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### ***Holiday Smiles***

During the holiday season, we thank God for the blessings of family and friends, our warm and comfortable homes, the meals that we share, and our cherished memories that build the anticipation for each annual celebration. This season, let us thank God for our hands and our hearts; these tools give us the ability to share our blessings with those in our community who are not as fortunate. Please consider becoming a Holiday Smiles donor this year and help us spread the joy of the holidays to families who make us love what we do. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Elisabeth Flaherty, Children's Mentor Advocate at [iv@plmft.org](mailto:iv@plmft.org) or by phone at (919) 212-8607.

### ***2009 Governor's Medallion for Outstanding Volunteer Service***

It is our honor to share with you the exciting news that Peter Zierz, a member of our board for the past three years, and the board chair for the past two, has been named as one of Wake County's outstanding volunteers, as well as a recipient of the coveted 2009 Governor's Medallion for Outstanding Volunteer Service. Only ten people are recognized within Wake County, and only 20 people throughout the entire state receive the Governor's Medallion Award. Peter was hosted at the State Capitol and the Governor's Mansion on Nov. 2.

### ***Project Homeless Connect***

Raleigh's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Project Homeless Connect was held in Moore Square in Downtown Raleigh in October. It is comprised of social service agencies that provide homeless individuals with a variety of resources within the Raleigh community. Homeless individuals could speak with someone from each participating agency regarding the services they provide such as substance abuse treatment and counseling, employment and job search assistance, low-income housing opportunities, and medical services. Homeless individuals could also receive haircuts, hygiene kits, TB tests, medical screenings and assessments, and access to showers and dental screenings were provided free of charge. The main objective of Project Homeless Connect was to connect homeless individuals with a variety of resources that provide support for getting off the street and into permanent housing.

### ***Packin'Snacks Program***

This fall, the children in PLMFT's afterschool program at Plainview are enjoying nutritious snacks after long days at school thanks to members of Christ the King Lutheran Church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Trinity Baptist Church and Grace Lutheran Church; all sponsors of our Packin' Snacks Program. Youth groups, Bible studies and other groups pack up a week's worth of fruit, crackers, goldfish and other healthy snacks in decorated brown lunch sacks and drop them off at the Plainview location during the day on Monday. Those hungry, growing children at Plainview love the snacks, especially the fruit, and with some good food in their tummies, they are ready to work and play. There are still several weeks available, so if your group would like to help nurture these young bodies and minds, contact us at [volunteer@plmft.org](mailto:volunteer@plmft.org) for more details.

### ***Openings on PLM Board of Directors and Committees***

In January, 2010 PLMFT will induct new Board members. Currently, we have two Board vacancies-- Co-Chair of Finance Committee/Co-Treasurer and Secretary. Both positions are officers and also serve on the Executive Committee. The other co-chair/co-Treasurer will be held by a former chair/Treasurer. We also have openings on some of our key committees for go-getters, particularly our Communications and Property Committees. Please contact David Rowe, incoming President of PLM's Board, for more information at [dlrowe@gmail.com](mailto:dlrowe@gmail.com).

### ***PLMFT 'S 30th Anniversary Celebration***

**\*\*\*Save the date\*\*\***

2010 will mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PLMFT! What better way to recognize where we have come from, remember those that got us where we are today, AND look to the future...than a casual evening of celebration! March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1980 was the actual date that the official papers were signed, making PLM an official Organization! **PLEASE SAVE March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 on your calendar.** Details to follow. If you would like to be a part of the planning for this special celebration, please contact Joanne Andrews at [joannerdu@nc.rr.com](mailto:joannerdu@nc.rr.com).



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