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# NEWSLETTER

Spring 2009

City on a Hill exists to serve those who bring hope, help and healing to others locally and around the world.

## CHILDREN-ADULTS w/ DISABILITIES

Autism Society of West Shore  
CLC Network  
Compassionate Heart Ministry  
The Gray Center  
MOKA  
Ottawa Area ISD-CBI  
Ottawa Area ISD-ITP

## CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Child Development Services  
Child Evangelism Fellowship  
Small Talk for Kids

## CHURCHES

Alabaster House  
The ARK  
New Day Fellowship

## CLEARINGHOUSE

Good Samaritan Ministries

## COUNSELING

Alongside  
Healing Waters  
Lakeshore Pure Freedom

## FOOD AND CLOTHING

\*Café 58  
His Harvest Stand

## GLOBAL

GLOW Ministries International  
Impact Missions  
Living Water International  
Mission Partners India

## HEALTH CARE

\*COAH Weekly Health Clinic  
\*COAH Women's Health Initiative  
Ottawa Area ISD-Nurse Aid Training

## HOME REPAIR

His Harvest Stand  
Solid Rock

## MENTORING

\*ATLAS  
KIDS HOPE USA

## RECOVERY

Families Victorious  
Recovery Source Ministries

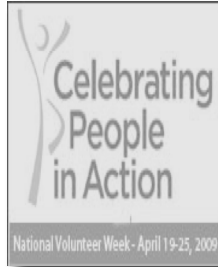
## VIDEO STUDIO

Winning at Home

## YOUTH MINISTRIES

EAGLEcrest Youth Ministry Services  
Haven Church Youth Group - MOSAIC  
Youth for Christ

\*Under the direction of COAH



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION MONTH

April 2009

April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month. Did you know that City on a Hill operates almost entirely by volunteers? We would not be able to exist without them. There are those who care for our grounds and outside building needs; others who take care of our facility cleaning, repairing and painting needs; clerical volunteers assist with data entry and mailing; and many others with professional skills volunteer their time and services in the areas of plumbing, electrical, heating / cooling, building security, telecommunication, Internet, website and computer help to name a few, as well as those who serve as our Board members. \*Café 58 also operates with the help of many, many volunteers as does the \*Health Clinic and \*ATLAS. (\*these ministries are under the direction of COAH.)

So during this Volunteer Appreciation Month, we express our heartfelt thanks to each of our volunteers. Thank you for donating your time and services so that City on a Hill can continue to serve our partners thus enabling them to continue to provide hope, help and healing to those in need, both locally and around the world. God bless each of you!

(Check our website [www.coahm.org](http://www.coahm.org) for more volunteer information, and if you feel God calling you to volunteer, download our volunteer information form, fill it out and return it to us. Your information will help us match our needs with your passions, skills and availability.)

**The Walk For Warmth for Ottawa County** was held February 14, 2009. It began and ended at City on a Hill and featured a two-mile walk through downtown Zeeland. Approximately 180 people representing 12 towns, 13 schools and 16 companies, as well as families, came to walk and contribute. They brought in over \$6,000 to bolster Ottawa County Community Action Agency's Utilities Assistance Fund. Including corporate sponsorships the 2009 Walk for Warmth raised a total of \$21,000.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Garage Sale "on a Hill" April 18, 2009

Students from the Hope College Center for Faithful Leadership planned and hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Garage Sale "on a Hill." Donations were collected, priced and sold with the proceeds going to the City on a Hill General Fund. Four COAH Ministries also took part, collecting and selling their own items and applying the proceeds to their individual ministry. Unsold Items were in turn donated to His Harvest Stand (a ministry at City on a Hill) and Paradise Bound Thrift Store. We were blessed with a beautiful day and many buyers. Watch for our Second Annual Garage Sale "on a Hill" in the spring of 2010.

## NEW MINISTRIES

Alabaster House

Autism Society  
of West Shore

MOKA

For more information on  
these and our other  
ministries, go to  
[www.coahm.org/ministries](http://www.coahm.org/ministries).

**Zeeland Cityside Middle School choir students** gave their all, vocally, to raise money for COAH and we were blessed. They sang 695 Valentine messages at a \$1 a song and when the day ended, they had raised \$900 - much more than they had expected. On March 6, they presented a check for that amount to City on a Hill Director Gary Ellens. We are thankful to them for the creative way they raised money for us and delighted that it brought joy to many others as they did this.





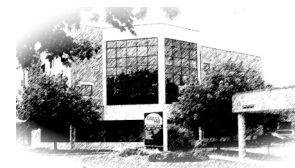
from the director ...

June 30, 2009 will mark the end of our fiscal year at City on a Hill.

We have been greatly blessed since we started back in June of 2006. God is using our space to provide a "home" where over 30 different organizations can provide hope, help and healing to others, both locally and around the world. With nearly 60% of our leasable space occupied, we are well on our way to the point where our income and our expenses are the same. In the meantime, God has used many of you to "fill the gap" with your donations of time and money.

As we move into the summer months, please keep our need for donations in mind. When you give a gift to COAH you are helping us to be able to provide low cost space to ministries so they in turn can use more of their precious funds to continue to help those in need.

Gary Ellens - Director



**Board Members**

- Craig Bunce
- James DeVries
- Steve Dykstra
- Lee Eilers
- Ken Genzink
- Lillian Koning
- Steve Smallegan
- Steve Vander Veen

- C O A H M S P O N S O R E D M I N I S T R I E S -



**FREE HEALTH CLINIC**  
748-6009  
Kathy Van Til - Director

**WEEKLY HEALTH CLINIC**

OPEN: Tuesday Evenings  
Walk-ins Only. Registration: 5pm - 6:30pm.  
Our health clinic provides free medical care for minor injuries or illnesses for those without medical insurance. Qualified, volunteer, medical staff provides the care.

**WOMEN'S MONTHLY HEALTH CLINIC**

APPOINTMENT ONLY:  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evening of the month. For more information or to see if you qualify for an appointment, contact Program Coordinator, Marlene Huls at 616-666-0215.

The City on a Hill Free Health Clinic has had the opportunity to minister to many more patients recently. Between January and March of 2009, there were 226 patient visits, averaging 17 patients per night, as compared to the 109 patients who visited the clinic in the same months of 2008, averaging 10 per night. This 107% increase is largely due to the impact of the economic downturn on the Holland/Zeeland area. Adults age 31-60 account for the majority of the increase in patient visits. Many of these adults have had health insurance their whole lives, but they are currently uninsured due to the recent loss of a job and health benefits.

Thankfully, the number of volunteers is also increasing. In recent weeks new physicians, nurses, and receptionists have agreed to help. However, there is still a great need for medical professionals who are willing to serve God and their community by volunteering at the Health Clinic.

The Women's Health Initiative also continues to flourish, providing twelve uninsured women per month with free mammograms, Pap tests, and health exams, thanks to the renewal of a grant from the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation - Grand Rapids Affiliate.



Carole Ornee  
Director

**ATLAS**  
748-6017

ATLAS is an adult mentoring ministry, connecting those who are hurting with a Christian mentor who will love them as they are and walk alongside them, encouraging them to grow.

**HOURS:**  
Monday - Thursday:  
9am - noon; 1 - 4pm.



Sue Timmer,  
Leah Geenen,  
Directors

**CAFÉ 58**  
748-6005

Café 58 is a food service ministry of City on a Hill serving ministry staff, volunteers and the general public.

**HOURS:**  
M/W/F: 8am - 3:30pm  
T/Th: 8am - 7:00pm  
(Dinners served 5pm - 7pm)  
Suggested donation: \$4-\$6/person  
Weekly menus can be found onsite, online ([www.coahm.org](http://www.coahm.org)) or by calling 748-6005.



On Monday, April 6, MAX began operating an hourly route to Zeeland (Route 8) to replace the "demand response service only" that was offered to Zeeland residents. We are excited that City on a Hill is one of the stops on the route. The bus will leave the Padnos Center in Holland on the hour each hour and travel along a fixed route to Zeeland. The bus may deviate from the route up to 3 times hourly to pickup/drop off ADA eligible passengers who made advance reservations. (For more information on cost and schedules, go to [www.catchamax.org](http://www.catchamax.org).)