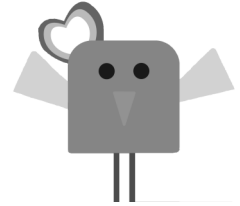




# The Messenger

## Valley Interfaith Child Care Center



*Safety, Love, and Learning for the very young children of working families*

Winter 2011

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Dear Valley Interfaith Child Care Center Friend,

A very special thank you to so many of our friends who have donated funds to help with our 'matching' grant that we received from a private foundation. All cash donations received between September 1 and November 30, have been matched dollar for dollar.

We believe we have been good stewards of the money you have entrusted to us, and that our community is richer as a result of your past generosity. In order for you to have a better understanding of where your dollars are spent, here are some numbers that you might find interesting:

- On an average day, the center is home to 30 children.
- The center is open 11 hours per day (2,860 hours per year) providing a safe, loving, and learning environment
- Utility and rent bills (electric, water, phone) for the center -- average \$4,000 per month
- On an average month, food costs are \$1,296 (providing breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack)

You will notice in the newsletter VICCC's Giving Clubs. We so appreciate the individuals that have joined these clubs since July 1. By doing so, you are making your commitment to the children's quality care and educational development with your tax-deductible contribution.

As always, I invite you to stop by the center for a tour. If you belong to a group or organization, I would love to come to a meeting and share the VICCC story. You can reach me at 540.558.8652 or by email [viccc2@verizon.net](mailto:viccc2@verizon.net)

Linda Willis  
Executive Director



**Thank you Thank you...**

A huge thank you for helping us with our matching grant. We exceeded the amount necessary to meet our goal of \$30,000.00!

## A Word From the President

Children see the passing of the year in terms of 'big events' in their lives. Their marking of a year begins with significant events such as birthdays or the beginning or end of the school year. Valley Interfaith Child Care Center looks at a year very much the same way a child does. One part of our year begins in July with the new fiscal year and in September with a new school year. VICCC has had a year filled with new events and challenges.

During our year, we have had staff leave for other opportunities, and new staff join the VICCC family. Veteran members have rotated off the Board of Directors, and new members have replaced them. We have had the challenge of learning a new reporting system for the Department of Social Services and the United States Department of Agriculture. Our biggest challenge was to raise the funds necessary to keep the center open, but thanks to YOU, our generous donors, we are able to continue to provide the quality care to our families.

Thank you for your continued support in the children of the New River Valley. The Board of Directors and I are grateful for your support, both monetarily and morally.

Have a peaceful and happy holiday season.

Ina Dunford, President



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## New Faces at VICCC

VICCC would like to welcome two new members to the family.

First is Allyn Schoff our newest board member. She and her husband Larry moved to the New River Valley after a twenty year career in the United States Air Force. She retired from the Montgomery County Public Schools three years ago as a special education teacher. Her family, church, and a good book occupy most of her time. She is very excited to be part of Valley Interfaith Child Care Center.



Next is Judy Chesler our Site Director. She has worked in the child care field for the past ten years. She is also currently completing her Business Management Degree and working towards her Early Childhood Education Degree. In her spare time she enjoys reading, crocheting, and spending quality time with her three beautiful daughters. To top off her busy schedule she is the Vice Chair of the Montgomery County Special Education Advisory Board. She looks forward to

meeting parents and getting to know the children in the future.

We welcome both new members as well as Liz Merrill, Kara Fox, Margaret Perkins, Alyce Baker, and Courtney Jones to our staff.

## Holiday House Tour

It's that time again for the Annual Holiday House Tour. This year's tour will be held on December 17 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. Tickets are \$10 each. Begin your tour at VICCC which is located at 948 Heather Drive. Take a look around the center at the holiday artwork the children have done and enjoy light refreshments before heading out on the tour of beautiful Blacksburg. This year's tour includes new attractions this year such as The Roper Solar Greenhouse, a bed and breakfast, and handmade miniature models. We will also be featuring the environmentally friendly home of Dave and Jeanne Roper, the Colonial Revival home of Mike and Lisa Goatley, and the Clay Corner Inn Bed and Breakfast owned and operated by Nicky and Rick Aymes — Arvalo. Each stop will be fully decorated for the holidays and bring cheer to everyone who visits.



# VICCC Giving Club

## Lady Bug Club—\$200 or more a year

Jim and Holly Mitchell	Joe and Angela Parrish	Norman and Nancy Eiss
Jerry and Linda Willis	Shelter Alternatives	Christopher and Carla Bundren
Jacqueline Bixler	David Catalano	William Aiken
Ranson and Cherry Pelt, Jr.	John and Mary Brown	Jasper and Allyn Eanes
Dr. and Mrs. Steve Jacobs	Phyllis Albritton	Rochelle
Susan Thompson	Margaret Hasselman	Mount Tabor Ruritan Club
Robert Miller	Susan Miller	Dr. Mark Ringold and Dr. John Tedesco
St. Paul United Methodist Church	Jim and Janet Rakes	Blacksburg Jewish Community Center
Ray and Maxine Scott	Blacksburg Junior Women's Club	

## Butterfly Club—\$101—\$199 a year

Larry and Allyne Schoff	Rhoda Myers	Jack and Larkin Duncan
Easley Smith	Paul Distiler	Dr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor
Antoine Asselin	Jeff and Judy Kirwan	Charles Dudley
Lorenz Schoff	Allen Campbell	Edward Champion & Margaret Layne

## Duckling Club—\$50—\$100 a year

Darlene Allen	Rev. Joanna Stallings	Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kyle
Robert and Joni Pienkowski	Bruce and Elaine Reed	Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Donckers
Terri Lynn and Chuck Howard	F and B Perrini	Dr. and Mrs. Richard Shepherd
Larry and Dianne Freeman	Dr. Marvin Blecher	Dr. Jill Kiecolt & Dr. Richard Gandour
Arthur and Judith Snoke	Jack and Linda Davis	Charles and Mary Houska
Joyce Butt	Beth Obenshain	Virginia Cox
Martha Robeson	Craig and Pam Little	Alice Feret
Donald and Louise Bloss	Marjorie Modlin	John Shaw
Jeffery and Sandra Birch	Dr. and Mrs. Charles Davis	Gerald and Betty Thompson
Theodore and Nancy Koebel	Paul and Susan Kaiser	Brian and Margaret Sharp
Estill Putney	Billy and Cecile Newcomb	Mary Powe
Steve and Tamera Oliver	Ronald Bos	Leslie Howard
Bruce and Christine Parker	Jim and Lois Lang	Karen Iannaccone
Susan Day	Peter Baril	Kacie and Clay Hodge
Marquita Hill	Jennifer Hodge	Mr. and Mrs. John Byers
Kimberly Homer	Lauraine Broadwater	Tommie and Erza Brown
Katherine Treser	Robert and Esther Youngs	Christiansburg Presbyterian Church
David Bernard	Geessiena Beckman	Scott and Elizabeth Struthers Malbon
Dorothy Domermuth	Larry and Gail Langley	Dr. Benjamin and Rev. Caroline Dixon
Alice Irvin	Rosemary Payne	Charlie and Martha Ann Stallings
Susan Anderson	Delwyn Dyer	

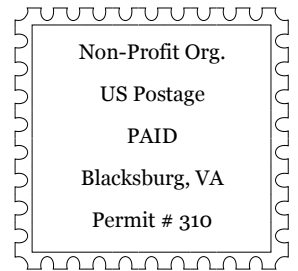
## Others - \$1,000 and up

Jeremy and Natalie Hart	Andrew and Andrea Stanaland	Dick and Ina Dunford
Mary Jane Talbot	Linda F. Smith	Korine Kolivras and Sean Shannon
The Featherson Foundation	Christ Episcopal Church	ELF Roper Scholarship Fund
Dave and Jeanne Roper	Ann Goette	Joe Ivers, Jr. & Connie Cummings
Blacksburg Presbyterian Church	Kiwanis Club of Montgomery County—Blacksburg	

\* These donors are based on donations received between July 1 - Nov. 29

**Wish List**—Mulch - Puzzles - Hats, Gloves, Scarves - Coloring Books - Flash Cards - Pipe Cleaners - Crayons - Children's CDs - Lullaby CDs - Boys' dress up clothes - Paint Brushes - Various types of Paint - Baby Dolls - Shelves for Shed - Learning Rugs - Riding toys for toddlers - Poster board - Large Floor Pillows - Washable Mops (4) - Colored Tissue Paper - Bingo Daubers - Clay - Playground Balls - Infant Table and Chairs - Laptop computer - 2 work stations - Dish towels - Aprons - Bagless Vacuum

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## Volunteer.....

Thank you....Thank you.....Thank you....TO:

Joan Cliff and Clare Dickman for continuing to supply our library with new and gently used books.

Dr. Steve Jacobs and staff for hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk sale to help support VICCC and NRV Cares.

Imaginations Toy & Furniture Company for providing games, toys and educational material for use at the Center.

Miriam Cattlett for creating beautiful baby blankets for the infant room.

Connie Cummings for the chalkboards....

Micah's Backpack Program for supplying VICCC families with food every Friday for the weekend.



Virginia Tech student - Ali Koger for completing over 30 hours of volunteer time on several projects, including cataloging the center's library. The teachers now have an electronic version of the book list by category and will be able to find a book to go with their lesson plans.

This Holiday Season, think about giving a gift that keeps on giving. The four infant cribs at the center need to be replaced with cribs that meet U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Standards (CPSCS) by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. A donation of \$75.00 or more to this fund will help us generate the amount we need to accomplish this task.

As always, we encourage individuals from the community to share their time and talents with the VICCC family.

Please contact Pat Boyle, [pboyle@vt.edu](mailto:pboyle@vt.edu) or check our website for more information on how you can become a volunteer.

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**Kroger Cards**—Don't forget to use your Kroger Card! Make sure your card is registered to VICCC and preload the card before you shop. This card can be used at any Kroger across the USA. You can even use it to buy gas at a Kroger gas stations. When checking out use your Kroger Card and 5% of your of the money spent will go to VICCC. As always we thank you for your support! If you or someone you know would like to start helping VICCC please contact us!