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## “Where’s my name?” ...an ADFAC mystery solved

Have you ever made a donation to ADFAC and wondered *why* your name wasn’t listed in the newsletter?

For many years, it has been the tradition to recognize only *membership donors* in the newsletter (see listing on the right).

Why? Membership donations are accompanied by the yellow *membership card*, which

includes a line where donors can specify how, if at all, they would like to be recognized in the newsletter. Thus, only names on membership cards have been listed in the past.

We think the time is right to revamp our method of donor recognition to ensure that *all* donations are accurately listed. Beginning with donations received January 1, 2012 and after, ADFAC will now list

all contributions (see listing below). Of course, donors will still have the opportunity to remain anonymous if they wish.

We are working to be as accurate as possible as we transition to this new way of recognizing the generosity of those in our community. If your name is not listed below, or you would like to remain anonymous for future donations, please let us know.

## Members and Friends of ADFAC donations received from 1/1/2012 - 3/9/2012

### Grand Sponsor

Jorulf & Aase Brynestad  
Wayne Lawless

### Sponsor

Leigh Buttram  
Betty Daley  
Chet & Jane Morris  
Richard & Elizabeth Paul  
Walter & Kate Porter  
Patrick Wood

### Contributor

Steven Drevik  
Gordon & Mary Jane Lindner

### Member

Anonymous (2)  
Jane Green  
Mr. & Mrs. Roland Friedrich  
Terrell & Connie Horne  
Gerry & Carol O’Farrell  
Claire Robbins  
Sue Smith

### In-kind donations

Emily Flatau  
Emily Hunnicutt  
The Shelton Family  
Pam Wohlpart

### Community organizations, churches and foundations

Altrusa Foundation of Oak Ridge  
Central Baptist Church  
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tennessee  
Covenant Presbyterian Church  
First Christian Church  
First Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
First United Methodist Church  
Genesian Class at First United Methodist Church  
Grace Covenant Church  
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church  
New York Avenue Church of Christ  
Norris Religious Fellowship  
Oak Ridge Unitarian Universalist Church  
St. Mary’s Catholic Church  
Variety of Eastern Tennessee  
West Village Christian Church

### Honorary

In honor of Carol Smith by Barbara & Rob Steele

### Memorials

In memory of Bill Shorter by Kate and Walter Porter  
In memory of Kathleen Watson by Norma J. Woy

## Spring brings Membership drives

ADFAC’s Corporate Membership drive began earlier this month, and the Individual/Family Membership drive is just around the corner! Watch your mailboxes in early April for details about the 2012 Membership Drive. Last year, over 250 individuals, families and businesses became members! We hope even more of our supporters will choose to become members this year to help us celebrate ADFAC’s 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

If you do not receive a membership packet and would like more information, please contact Jamie at [adfadjamie@bellsouth.net](mailto:adfadjamie@bellsouth.net) or (865) 425-0256 ext. 108.

*We appreciate your support and sincerely hope that you will join us again as we work to help those in need in our community.*

## Additional 2011 Membership Donors recognized

### Grand Benefactor

Anonymous

### Benefactor

Ellen Smith & Richard Norby  
Bill & Jeanie Wilcox

### Grand Sponsor

Anonymous  
Susan Byrne  
Mary & Gerald Jellison

### Sponsor

Linda Cates  
Eph & Mary Ellen Klots  
J. P. & Mary Lawless  
William & Mary McWhorter  
Charles & Virginia Miller

### Herb & Jane Mook

Don Spong  
Jean Stone  
Byron Trauger

### Contributor

Anonymous  
Martin & Betsy Bauer  
Harvey & Nancy Gray  
Richard & Teresa Pawel

### Member

Anonymous (2)  
Alfred Denny  
Ann L. Ragan  
Lee & Janet Robertson  
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## ADFAC celebrates 25th anniversary year; three local companies sign on as sponsors

Twenty-five years ago, in a small corner office at First Presbyterian Church, ADFAC began serving its first clients. In those early days, about 30 families were served each month with assistance for rent, utilities, prescriptions and short-term counseling. ADFAC also served as a clearinghouse for area churches and organizations distributing other forms of aid.

Today, ADFAC still provides the same services in the community - and much more! The work of ADFAC has grown steadily in both scope and the number of families served. We now answer more than 6,000 requests each year with over 20 unique kinds of assistance.

Throughout 2012, ADFAC will be celebrating the accomplishments of the past 25 years and will look to the future of the agency. To that end, we're extremely pleased to announce that three local businesses have stepped up to sponsor ADFAC's 25th Anniversary celebration.

UT-BATTELLE and B&W Y-12 have both signed on as \$10,000 "Livin' on a Prayer" sponsors, and WSI donated \$2,500, making them a "That's What Friends Are For" sponsor. (We would like to thank popular music from 1987 for the names of our sponsorship levels). Additionally, volunteers from

UT-Battelle will be working with ADFAC to build the 25th Anniversary Home - a new ENERGY STAR certified home for a first-time homebuyer.

As we reflect on 25 years of serving the community, we are especially thankful to receive this support, as it will allow us to mark this special time with enhanced services for those most in need.



## Local mom shares appreciation for School Supplies, Warm Fuzzies

Earlier this year, the staff at ADFAC's Social Services office received a heartwarming letter from a mom wanting to share her experiences with the School Supplies and Warm Fuzzies programs.



In the letter, the mother writes,

*"It is with over-whelming gratitude that I wish to thank all of you for the assistance and support you've given our family in 2011. Already impressed with the quality, 'way cool' school supplies in Aug., you have totally out-done yourselves with the 'Warm Fuzzies' program!"*

One thing that makes the School Supplies and Warm Fuzzies programs unique is the opportunity for participants to

choose supplies and gifts as if shopping in a store. In her letter, the mom points out just how special that opportunity is:

*"Not only did you alleviate my stress and fear of not providing Christmas for my children, but by giving me the 'freedom to choose', you gave me back the gift (& joy) of still being able to 'shop' for 'my little girl.'"*



This heartfelt letter, which left all of us on staff feeling warm and fuzzy indeed, ended with the mom saying,

*"Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all that you do...I anticipate the day when I can return the favor and give back to you. You have my promise."*

## Affordable Housing Program accepting applications for home repairs, new home construction

ADFAC's Affordable Housing program is gearing up for a busy and exciting year. From the 17th annual Summer Repair Fair to the construction of several new homes, it's certain to be a memorable 2012.

The Summer Repair Fair will begin in June, when nearly 1,000 volunteers from across the country will come to Clinton to complete home repairs for approximately 109 local homeowners. These repairs are made affordable for disadvantaged homeowners not only through the value of

the volunteer labor, but through community donations which purchase the construction materials. The Summer Repair Fair will continue into July and August, when ADFAC will coordinate home repairs in the Woodland neighborhood of Oak Ridge.

In between the 100+ home repairs to be completed, the Affordable Housing program will also be constructing several new ENERGY STAR certified homes in the area, including the 25th Anniversary Home mentioned above.

The program maintains a priority list of eligible applicants for both the home repair and new home services, and is currently seeking new applicants to add to the list.

If you know of someone who might benefit from free home repairs or affordable home ownership, please encourage them to contact ADFAC at (865) 481-3837 ext. 101. Information on the programs, including income and residency requirements, can also be found on ADFAC's website: [www.adfac.org](http://www.adfac.org).



## At a glance: ADFAC events in 2012

In addition to several annual programs, there are a few special events coinciding with ADFAC's 25th anniversary. Mark your calendars!

- March - April — Membership drives begin
- May — Construction begins on 25th Anniversary Home 
- June — Completion & dedication of 25th Anniversary Home
- June 17 - 30 — 17th annual Summer Repair Fair
- July - August — School Supplies distribution 
- October 8 — 25th Anniversary Celebration with BBQ dinner and raffle
- October 15 - 19 — 6th annual Feed the Need event
- December — Warm Fuzzies distribution

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