

# Calling All Cars!

Breathe new life into your used vehicle by donating it to ADFAC! You could also be helping yourself out at tax time. How does it work? ADFAC accepts functional, running vehicles with clear titles (they don't have to be pretty, as long as they can run)! We take donated vehicles and place them with low-income families who do not have reliable transportation. Or, we may sell them to the public, with all proceeds going to support ADFAC.



Plus, if you itemize your taxes, you may be able to take a deduction for the fair market value of the vehicle. To take

a deduction on your 2003 taxes, you need to donate your car on or before December 31. This is a great way to

get the most out of your used car, and at the same time help out the low-income in your community.

A sincere thank you to all who have recently donated vehicles to ADFAC: Eugene L. Breiner, Michael R. Coveyou, Allen & Susan Ekkebus and Fred Sweeton.

If you have any questions, or would like to donate your car, please call Kathy Womack at 425-0256 ext. 0.

## Did You Know?

Average Holiday Spending: **\$863\***  
Average Monthly Income of ADFAC Clients: **\$833**

\*Source: The International Mass Retail Association

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# ADFACts

## Serving the Diverse Charitable Needs of Rural Appalachia Holiday Edition 2003



### *Holiday Greetings from Kathy & Rebekah*

Poverty strikes in limitless ways and for 16 years it has been ADFAC's mission to develop creative approaches to help those affected by poverty. Our programs range from providing children with school supplies to constructing new homes. As varied as our services are, there is one factor that unites our agency and community: **people**.

Each person served by ADFAC comes to us with unique circumstances and indisputable need for assistance.

Each person involved with ADFAC shares a common mission to help those who are in desperate need. Each program counts on ADFAC's staff to efficiently provide services with respect and compassion. Each program depends on the hard work of our exceptional volunteers. The continuation of each program is made possible through the support of our community - **we could not do it without you**. Because of this support, we are able to continue providing a variety of services. In the past year

- 1300 kids received School Supplies
- 35 home rehabilitations and emergency repairs were completed
- 170 individuals were provided with prescription assistance
- 5 new homes for low-income families were constructed
- 577 were assisted with utilities
- 60 families received home repairs through our summer volunteer program
- 287 families were assisted with rent or mortgage payments
- 700 benefited from pantry items
- 285 teens received gift stockings

We have so much to be grateful for, yet the need in our neighborhoods persists. The economic downturn has hit our communities, as evidenced by the high numbers of first-time clients in the Social Service office and the increasing amount of Housing applications. Realistically, we know we cannot help every person in need; still, it is disheartening every time we have to turn someone down due to lack of funding.

The shaky economy has hit us hard, too. Many of our regular funding sources have been cut and contributions have been down. This loss of funding directly affects our ability to help those in need.

Respectfully, we ask that you consider ADFAC in your holiday giving this year. Your financial gift makes a tangible difference in the lives of our clients - people who are our neighbors, attend our churches, go to our schools.

**Poverty may strike in limitless ways - but we, as a community, are dedicated to striking back!**

On behalf of the staff, board of directors, volunteers and clients: thank you and we wish you a safe and joyful holiday season.

With Warm Regards,

Executive Director

Board President

### *Rita's Story*

This year, ADFAC was proud to be one of the agencies highlighted in the United Way of Anderson County kickoff video. Rita, a client in our Housing program, volunteered to tell her story. For those who have not seen the video, we wanted to share Rita's heartwarming story, in her own words.

"I've been here since nineteen and seventy-four. This is the old home place. It was left to me and it was in pretty bad shape before that, before I ever came up here. The water was getting in, and we have some awful bad storms here at times. This was getting to my health, too. You know, you worry about things like that."

Rita's home had old brick siding that was coming off at several places and no guttering - a dangerous combination. These problems were causing additional damage and threatened Rita's health and safety. Rita qualified for a new home but couldn't stand the thought of losing the old home place. So, with the help of REACH volunteers and others, ADFAC was able to install guttering and new siding, as well as construct a new porch that replaced the deteriorated steps that lead to Rita's front door. These improvements allowed Rita to stay in her home, while staying healthy and safe.

"Well, my life's changed, and it's not just the looks of the house. It makes me feel better to come out here and stand on my new porch. I go around the house and still can't believe it's done and I wouldn't have it done if it weren't for those workers and ADFAC!"

# News, Events and Programs

## The Santa in All of Us

As "Santas" know, there is a certain joy in filling a holiday stocking for a child. It is almost like a treasure hunt for the child - to look inside the stocking and discover each treat tucked away. It is a time filled with fun and excitement. However, it is an unfortunate fact that there are many "Santas" in the area who simply cannot afford these small but meaningful gifts for their children. There are several agencies that seek to provide assistance for these families through toy and gift gathering projects, but often the cut-off age is 12. The Warm Fuzzies Gifts for Teens project is specifically for low



and very-low income teenagers who may be overlooked by other holiday programs. Holiday stockings are filled with age-appropriate gifts like hand-held games, playing cards, perfume, jewelry, shaving cream, hair-styling products and accessories, and gift certificates for food, music and movies. Last year over 275 teenagers received stockings, and we hope to exceed that number this holiday season. If you, your youth group, church group or business would like to help provide stockings or items to fill them, please contact Jane Byars at 483-6028 ext 106.

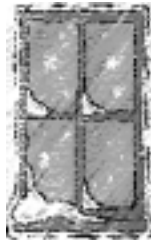
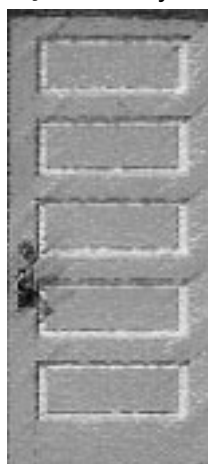
## Save the Date!

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, located at 212 N. Tulane Avenue (Oak Ridge), will be hosting its 6th Annual Holiday Bazaar on December 6th from 9-4. This yearly event features gift and seasonal items from around the globe - from as far away as Russia to as close as our very own Oak Ridge! From this variety of cultures, there are ornaments, jewelry, toys, holiday decor, soaps, candles, books and gourmet food. In addition to the imported gift items, there will be coffee and baked good available for purchase, along with the popular "Attic Treasures." As they have done in previous years, St. Stephen's will be donating the proceeds of the sale to local non-profits, including ADFAC.



## Construction to Start on 4<sup>th</sup> Woodland House

Each year from November until March, ADFAC operates Project SAFE (for Oak Ridge residents) and Project ASSIST (for county residents). These projects encourage small monthly donations from City and County residents to go toward assisting low-income families with their winter heating costs. Utilities customers can add \$1, \$5, \$10 to their monthly bill - they can even simply round up the amount of that bill. All money



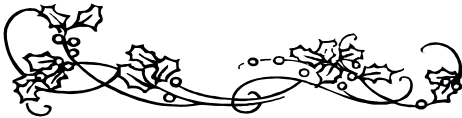
collected through these programs goes directly for heating assistance for those who have a genuine need. If you prefer not to make a monthly pledge, you can also make a one-time contribution directly to ADFAC (please specify utility assistance in the memo field of your check). Please help us to help our less fortunate neighbors - every dollar, every cent matters to a struggling family.

For several years now, ADFAC has enjoyed a productive partnership with the Woodland Community Development Corporation (WCDC) and the Woodland Community Land Trust (WCLT). The Land Trust, located in Campbell and Claiborne counties, has provided ADFAC with several sites on which to build new houses for low and very-low income families. Three have already been built, and ADFAC is excited to announce that construction on the fourth home is about to start! A family has already been selected for this home, and will undergo homeownership and financial literacy classes at WCDC. Also, as part of the recent HOME Grant awarded to ADFAC, preparations are being made to construct 3 additional homes on the Land Trust.

# Members of the Team

## Thank You, Board!

We would like to express our appreciation for the many volunteer hours carried out by members of our Board. Not only do they offer their input and expertise at the monthly Board meetings, they actively participate in committees and special events. Thank you Rebekah Bell, Susan Bowling, George Clark, Mary Lou Daugherty, Fred Fields, Karyn Holbrook, Myron Iwanski, Judy Kidd, Tim Myrick, Vic Paré, Rev. Glenn Petree, Cande Seay, Jeff Smith, Ray Smith, Karmen Waters and Linda Williamson for your dedication to ADFAC and helping those in need!



## REACH Out and Help Someone

We are pleased to announce that REACH Workcamps will once again be partnering with ADFAC in 2004. During the week of July 25-31, 250-300 youth volunteers will complete an estimated 35-40 home repairs for low income families. Repairs include access ramps, roofs, floors, and weatherization efforts such as caulking.

We are hoping that members of our community will want to be a part of this wonderful program by making donations to help pay for the cost of construction materials. Plans

are in the works for an "adopt-a-project" fundraiser. More information will be included in the Spring Issue of ADFACts.



## Dorothy Robbins, Housing Specialist

Over a decade ago, Dot Robbins retired from Downtown Management Company, where she was the full-charge bookkeeper and assistant manager. In 1990, shortly after her retirement, Dot began volunteering at ADFAC. Dot was welcomed onto ADFAC's staff in early 1992, and has been an essential part of the team ever since.



## The Staff Spotlight

Dot is the Housing Specialist in our Affordable Housing program. Her responsibilities include site inspection, project



analysis, project monitoring, client services and contractor management. Dot also handles pay requests for local, state and federal funds.

Dot, a longtime Oak Ridge resident, has one grown son, 1 grandchild, 1 great-grandchild and 2 cats.

## ADFAC's Computer Helpers

Like any modern agency, so much of ADFAC's work is done on computers. Databases, forms, finances, grants, internet research, press releases, newsletters, fliers, and letters - the list could go on and on! A great deal of what we are able to do on our computers is because of two men in the "ADFAC Family": Larry Byars (husband of Jane Byars) and Kevin Ross (husband of Cindy Ross). These computer gurus have volunteered many hours setting up new programs, installing new hardware and linking our computers on a network. Even more



hours have been spent answering questions and sorting out our snags! Their advice and expertise have saved the agency thousands of dollars.

Kevin is a music enthusiast and enjoys playing with his kids. He works at BWXT Y-12, where he is Shift Supervisor in Facilities Infrastructure and Services. Larry is self-employed, working with

medical scanning systems. In his spare time, Larry enjoys golfing. Many thanks to these two exceptional men for their skill, knowledge and patience!