

## NEWSLETTER Winter Edition 2009 – “The Year in Review”

### OUR NEW YEAR BEGAN WITH CHRISTMAS!



CCHASM's fiscal year began in July and this year we started our new year with “Christmas In July.” During this celebration, held on 7/25/09 at the Chester Baptist Church, we were able to meet and greet hundreds of people all bringing canned or boxed food for our Alliance Food Pantries. Santa was on hand along with some of our Alliance Church Members, Vendors, and Entertainers making the day lots of fun for all ages! The exciting thing is that we have already had vendors calling to reserve tables for next year's event! Including the food drives we were blessed with over \$2,000 in food and cash donations. Our sincerest thanks to all of you who participated in this event. *Your Generous Hearts made this day a great success!*

**“Hablamos Espanol”** - In 2009 CCHASM became bi-lingual with the addition of two Spanish speaking staff members: Esther Awalt & Melissa Arriaza. Our phone number for Spanish speaking clients is: 804-796-1002. Esther and Melissa have joined with Laura Dodd to form our wonderful Client Services Administrative Team.

**CCHASM Welcomes Six New Board Members** – CCHASM proudly welcomed the addition of 6 new Board Members over the past several months: Phil Daniel, John Goss, Chris Lonon, Linda Melvin, David Smith, and Chris Sovine.

**Fundraising** – 2009 was a big year for fundraising at CCHASM as we held the “TER-FOOD-DIN” (First organized cycling event in the Chester Area) and “Champions Fore CCHASM Golf Tournament” with Redskins Star Brian Mitchell as our Special Guest Champion.

**2009 Grants & Special Contributions** - We wish to express our sincerest thanks to all our supporting Alliance Members for their generous contributions throughout the year. In addition, we would like to acknowledge the following for their grant and special support of CCHASM in 2009:

- Altria Companies Employee Community Fund
- Chesterfield County
- Church of the Epiphany
- Messiah Christian Church
- Office of Justice and Peace – Catholic Diocese of Richmond – The Fuel & Hunger Fund is made possible by the Bishop's Appeal.
- St. Edward's Catholic Church
- The City of Colonial Heights

**We Now Have 14 Alliance Food Pantries** – This month CCHASM welcomed the 14<sup>th</sup> member of our Church Alliance Food Pantries with the addition of the St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Food Pantry. We now screen and schedule approximately 420 families for food each month at the following Alliance Church Food Pantries:

- Central Baptist Church
- Chester Baptist Church
- Chester Presbyterian Church
- Chester Outreach Church of the Nazarene
- Chester United Methodist Church
- Kingsland Baptist Church
- Redeemer Lutheran Church
- St. Ann's Catholic Church
- St. Augustine Catholic Church
- St. Gabriel's Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
- St. Michael's Episcopal Church
- Southminster Presbyterian Church
- The Brandermill Church

**We Could Not Have Done It Without You!** – Although 2009 brought many economic changes, CCHASM was able to continue its mission of helping those with emergency needs. Now as we close the pages on '09, please know how thankful we are for all your communications and well wishes. We are very blessed to be a part of CCHASM and twice blessed to have your prayers and support. We look forward to another year of serving you and our community.

*Your CCHASM Board & Staff: Melissa Arriaza, Esther Awalt, Bob Cassada, Phil Daniel, Laura Dodd, Clark Evans, Lynne Foote, Dr. Ed Garrett, John Goss, Helen Hughes, Sharon Juozapavicius, Joan Kappel, Chris Lonon, Linda Melvin, Beth Moore, David Smith, Chris Sovine, and Rev. William Terry.*