A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is January, only halfway through our winter season in Michigan. As I think about the future of our agency I cannot help but think of what is now my favorite pastime, golf. Community Social Services of Wayne County will be holding its inaugural charity golf outing this summer and I am really excited about this great chance to raise awareness and resources for the agency.

It is cold and snowing outside and those we serve continue to need us. We want to be there for them. As we go about our very important work, we can all think of warm days to come and look forward to our golf outing. Join me in spreading the word about our inaugural charity golf outing. You will be doing two (2) great things simultaneously; helping to make our inaugural charity golf outing a success and filling your mind with images of summer.

In addition to golfers, we are in need of sponsors, companies and individuals that share our commitment to helping others. We know you are out there, so please join us and give generously. Now is the time to ensure our golf outing is a success; it is not too early and I think it will do us all some good to think spring and summer thoughts to help us through our winter season.

Stay tuned for more details about our golf outing and other events happening in 2018.

Wm. Chuck Jackson, Ph.D.
CSSWC Vision: Deliver excellent services, unlock human potential and empower individuals and families.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SHARING UPDATE

Every December, Community Social Services of Wayne County provides presents, clothing and supplies needed for our foster care children, their families and the local community.

During the month of December we received donations from members of the Metro Detroit community:

♦ Ten churches
♦ 3 companies
♦ U of M – Dearborn
♦ National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women’s Detroit Club, Inc.
♦ Two Boy Scout Troops in Grosse Pointe
♦ Five individuals that contacted us requesting to sponsor a family

CSSWC served over 270 children within our foster care program and the community during our 2017 Holiday Sharing.

Thank you all for your support!
EDUCATION AND LITERACY PROGRAMS

Literacy programs serve all learners in an environment where academic success and life success walk hand-in-hand. Working directly with parents, schools and the community, Community Social Services of Wayne County’s literacy programs seek to assist learners of all ages achieve academic success and reach their highest potential in life through knowledge.

Available programs include:

I Know Right (IKR)- Reading Programs

- IKR Reading Intervention Program
- IKR Reading Comprehension Program
- IKR Reading Biz World – Financial Literacy Program
- IKR Families Read Every Evening (FREE)

W.A.R. PROGRAM

Community Social Services of Wayne County’s Worthy Able and Ready (W.A.R.) program helps ease the transition of returning citizens age 18 and older re-entering into society from prison.

The program assists citizens to secure employment, housing and obtain proper identification including Social Security Cards, Birth Certificates, etc.

The program also provides counseling services for those in need. You must be on probation or parole to receive assistance.

Foster Home Licensing

If you are interested in being a champion for a child in need, become a licensed foster parent. Foster Parent Orientation and PRIDE Training are required to initiate the process and are offered monthly.

Followed by home and family evaluations, which include background checks, home visits, and personal background information. It typically takes 3 to 6 months to complete the process.

If you are interested in foster home licensing, Orientation is offered monthly on the second Wednesday, followed by PRIDE Training. Please call 313.883.7689 to register.
CALLS TO ACTION

WE ARE IN NEED OF SENIOR VOLUNTEERS

If you are age 55 and older and are interested in becoming a Senior Companion, please contact our project director, Denise Peterson-Short at dshort@csswayne.org.

Please leave your name, address and contact number in the body of your email.

Together we are stronger!

COMMUNITY SOCIAL SERVICES OF WAYNE COUNTY

UPLIFTING OUR COMMUNITY AND EMPOWERING DETROITERS AND WAYNE COUNTY RESIDENTS SINCE 1946

WE ARE IN NEED OF FOSTER FAMILIES

Our goal is to increase the number of foster families we have from 53 to 100 in the coming years. There are nearly 13,000 children in foster care in the State of Michigan. Please contact Danielle Stevens at 313-883-7687 or DStevens@csswayne.org, if you are interested in becoming a foster family.
Your support gives every child a chance.
YOU CAN MAKE AN IMPACT

Here are some ways you can support us:

⇒ Online, www.csswayne.org, go to the Donors tab and select, Make a Donation; we accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express

⇒ Mail a check or money order to: Community Social Services of Wayne County
  Attn: Director of Development and Communications
  9851 Hamilton Avenue
  Detroit, MI 48202

⇒ Add CSSWC to your Kroger Plus card at www.krogercommunityrewards.com and add our organization, #91529

⇒ When shopping on Amazon, utilize AmazonSmile, and Amazon will donate to Community Social Services of Wayne County