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PUTTING GOD'S LOVE INTO ACTION

Coalition *Connection*



Dinner & Public Auction
• Live Entertainment • Family Friendly •
Please Join Us April 22nd 2017



Event Located At The Church of God of Licking County
2181 Riggs Rd NE, Newark, OH 43055

For Tickets (\$20) or To Donate Call 740.522.4505 or 740.670.9700

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FALL EVENT A BIG SUCCESS!

Pat Hazell

On November 6th 2016, the Coalition of Care welcomed **Humorist Pat Hazell** to the *Midland Theatre*. *Showtime* once declared Pat Hazell one of the five funniest people in America. His 30 years of experience as a writer, producer and director have made him a go-to guy for new American theater. He is one of the original writers for **NBC's Seinfeld**, a **Tonight Show** veteran, a critically acclaimed playwright and a contributing commentator to **National Public Radio**. He is recognized for his genuinely funny Americana humor and his salute to nostalgia.

The Midland Theater welcomed nearly 400 folks who enjoyed Pat Hazell's tribute to the Wonder Bread Years. Pat involved the audience with his nostalgic glimpse at ourselves, our past and our present. The Fall Event selection of a performer is always a tough decision for our Board of Directors. The talent must be wholesome, spiritually inspiring, entertaining and known well enough to draw the crowds. Pat was proof that all aspects of our expectations were met. Raising enough to help another 100 families in need.

OUR PAST COALITION OF CARE SPRING FLINGS!

In 2011, the COC board discussed new fundraising opportunities. Previously held fundraisers were The Gospel Concert at the Midland Theatre (now named The Fall Event) and a few churches held dinners and other events. After three or more years, the church committees no longer had the energy nor the workers to continue. The congregation at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Heath were asked if they would like to hold a fundraiser for COC that would include a dinner, silent and live auctions to be held in their community room. (The church was already generously supporting Coalition of Care each month.) The response to the request was amazing! All the dinner tickets sold quickly and seating was limited to 130 persons. The expense of the food, decorations, etc. was paid for by the church members. The congregation, COC board members and participating businesses were generous with their live and auction item donations. The first year we cleared \$10,000. **More importantly, God is our leader and He has blessed the 'Spring Flings'.**

After the 2014 Spring Fling, it was realized that we had run out of room for the dinners and room for the auction items. **Again we prayed and God answered our prayers.** One of the Licking County Church of God members, who had attended our Spring Flings each year, asked if her church could be used for our event. **Praise God!** The church has a large commercial kitchen with seating for 250 and room for our increased number of auction donations. In 2016 the Licking County Coalition of Care Spring Fling Event raised more than \$16,000 to help the compassionate and caring team of volunteers working with clients to connect them to local resources and help them financially meet their immediate needs.

The Coalition of Care Spring Fling on Saturday, April 22, 2017 will be held for the third year at the LC Church of God.

submitted by Barb Markum, Coalition of Care Board



A big thank you to Tim Gilbert, our wonderful volunteer for all his help on the cleanup of the Coalition's fence project! Tim, a member of First Pres in Granville, spent weeks (supervised by

his faithful companion Lassie) cleaning up the fence around the Coalition. The Fear of having the fence fall, is over, thanks to the 1st Pres of Granville volunteers and Tim. Bless you All.

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, November 2nd!**

Excitement, spiritual anointing, family-emphasis, and musical excellence are what you can expect to find when you step across the threshold of the Midland Theatre for an Evening of Family Worship and Praise with **The Collingsworth Family**.



Words from our Executive Director

As we slip by what I refer to as the sainted Holidays.... St. Valentine's day, St. Patrick's day I find myself compelled to reflect on the miracles that I see every day as a member of the Coalition....I see the miracle of the individuals coming in our door seeking the care and support they need at that moment. I see the miracle as our volunteers guide our neighbors to the multitude of resources we can access, right here in Licking County. I see the miracle of the ongoing support that those in our county provide to support the Coalition in our community wide efforts. I like miracles... they inspire me... may you continue to be inspired as I have been.... Your Servant in Christ.

Larry Palur