



# W.A.R.M.

*Providing a Hand Up, not a Hand Out.*

**Westerville Area Resource Ministry**



From left to right:  
Jeff Brindley, Jim Erwin, Scott Marier and Gary Harkin

## Gratitude by the Truckful

Roush Honda President Jeff Brindley, New Car Manager Jim Erwin and Marketing Manager Gary Harkin are shown here with Scott Marier and the 16-foot box truck which will now be used to facilitate bulk food pick-ups.

This spring, the employee-owned **Roush Honda** dealership in Westerville presented WARM with the keys to a 2004 Chevy Express box truck to aid in the collection of bulk food pantry items. "This commitment from Roush opens up new food collection channels for us," says Scott Marier. "Food distributors often make large volumes of product available to food pantries, but until now, we lacked a means to collect their donations."

**Roush Honda President Jeff Brindley** shares that, "WARM has always held a special place in the hearts of the employees of Roush Honda. In these challenging times, we felt it was important to do whatever we could to help them meet the growing need for their services in our community." Jeff concludes, "We salute the work done by everyone at WARM, and urge others in our community to support them as well."

The new WARM truck is also available for your organization's larger-scale food drive. *Schedule a bulk pick-up through Denise at 899-0196.*

## The Heart of our Mission Church of the Messiah United Methodist Church



*Begun as Paul's Pantry in 1972, WARM nurtures partnerships with dozens of member churches throughout the area. This month, we give special thanks to the members of our partner Church of the Messiah United Methodist Church.*

**Church of the Messiah United Methodist Church** at 51 North State Street is a local landmark. The soaring slope of the sanctuary has dominated this street corner for exactly 50 years. Congregants recently celebrated the architectural achievement of **Fred E. Wright**. Mr. Wright, now 84-years-old, was on hand for the celebration to reminisce about his mid-century design and its construction.

While proud of their sanctuary, members of the Church of the Messiah are most grateful to be celebrating 191 years of worship in Westerville. Founded in 1818, the then-called Westerville United Methodist Church is most likely the area's oldest church. Church historian **Nancy J. Smith** explains, "Worship services were moved to the current location in 1838. Through the years the structure has changed and in 1968 our name was changed to Church of the

Messiah. But as always, we remain committed to worldwide missions and that includes WARM."

"There is a continuous outreach to the community through WARM," emphasizes **Rev. Stan Ling**. "It's a trusting partnership between the church and the organization. On the one hand, our members commit countless volunteer time, money and food drive donations. And on the other hand, we regularly refer troubled individuals to WARM for guidance and assistance. And we have faith that they will be treated with compassion and love. It is this complete circle of trust that has developed over the years. A trust in which we are fully devoted."

WARM staff is especially grateful to the Church of the Messiah for their ongoing support of annual events such as the Community Prayer Breakfast and July 4th Parade. God Bless you all!

## Our Heart's in the Arts

Once again WARM will participate in the Annual **Westerville Area Chamber of Commerce Music and Arts Festival** July 11 & 12. Visit our display to see what your heartfelt contributions have meant to the Westerville community. Want to get into the act? *Contact [Karan@warmwesterville.org](mailto:Karan@warmwesterville.org) to volunteer during the event.*



## Transforming Lives One Stride at a Time



It's almost time to start training for the October 18th **Columbus Marathon**. Walkers, runners - even curious bystanders - are welcome to attend information sessions beginning June 18th at WARM offices. The individualized 14-week training with **John, Ed and Sue Ward** begins July 11th at 7:15 AM on the bike path next to WARM offices. *For more info, contact Barbara at 899-0196.*



*We're making a difference*

## Family of Ten Back on Their Feet Again

Any mother of eight children employs creativity in stretching the family budget. But **Dawn Rice** has always considered herself particularly gifted in making ends meet. Each year, she and her husband maximize his salary and maintain a debt-free lifestyle. "My husband makes a nice salary and so it's been more cost-effective for me to stay home with the children," explains Dawn. "The kids are ages sixteen down to one year old." So, years ago Dawn left her nursing job with grueling 12-hour night and weekend shifts to focus her energy on raising children and lowering housekeeping expenses.

But, like many American families, the Rices were just one medical crisis away from financial devastation. Last year, one of their children received a frightening mental health diagnosis with far-reaching impact on the whole family. The boy's therapy and family counseling are not covered by their health insurance.

Added to these unexpected costs were last summer's \$4 per gallon gasoline prices as the Rice family began making frequent round-trip drives to **Nationwide Children's Hospital**. "I did everything I could to cut expenses and raise funds," explains Dawn. "I cleaned out closets and sold every item of value just to raise cash."

It was during one of their family counseling trips to the hospital that Dawn learned about WARM. "The people at WARM have been such a blessing to me," reveals Dawn. "In addition to relieving some of the financial pressure, they support me emotionally through prayer and through genuine acts of kindness."

Upon her first visit to WARM, Dawn was introduced to the **Benefit Bank** resource center and began researching state and federal assistance programs to match her needs. Dawn appreciates this coordination of support and revels in the gift of groceries for her young family. "You have no idea how much this helps our budget," says Dawn. "We are now able to direct income toward other mounting debts."

As her family continues to make progress through the STOP program, Dawn is making plans for her eventual return to the work force. "I had let my nursing license lapse which means there are tests and fees I need to prepare for so I can return to work part-time to help support my family," says Dawn. With encouragement from WARM, Dawn plans to return to work with a nursing agency during evening hours when her husband will be home to watch the children.

The WARM "Steps To Overcome Poverty" (S.T.O.P.) program supports families like the Rices through the generosity of the Westerville community.

*For more information, email [scott@warmwesterville.org](mailto:scott@warmwesterville.org)*



## New WARM Truck on Parade

This July 4th, WARM challenges you to fill up our new 16-foot box truck during the annual **Westerville Fourth of July Parade**. Pack up your chairs, your stars & stripes and bring along non-perishables to be collected all along the parade route. Sponsored by the **Westerville Rotary**, the parade starts rolling at 1:30 PM with over 120 entries. WARM volunteers will be on hand to collect your food items and cash donations.

Please use this opportunity to support relief services for young families with school-aged children who are nutritionally challenged during summer months.

*To volunteer for the parade event, contact [Karan@warmwesterville.org](mailto:Karan@warmwesterville.org).*

## Prayer Breakfast Acknowledgements

The Annual Westerville Community **Prayer Breakfast** once again nourished body and soul. The May event, underwritten by 60 local sponsors, raised just over \$26,000 in financial contributions and \$6,000 worth of in-kind donations to support the work of WARM.

*Thanks to all who shared the morning with us and to these major sponsors:*

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Sealed  
and  
Delivered**

The recent annual **Post Office Food Drive** produced 8,294 pounds of food during a critically slow time of the year. Special thanks to the 75 volunteers who helped collect and sort these items which are now being redistributed to families in our area. Please remember, summer is especially hard on families with children who typically rely on subsidized school lunch programs for much-needed nourishment. Now is the perfect time to organize a food drive.

*Contact: [denise@warmwesterville.org](mailto:denise@warmwesterville.org)  
for tools and materials that make it easy!*