



Partnership

Empowering Families, Children & Adults

the Empowerment fund



**YOUR
HELP.
THEIR
HOPE.**

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YOUR HELP.

Your gift to the Empowerment fund will help a neighbor in crisis regain hope and empowerment to build a better life. How does your gift accomplish this?

Your gift helps:

- Deliver one hour of in-home care to a frail, elder adult at just \$30
- Provide 24 hours of safe shelter, counseling, court advocacy, and support to a victim of domestic violence at just \$76
- Afford five counseling sessions to someone in crisis at just \$200

THEIR HOPE.

Hope is at the heart of empowerment and is the first step to meaningful change. Your gift will allow that hope to grow.

Their hope grows:

- Dignity, knowing they can live their elder years independently and in their own home
- Confidence, knowing they can forever escape abuse and finally be safe
- Understanding, knowing how to cope with life and manage their emotional health



Thanks to your help, she has hope

Counseling services heal and empower

Kayla was only six years old when she told a family member, "I just want to die." Her emotional health had been slowly declining since November of 2005 when she witnessed her father murdered right in front of her. She was only two years old at the time.

Many of us would never consider the possibility that a six year old girl in our community would have cause to feel utter hopelessness. Kayla did, and she wasn't alone.

Her sister Leslie, only one year younger, was also witness to their father's murder. Only Leslie



Leslie, age 6, and grandmother Helen play "tea party" in the Counseling Center children's waiting room.

did not withdraw and become as passively depressed as Kayla. Instead, Leslie began acting out in violence, unable to control her anger, and experiencing frequent nightmares.

The girls' grandmother, Helen, desperately needed help. So she brought them to Partnership's Counseling Center in July of 2010 and immediately began treatment.

It's now been seven months since they started counseling and the girls are beginning to heal, says their grandmother, adding that Kayla's self-esteem has really climbed. There is no more talk of suicide, no more nightmares, no more lashing out.

The two girls played happily at their recent visit to the

Partnership Counseling Center, pretending to have a tea party with their grandmother in

the children's waiting room.

Over tea, Kayla is asked what she hopes to be when she grows up. "I want to be an artist and sell



Kayla, age 7

my art so I can give money to homeless people," she replies.

Leslie chimes in and says she hopes to be a "fire girl." Then she pauses and adds, "I want to be all sorts of stuff really - I want to do everything."

Thanks to your help through gifts made to Partnership's Empowerment fund, we have no doubt Kayla and Leslie can do and be anything they want now. *Will you help others regain hope? Your help. Their hope.*

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Your help is truly their hope.

Please give to the Empowerment fund. You can empower others like Kayla and Leslie by making a gift today.

Make your gift:

- Securely online at partnershipfca.com/give
- By check using enclosed envelope
- With one easy call to the Development Department at (423) 697-3827

Donor Spotlight

Inspiration to give: Moving from intent to action

Beverly Stewart was inspired. She opened her Chattanooga Times Free Press paper on November 28 and saw a photo of a young man accompanied by the headline “Saving His Own Life”. She was drawn in immediately. The story was one of nine articles featured in the paper’s Neediest Cases campaign.

The article noted the young man had recently lost his father and was working to reach one of his biggest life goals: to obtain his college education. As an educator herself, Ms. Stewart felt compelled to help him. She contacted Partnership, since he was noted in the article as a client of our agency, and arranged to make a donation towards his education at Chattanooga State Technical College.



Beverly Stewart felt empowered as a donor to give hope to a young man in need.

“I just want to give more.”

Ms. Stewart admits she doesn’t make a lot of money as a teacher. She doesn’t usually make large donations and she had never given to Partnership before. She simply felt compelled to reach out and make a difference in one person’s life. She turned her intent to help into action last month when she met the young man in person and made her donation towards his education.

How does Beverly feel after her inspired gift? “I just want to give more. It’s a freeing experience to give; a very gratifying experience. There are so many people in our community who are struggling with everyday things. We are a blessed community and we need to help.”

The help Beverly provided truly was the hope the young man was holding on to. ***What is your inspiration to give? Your help. Their hope.***

Neediest Cases Campaign Soars

Thanks to anonymous donor

Partnership CEO, Sandra Hollett, received a call on January 7th she won’t soon forget. Chattanooga Times Free Press President, Jason Taylor, was on the other line with great news. The paper’s longstanding Neediest Cases campaign had just raised a record \$148,903 in support.

The largest single gift was made by an anonymous donor who contributed \$75,000. On behalf of Partnership staff, our board and recipients of the fund, we say “thank you” to our anonymous donor and all other contributors who supported Neediest Cases this year.

Although the fund does not support any agency operating costs, it does benefit those in need from the entire community when all other resources have been depleted.

Visit partnershipfca.com to learn more about Neediest Cases.

Partnership Makes Your Planned Giving Easy

Check out Partnership’s website to access charitable giving tools for your will and estate planning needs, including over 21 FREE e-brochures on popular planned giving and estate planning topics.

Visit partnershipfca.com/plannedgiving or call (423) 697-3807 for personal service on making a lasting gift to Partnership.

Be Giving Savvy

Congress Renews IRA Gifts for 2011

A new tax law extended for 2011 permits persons over age 70½ to arrange direct gifts from their IRA's to qualified charitable organizations, up to a maximum amount of \$100,000 per year.

Visit partnershipfca.com/IRA or call (423) 697-3807 for more information on how to make an IRA gift.



Estate Planning Seminar Mar. 29

Join attorney Virginia Love of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz for this free seminar at Partnership. The session is 11:30–1:00 and lunch is provided.

Seating is limited. Register at partnershipfca.com or call (423) 697-3807.

Partnership Recognizes Your Investment

As a tribute to the visionary leaders of our past, Partnership has created the Circle of Friends Leadership Giving Society to honor donors who provide an extraordinary investment in the work of our agency.

Gifts from Circle of Friends members play a significant role in ensuring the continued excellence of the Partnership by providing the resources needed to provide the best possible care for our clients. Circle of Friends members help assure the Partnership's success and commitment to helping families and individuals find ways to solve problems during challenging times in life.

Circle of Friends members receive:

- An invitation to the exclusive annual Circle of Friends dinner
- Special donor recognition in the annual report and on the Partnership website

- Updates from CEO Sandra Hollett and Board President Kathi Grant Willis
- Commemorative Partnership lapel pin

Call the Development Department at (423) 697-3807 to join our Circle of Friends.

Circle of Friends Leadership Giving Society Includes the Following Distinguished Giving Levels:

Chamberlain Society (\$10,000+)

James Society (\$5,000+)

Hastings Society (\$2,500+)

Perkins Society (\$1,000+)

In Honor & Memory of Our Friends

Honor your friends and loved ones with a lasting gift to Partnership. All honorarium and memorial gifts are designated to Partnership's endowment fund to ensure we are always here empowering people to build better lives.

Visit partnershipfca.com/give or call (423) 697-3827 to make a gift.

Gifts made from July 1, 2010 – January 1, 2011

Honorariums

Rev. Suzanne Burch in honor of...
U Kay & Betty Whaley

Ms. Nancy S. Cliett in honor of...
Ms. Marilyn Weir

Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Cooper in honor of...

Farrell & Gail Cooper

Mrs. Pamela Cuzzort in honor of...
Mr. & Mrs. B. Thomas Hickey

Mrs. Kim Dalton in honor of...
Ms. Rebecca Cruz

Ms. Susan A. Geary in honor of...
Mr. & Mrs. Randall Curtis

Mr. & Mrs. Alton Curtis
Mr. Kevin Meeks

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Ms. Sandra S. Koss in honor of...

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Mr. & Mrs. Michael N. St. Charles in honor of...

Mrs. Lynda Hood

Mr. & Mrs. James R. Williams in honor of...

Mrs. Mary Bacon Williams

Memorials

Ms. Peggie Barnes in memory of...

Veto & Janey Allen

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Horton in memory of...

Mrs. Phyllis Mills

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas W. Faulkner in memory of...

Mrs. Callie Bishop

Mrs. Cathy Fleissner in memory of...

Mr. Phillip A. Fleissner

Dr. & Mrs. Frederick Obear in memory of...

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Mrs. Rickie Pierce in memory of...

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Mr. & Mrs. Wallace B. Powers in memory of...

Mrs. Lenora A. Griffin

**SPREAD
THE NEWS!**

Be an advocate for Partnership
and post this at your church,
school, or workplace.



Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®

**THE INTERNATIONAL MEN'S MARCH
TO STOP RAPE, SEXUAL ASSAULT & GENDER VIOLENCE**

Save the Date – Apr. 16, 2011

Save the date to join this 2nd annual event supporting the Partnership Sexual Assault Center. Men will stand up against rape and literally walk a mile in women's high-heeled shoes at Coolidge Park. This fun event is great for the whole family. Registration is only \$25 and shoe rental is \$5. Women are encouraged to walk along with men for only a \$10 registration fee. Walk begins at the Coolidge Park stage at 10 a.m. and wraps up with refreshments and thank you activities. All male participants will receive a free, commemorative t-shirt. Register online at walkamilechatt.org or call (423) 697-3827 for more information.

Calendar of Events



Annual Cell Phone Collection Drive – Now!

Used cell phones are being collected for recycling and refurbishing, with 100% of collection proceeds benefiting victims of domestic violence. Collection bins are located at First Tennessee financial centers in Chattanooga and Cleveland Jan. 4 through Feb. 28. Visit us online or call (423) 697-3829 to learn more.

Scenic City Half Marathon – Feb. 26

Partnership will participate again in the Chattanooga Track Club's Scenic City Half Marathon. Register to run the 5K or half marathon and select Partnership as your charity of choice to direct a portion of your registration fee to us. Visit us online or call (423) 697-3827 to learn more. Register at sceniccityhalfmarathon.com.

Hotline Volunteer Training – Mar. 22 – Apr. 2

Volunteers are needed to cover Partnership's 24-hour hotline, which takes calls from victims of domestic violence and rape. Training is required and begins March 22. Visit us online or call (423) 697-3830 to learn more.

Partners eNews

Stay up to date!

If you are a registered reader of the Partners eNews, you were among the first to view our new agency videos! If not, and you feel like you're missing out on Partnership happenings, it's never too late to sign up. Simply visit partnershipfca.com and join our email list. It's that simple! You can even opt to receive this newsletter by email and save Partnership printing and postage fees. Sign up today and you will receive monthly briefings right in your inbox. ***You will never miss another update!***

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Stories of Empowerment

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New client videos online!

Partnership invites you to view our new stories of empowerment online! Simply visit partnershipfca.com and click the video button on our homepage to watch two new videos. The Agency Overview shares brief stories of empowerment from five Partnership clients whose lives were touched by our services. Deana's Story documents one client's struggle to move from victim of domestic violence to survivor and advocate.

Share these videos the next time you tell someone about our services. They are a great way for you to advocate effortlessly for Partnership and our clients. After all, these inspiring success stories would not be possible if it weren't for the support received from partners like you. *Will you be an advocate?*

You Had to Be There!

Adoption Reunion Dinner – Nov. 18, 2010

A "family reunion" of sorts was enjoyed by all who attended this dinner for those who built their families through Partnership's adoption services over the past few decades. If you were adopted through Partnership, or are a proud parent of an adopted child thanks to Partnership, contact our office at (423) 697-3807 to be added to our Family Reunion contact list.



Ingram Family: Alex, David,
& Debbie



Clara from Nutcracker
Ballet & Frances Crowe

Nutcracker Sweets – Dec. 7, 2010

The fifth annual holiday event, presented by Blush Magazine, was a true vision of sugarplums for many families this year! Held in the Sheraton Read House's silver ballroom, the sweet event raised over \$7,000 for Partnership's Family Violence Center and Sexual Assault Center. Congrats to Belle's Cupcakes on winning top dessert prize! Thanks to sponsors Erlanger, OB/GYN Center of Excellence, Surgery Pharmacy Services, Sunny 92.3, Modern Way Printing, Hanover Gallery, Families Inc.

Holiday Cheer – Dec., 2010

Our annual Holiday Cheer campaign collected gifts for 746 clients, thanks to many of our "angels"! Among them, corporate partner Unum delivered two tractor-trailer loads of presents! Special thanks to all who contributed gifts and monetary donations to make the season a little brighter.



Unum delivery volunteers

Agency Tours

If these walls could talk...

Did you know Partnership offers monthly tours? Introductory tours are offered the fourth Wednesday of each month at Partnership's 300 E. 8th Street location. The one hour tour takes you through the evolution of Partnership from its founding in 1877 to our mission work today. This is a great way to orient yourself, your family, or even your church or civic group to Partnership services and philanthropy in Chattanooga. Upcoming tour dates are Feb. 23, Mar. 23, and Apr. 27. *Won't you join us?*

Sign up today at partnershipfca.com/tours or call the Development Department at (423) 697-3828.