

In The News

Coalition of local non-profit organizations reinitiates partnership

CLEVELAND, Tenn. (Mar. 3, 2009) - On Wednesday, February 25, leadership of area non-profit organizations came together at the offices of People for Care and Learning, a non-profit organization committed to serving the world's poor and eradicating the causes of poverty, to reinitiate their partnership. The new name of this partnership is the Coalition of Cleveland Non-Profit Agencies. The purpose of the coalition is to enhance the effectiveness of non-profit entities in Cleveland and Bradley County.

Leaders representing their respective organizations at the working lunch meeting included Brenda Hughes, Bradley Initiative for Church and Community (BICC); Reba Terry, The Caring Place; Hugh Carver and Teddie Fletcher, Men and Women of Action; Beverly Finnell, Promised Land Foundation; Daniel Sylverston, All Nations Worship Center; Bob Bevin, Living Word Church; Jamie Lynn Banks, Habitat for Humanity; and Dr. Fred Garmon, Jennifer Tollefson and Cari Shanks of People for Care and Learning.

Local non-profit agencies in past years have cooperated together to network and share about their projects. While each agency who attended has seen success in its ventures, the leadership of area agencies recognize the need for partnership and mutual encouragement. The needs of non-profits today require wise planning, resourceful networking and a new level of conscientious stewardship.



PARTNERING TOGETHER – Representatives from area non-profit agencies meet to work together. L-R: Beverly Finnell, Promised Land Foundation; Jennifer Tollefson, People for Care and Learning; Teddie Fletcher, Men and Women of Action; Reba Terry, The Caring Place; Daniel Sylverston, All Nations Worship Center; Hugh Carver, Men and Women of Action; Brenda Hughes, Bradley Initiative for Church and Community; Bob Bevin, Living Word Church; Dr. Fred Garmon and Cari Shanks, People for Care and Learning; and Jamie Lynn Banks, Habitat for Humanity.

"We are stronger together than we are alone," said Dr. Fred Garmon, president of People for Care and Learning.

"It is our desire to make this group of professionals one that is diverse culturally and denominationally, as well as by service area," said Rev. Daniel Sylverston, of All Nations Worship Center.

Going forward, the organization plans to meet three times per year to hold roundtable sessions to discuss areas of interest and training for non-profit groups.