

# SAMARITAN MINISTRY



MORE THAN 250 GUESTS  
ATTENDED "SISTERS AWARE:  
WOMEN OF FAITH RESPOND  
TO HIV."

## Sisters Aware Event a First for Knoxville

Sisters Aware. This idea comes from a need in every American community to create awareness for women, and in particular, African American women, around the issue of HIV/AIDS. This event was conceived and developed through a consortium of Knoxville HIV/

AIDS workers, volunteers and advocates known collectively as the FAITH Coalition.

This group (Samaritan Ministry is a partner) works to enlighten our community, with a focus on the African American community through a variety

of initiatives, that include the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, several national HIV awareness days, and World AIDS Day. Many of the initiatives that the FAITH Coalition embraces are born out of the Balm in Gilead, a national, minority- focused



OUR GUEST SPEAKER...



... SHERYL LEE RALPH



DISCUSSION GROUPS

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HIV/AIDS clearing house for faith-based information concerning this epidemic. FAITH Coalition is a proud Balm in Gilead Partner Organization.

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**OUR SPONSORS INCLUDED GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, BUSINESS PARTNERS, FAITH ORGANIZATIONS AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS.**

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### Not A One Shot Deal

While we all hoped for a great event on the 4th, we were not ready to spend money on an event that only had a one-night shelf life. We wanted to raise awareness, present information, then find a way to engage the community over the long haul. We wanted to create a systematic change in our community.

### Follow-up Matters

The BIG job for the FAITH Coalition is to take the impetus formed with our "Sisters Aware" event and translate the excitement into action.

To accomplish this, we asked each person in attendance to make a commitment, in writing, to follow the event in meaningful ways, such as:

- Praying for those affected by HIV/AIDS around the world.
- Joining the FAITH Coalition.
- Asking my church or organization to pray for those affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Scheduling an HIV Education and/or Testing Event.
- Remembering those who have died and those who are living with HIV/AIDS on or around World AIDS Day, December 1, 2012.

So, in the coming weeks we will revisit with each person in attendance about their commitment, some in writing, some by phone or email. As an example, more than 35 said they wanted to become involved in the FAITH Coalition!

## BAPTIST COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES - MEMPHIS

WAYNE AGAIN VISITED THE CAMPUS OF THE BAPTIST COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES IN MEMPHIS TO TEACH. THIS INCLUDED CLASSES ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL ASPECTS OF CARE, ETHICS RELATED TO HIV TESTING AND TREATMENT. WAYNE ALSO GAVE A THOROUGH UPDATE TO A COMMUNITY NURSING CLASS ON ALL ASPECTS OF HIV, FROM BASIC HIV INFO, TO VIRAL LIFE CYCLE, TREATMENT AND CARE. THIS IS THE EIGHTH YEAR THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INTERACT WITH THESE COLLEGE STUDENTS. THIS COLLEGE, ITS GREAT FACULTY, AND

SERIOUS STUDENTS, ARE ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS AMONG THE MANY PLACES WE GET TO SHARE AND SPEAK ABOUT HIV AROUND THE COUNTRY.

ALSO ON THIS TRIP, WAYNE WAS ABLE TO ATTEND AN HIV CONFERENCE THAT WAS BEING HELD AT UT MEMPHIS.

OF COURSE, WAYNE ALSO WENT UP TO TIPTONVILLE TO SEE TOMMY AT THE WEST TENNESSEE CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX, A VISIT THAT HAS BECOME A BLESSING FOR VISITOR AND VISITED.



## CONFERENCE SEASON

SPRING ALWAYS BEGINS THE CONFERENCE SEASON AND THIS IS NO EXCEPTION. THESE CONFERENCES ALLOW US TO MEET THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE, TO SHARE IDEAS AND MATERIALS, AND MOST OF ALL, SPEAK ABOUT THE LOVE OF CHRIST, OFTEN TO THOSE WHO ARE FEARFUL AND SUSPICIOUS. THANKS FOR MAKING THESE EXPENSIVE TRIPS POSSIBLE: ON OUR SCHEDULE FOR 2012:



TENNESSEE CBF 3/13-3/14 (MURFREESBORO, TN)  
CBF SEXUALITY CONFERENCE 3/18-3/21  
(DECATUR, GA)  
COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP  
ASSEMBLY 6/20-6/23 (FT. WORTH)  
INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE  
7/22-7/27 (DC)  
US CONFERENCE ON AIDS 9/30-10/3  
(LAS VEGAS)



# Samaritan Ministry Makes Funding/Emphasis Shift

**As** we are almost half way into 2012, we want to give you this update on funding for Samaritan Ministry as many of you are directly involved in supporting our ministry work. We have shared with you that we have lost our opportunity to teach in the local school system and this has given us both the impetus and the opportunity to make a shift, especially as volunteer and Director time are concerned. Losing the public schools also cost us some funding that was directly tied to that end, so again... another reason for a shift.

## Government vs Private

As we explore these issues, we are also concerned with the total percentage of our budget that is tied to government funding (has been 30% or more). We are, after all, a faith-based operation tied directly to a local church congregation (Central Baptist Church of Bearden). We are NOT a separate 501(c)(3) organization. Obviously we would like to reduce our government support (although we DO like being the FAITH player in the room). To this end we have made a concerted effort to reduce our reliance on government funds and at the

same time increase our private and faith community support.

We have been very successful. Today we have reduced our government support by 50% so that kind of money now represents only 18% of our budget.

## Stepping Up

The Equitas Group and Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church have become brand new financial partners for 2012! Central Baptist Bearden, East Tennessee AIDS Fund, and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship have DOUBLED their support for Samaritan Ministry for 2012.

## The Case for Case Management

We have spent a LOT more time working with individual clients with support based upon individual needs. This can take the form of email and phone time, and also goal setting as part of a counseling program called Comprehensive Risk and Counseling Services (CRCS).

## We Still need YOU!

Support from individual donors like YOU still represents about 12% of our total budget.

## OUR FUNDING PARTNERS

THESE GROUPS PROVIDE GENERAL OPERATING SUPPORT FOR OUR MINISTRY:

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF BEARDEN

THE STATE OF TENNESSEE  
THE COOPERATIVE BAPTIST  
FELLOWSHIP (CBF) AND THE  
TENNESSEE CBF

BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH OF  
DEVEREUX, GA

THE EQUITAS GROUP  
CEDAR SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

THESE ORGANIZATIONS PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR DIRECT CLIENT ASSISTANCE:

MAC AIDS FUND  
BROADWAY CARES/EQUITY  
FIGHTS AIDS  
FISH OF KNOX COUNTY

THESE GROUPS PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR OUR CASE MANAGEMENT EFFORTS:

TENN. DEPT. OF HEALTH  
EAST TENNESSEE AIDS FUND  
EQUITAS GROUP

SUPPORT FOR OUR YOUTH AND COLLEGE PROGRAMS COMES FROM:

KNOX COUNTY GOVERNMENT  
TENN. DEPT. OF HEALTH

DIRECT SUPPORT FOR FALL PROGRAMMING (THANKSGIVING BANQUET, CHRISTMAS AND THANKSGIVING FOOD DELIVERIES) COMES FROM:

CITY OF KNOXVILLE  
FISH OF KNOX COUNTY

## MEMORIAL GIFTS & HONORS

IN MEMORY OF DR. GEORGE ANDREW ZIRKLE BY TIM AND CAROL COODE.

IN MEMORY OF DON BREWER BY TIM AND CAROL COODE.

IN MEMORY OF ED DAVIS BY RICHARD SERVIS.

IN MEMORY OF HARRIETT HARGROVE BY CARLIE WILLIAMSON.

IN MEMORY OF MOMMA AND IN HONOR OF DADDY BY GENIE AND LINDA.

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## THE THINGS WE DO

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Our week to week adventures often surprise us with opportunities, some expected, some unexpected. A recent call from one of our partner churches, Cedar Springs Presbyterian, put us in touch with an African man, recently immigrated to the U.S. and newly diagnosed. We will now be a part of his care team, to make sure he understands his illness and that he lives a long, long time.

We lost our dear friend, Sammy, in December, and came into the possession of his ashes, along with those of he dog, Ling Ling, who preceded Sammy in death by several weeks. Our quandary about how to dispose of the ashes was solved when we spoke to the owners of a horse track in Kentucky. Sammy died in Kentucky while on a horse betting trip... the last item on his bucket list. Pictured on the left is Wayne Smith, Director, just after spreading ashes, man and dog together, on the finish line at Ellis Park.



We also lost Ed, talented and wonderful. Ed played the piano and was worship co-leader with his pastor at a local downtown Methodist church, where we provide HIV testing and some medical care during a meal provided by several Methodist churches. Ed gave us this opportunity to minister to the homeless and down-trodden, and we have made some new and wonderful friends in the process.

The things we do...