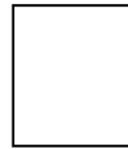




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RBCS Alumna Meredith Brock Gives Back

Meredith has lived in the Red Bird community her entire life. She attended Red Bird Christian School PreK-12th grade, graduated in 2012, and began serving as an AmeriCorps member at Red Bird Mission Community Outreach in 2015.

After 2 ½ years of AmeriCorps service she was hired as the Community Aid Ministry Coordinator. In this position, Meredith is responsible for the distribution of emergency services, managing the front office, providing case



management, and grant monitoring and research, along with several other programs.

Her focus while providing these services is advocating for her clients, particularly women, and promoting the resilience that is present within our community. She is currently assisting with the Call to Prayer and Self Denial Women at Work in Appalachia Grant, the Global Health Ministries Rural Food Security Grant, and the NIFA CFP

Commercial Kitchen Grant.

“I Will Be Back”

Nancy Gothard’s journey to Red Bird Mission began decades ago in Wisconsin. While still raising a family, they attended a week long mission trip to the Red Bird Mission Beverly Campus. She felt the call from God to return to Red Bird Mission after that first week. Nancy promised then she would be back. She continued to serve God in various roles at her local church and in the community.

Eventually, her husband’s health declined, and while she was caring for him, he let her know towards the end that he expected her to attend the upcoming mission trip regardless of his health. Nancy’s husband passed days later and Nancy did make that trip. She then found herself living in Alabama with quite a bit of free time on her hands. She



became a full time volunteer for UMCOR in Pensacola. Three years of service later UMCOR releases her from her contract.

Nancy then is given a mission team leader role through her church. At the direction of the church minister Nancy leads a team to Red Bird Mission in 2005. Currently Nancy calls Red Bird Mission Volunteer Quarters her home, spending more time here than her permanent address in South Carolina.

Nancy did make it back all in God’s timing. She is a full time volunteer working with our rewards programs for Campbell’s Soup Labels and General Mills Box Tops.

Ways to Support

- Secure online donations - www.rbmission.org
- Donations by phone - 888-726-3459 (toll free)
- Donations by bank transfer - 888-726-3459 (toll free)
- Copy paper & USB drives for school

- Furniture & household items
- Amazon Smile - Support Red Bird Mission or Red Bird Clinic
- Tyson A+ labels, Boxtops for Education
- Sponsor an Appalachian Craft Fair in your church

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God Sightings

“God sightings.” It’s a term heard in church circles. It’s used to recognize examples where God is at work in someone’s life, and often is displayed in an action by one of God’s followers. It’s not too hard to see God sightings at Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic.

At Red Bird Christian School – The most obvious God sighting comes from the student artwork posted on this page. Jade’s drawing is spectacular but even more spectacular is the verse she chose, John 1:14. For Jade and her fellow students at Red Bird Christian School, they understand that God came in the flesh as Jesus to teach us how to live and sacrifice for others.

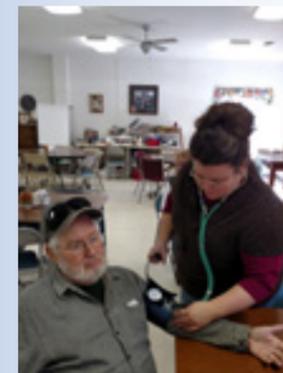


At Red Bird Mission Community Outreach – You’ll find God sightings and compassion as Elderly Ministries staff provides care as if each person served is their mother or grandfather. You can see God as Outreach staff provides needed food or clothes, but they also dig in to help individuals find a way to break out from dependency to self-sufficiency.

You can also easily find God sightings in the Community Store, Work Camp, Craft Store, and in every ministry. Why? Because the people of Red Bird understand God loved us enough to come live in the flesh to teach us how we should love and encourage others to be God’s agents of love and encouragement, too.

You are included in the God sightings of Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic. Why? Because you love the people of southeastern Kentucky enough to give to these ministries and pray for continued success.

And, what is the result of all these



for those in need of dental care. He is continually advocating for the patients and searching for funds to extend care to everyone. You can also hear that same compassion overflowing in the support staff as they couple dignity with treatment.



God sightings? We see God’s glory dwelling among us.



Red Bird Mission

Homecoming Heroes Sighted

The superheroes theme for the current school year at Red Bird Christian School Elementary was adopted as the theme of Homecoming Heroes for the 2017 Red Bird School Alumni Association Homecoming on October 14th. Homecoming Hero sightings were made throughout the day's activities.

The day kicked off with 17 heroes from the Class of 1967 returning to the Beverly Campus for a group photo that morning before registrations. Twenty-one of the 44 that graduated that year met for a reunion dinner the Friday evening. Several continue to be very active in leadership for the mission and the school.

A consensus hero for Red Bird Christian School was honored during the first agenda item of the day with the dedication of the Dr. Olen Taylor Collins



Red Bird Valley Kitchen Open for Business

Our new kitchen is poised to provide 13 Grow Appalachia participants with a 'Value Added Farm or Market' certification. The kitchen will allow those certified to sell commercially at any certified Kentucky Farmer's Market or Roadside Stand such as our Queendale Campus Craft Store.

The project allows families to use the knowledge they have gained with their God given talents to provide for their families. The program will have a positive effect on the local economy since revenue created would go directly into the pockets of our participating farmers.



High School Wing. Dr. Collins' son, Joshua Collins, lifted up the ways that Dr. Collins had given of himself throughout his career to advance education and the welfare of others. Special music by staff and students along with personal memories from those gathered accented the ceremony led by Mr. Marcus Collett, retired guidance counselor and principal of RBCS.

Everyone was fully alert during the inspiring, after-lunch testimony and prophetic message from two modern-day heroes, Sierra Nantz Frost, Kindergarten teacher in Knox County, KY, and Odie Carroll Asher, bi-vocational pastor of Our Father's House in Pineville, KY. Heroes recognized by the alumni association annual awards were Bischoff Award – Eugene Hundley; Alumni Award – Vernon Collett, Jr.; and Teacher of the Year Award – Loraine Hicks.

Heroes present and those unable to attend answered the call to donate funds for the current school year. Gifts received and pledges made to the Homecoming Heroes financial appeal totaled \$113,310, surpassing the total given during the same period the previous year.

We're still looking for Red Bird Heroes during the school year. Even if you gave for the Homecoming Heroes campaign, we could use your monthly gift. Contact us if you'd like to set up a recurring donation from you bank account or by credit card.



The Red Bird Christian School 2017 Boys Cross Country team finished fourth at the regional meet qualifying to compete at the championships. Support for our school and athletics program enables students to build character through teamwork and discipline.

Red Bird Clinic

Dental Clinic Goes Mobile

It seems to be within his DNA because Red Bird Dental Clinic Director Dr. Bill Collins, DMD, has a history of going where people need dental care rather than wait until they can find his clinic. In 2007, he began doing what he refers to as "RAM Clinics" to isolated areas in Tennessee with Remote Area Medical, a nonprofit formed by Stan Brock, co-star of Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom.

Dr. Bill came to Red Bird Dental Clinic because he knew people living in remote areas served by Red Bird needed access to dental care. While many with serious problems will come to the clinic, Dr. Bill had a vision to take dental care to locations such as senior centers, nursing homes, community centers, and schools.

Dr. Bill said, "The mobile dental clinics provide access to care. We need to get out to the people when the people can't get to us."

Avēsis, a managed care organization, granted funds to purchase mobile dental equipment that can be transported in a mini-van and perform most dental procedures in any space. The idea of a nonprofit doing remote dental clinics was new for state licensing officials, but Dr. Bill persisted to get the necessary license to visit these sites.

An area of special focus for the mobile clinics will be nursing homes and adult day care centers in the region around Red Bird Clinic. Dr. Bill explained that Kentucky does a good job of covering children but dentists don't go to nursing homes because there is



little or no dental coverage for low-income adults.

In order to cover the costs associated for dental procedures necessary Dr. Bill and others have been seeking grants but those funds are falling far short of the general need of uncovered patients and will be expended by the end of the year with no hope for grant renewal until July. Donations are greatly needed now, and a donation during the holiday season would be a gift that literally would help put a smile on a patient's face.

Alternative Gift Suggestions

A gift given in honor of someone can be for general support of Red Bird Mission Red Bird Clinic, but below are some suggestions that might bring a little more significance for you or the honoree. Include the address of the honoree, and we'll send them one of our student Christmas cards, or we'll send it to you for a more personal exchange. [Click here](#) to make an alternative gift online.

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- \$30 – Cover Gap Food Pantry food costs for one family visit
- \$35 – Educate a child for one day at Red Bird Christian School
- \$85 - Partners with a family to cover ECD tuition
- \$90 – Provide meals for an elderly person for one month at DeWall Senior Center/Meals On Wheels

Red Bird Clinic

- \$50 – Partner with a patient to pay uncovered costs for one visit at Red Bird Dental Clinic
- \$70 – Cover costs for five people served by Red Bird Clinic Community Health Nurse

Red Bird Crafts for Christmas

A gift from Red Bird Mission Crafts is not only a high-quality handmade item made in the Appalachian Mountains of Kentucky, but it provides needed income to our crafters and helps our overall economy. Shop online - www.crafts.rbmission.org.

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