular Bookmobile stops at the Migrant Head Start facility and at Marlboro Elementary School increased literacy programming

**Migrant Summer School Program** The summer school program continued at Marlboro Elementary School with record attendance. Additionally, the after school program was housed at Marlboro as well providing a more streamlined and secure environment for the children. The children continued to receive book bags and school supplies donated by a wide range of sponsors.

**Migrant Head Start** The Migrant Center continued to work with federal and state officials to provide daycare and preschool activities for migrant children from 6 weeks of age to 6 years of age.

## Other Programs

Community members provided new household items that were distributed to migrants upon arrival in Hartville and during weekly events at the center. Also distributed were a range of personal supply items available weekly at the center to migrant families.

## Finance

Although we have faced many fiscal obstacles, this year we were able to balance our budget. Our finances reflected the slowly reviving local economy and required spending discipline.

