
South Central Conference Disabilities Ministry Newsletter

"It's Ability – Not Disability that
Counts"

July 2006

SCC NEWS:

Oakwood College Church - The Oakwood College Church purchased a Handicap Accessible van, with hydraulic lift to transport disabled persons to and from services. Former deacon James H. Butler and the Oakwood Disabilities Team were the primary tools for this purchase.

[Image Removed]

Rock Hill, South Carolina – Disabilities Day

The Rock Hill SDA Church celebrated its first Disabilities Day, Sabbath July 15th, under the leadership of Dr. Charles Crosby and his wife Christina – Disabilities Coordinators.

This church is in the South Atlantic Conference under the directorship of Ms. Rose Graham Disabilities Director. Ms. Graham participated along with the SCC team of Joseph and Bonita Scott and George & Flore Hamilton. It should be noted that the entire day's events were planned by Joseph and Bonita Scott, SCC District Leaders for the state of Tennessee.

The church was so enthused by our presentation that they offered several excellent suggestions to take this ministry to a level heretofore unexplored. Thanks to host Pastor Eric J. Mendinghall, Sr. who was celebrating his last Sabbath there before moving to Charlotte, South Carolina.

Disabilities Training Session

The South Park SDA Church Birmingham, Alabama hosted a Disabilities Coordinator Training Session Sunday July 23, 2006 from 9:00 – 11:00 AM. George & Flore Hamilton SCC Disabilities Ministry Directors were the guest instructors. The attendees included Larry T. Johnson coordinator for South Park, Veronica Edwards-Johnson and Ms. Wanda Spiegths. The training was open to anyone interested in the disabilities ministry and several other interested persons were present. Mrs. Edwards-Johnson arranged the training and we are grateful for her leadership. The session was scheduled to end at 11:00 but lasted until 11:35 because of the enthusiasm displayed by the attendees. South Park is blessed to have such a dedicated team and we look to hearing outstanding things from them in the future.

District Leader Training:

The South Central Conference Disabilities Ministry is planning to conduct District Leader Retreat/Training session in mid 2007. The location is yet to be determined.

All SCC District Leaders are encouraged to keep a close look at the SCC Web Site and quarterly newsletters for information as it becomes available.

The training/retreat session will be open to anyone interested in the disabilities ministry.

NATIONAL NEWS:

The week of July 23 marks an important anniversary -- sixteen years ago on July 26th, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law guaranteeing federal civil liberties to the more than 50 million Americans with disabilities.

Because of the ADA, people with disabilities have greater access to public transportation, facilities such as restaurants, schools and stores, and telecommunications including the telephone, television and the Internet. But, too often, people with disabilities continue to face barriers that limit their ability to live with equality, dignity, and independence. (<http://www.nod.org/>)

Protecting Children's Health in Schools Act

The month of August the Protecting Children's Health in Schools Act was introduced in Congress. Easter Seals is actively working on passage of this important legislation that seeks to ensure that low-income children with disabilities continue to receive health care services that are currently delivered at their school. Many of these

children would go without needed services if they could not be delivered at school.

[Image Removed]

Credits:

Easter Seals On-Line. You can find many interesting disability initiatives by going to:

<http://www.easterseals.com>

This the second issue of the SCC Newsletter that will be published quarterly. If you have news relating to the Disabilities Ministry, please contact George

Hamilton at

256-883-7751 or via email at the address provided below.

Published by George Hamilton, SCC Disabilities Director 256-883-7751 or george.hamilton@comcast.net