

Warren County offers a helping hand to its citizens through numerous social service agencies.

### **FAMILIES IN CRISIS**

Families in Crisis New Beginnings provides assistance to victims of domestic violence in Warren County. A nonprofit agency, FIC offers an emergency shelter for victims open year-round, a 24-hour hotline, referrals to community resources for victims starting a new life, counseling, emergency transportation, assistance in obtaining court-ordered protection and follow-up services. The toll-free crisis line is 1-800-675-0766. The website is [www.ficnb.com](http://www.ficnb.com). There is also a business office at 101 W. Main Street. The business line is 473-6221. Kristy Stubblefield is the director.

### **MCMINNVILLE-WARREN COUNTY SENIOR CENTER**

The mission of the Senior Center is to provide an atmosphere and opportunities for senior adults conducive to learning, teaching and applying wisdom which will enable them to meet their own personal needs, the needs of others, and to remain independent.

The center has been serving citizens of Warren County for 40 years while providing information and assistance, telephone reassurance, friendly visiting, health screenings, recreation, physical fitness, education, health promotion and other services. Connie Smith is executive director of the Senior Center located at 809 Morrison Street. Call 473-6559 for more details.

### **UPPER CUMBERLAND HUMAN RESOURCE AGENCY**

Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency provides job training and transportation for people in the 14-county Upper Cumberland region. Established in 1974 by the Tennessee General Assembly, UCHRA provides these services through satellite offices in each of the 14 counties. The UCHRA administers its programs, such as winter heating assistance, through several divisions. Contact the local Community Services Division at 201 Locust Street, Suite 16, in Warren County Administration Offices. Carrie Baker is the local coordinator, 473-6652.

### **EMERGENCY FOOD BANK**

Warren County Emergency Food Bank meets the immediate need or emergency for food within the community through support from families, churches, civic clubs and business firms.

The program, which is county-wide, is dependent on the community for donations of canned and non-perishable foods. The food bank began in 1982 and is located on Morford Street.

Anyone wanting to donate should take items to the food bank. Donations are accepted between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Anyone needing food, should contact Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency to obtain a food bank card. UCHRA is located at 201 Locust Street, and their number is 473-6652.

### **MEALS ON WHEELS**

The Meals on Wheels program feeds people 60 years of age and older who live alone and are physically, financially or mentally disabled. Under the direction of Nancy Mayfield, the government-funded organization has 100 volunteers who deliver the meals throughout the county. Funding for the meals is donated by county and state governments, local churches, United Way, individuals and area organizations. The office of Meals on Wheels, located at 106 East End Drive, is open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday thru Friday. For more information, call 473-3514.

### **DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES**

DHS determines eligibility for these programs — food stamps, Families First and Medicaid/TennCare. Families First is a financial aid program for parents with deprived, dependent children.

Medicaid/TennCare provides medical assistance for a wide range of children to adults. All programs are based on income, household circumstances and resources. Adult Protection Services, as well as vocational rehabilitation for severely disabled citizens, are also other programs for those eligible. DHS is located at 1200 Belmont Drive. The number is 473-9633.

### **KIDS OF THE COMMUNITY**

The organization is comprised of community volunteers work-

ing to improve the lives of area children 5 to 18 years of age. The nonprofit organization's purpose is to help children in high-risk groups while providing a positive role model. The group assists foster children and works with the juvenile justice system, 474-KIDS.

### **RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

RSVP provides dozens of community services conducted by volunteers who work around the community. Individuals age 55 and older put their skills and life experiences to work helping others. Each senior adult volunteer chooses how, when, and how many hours they want to serve. An emphasis this year is volunteering in schools. Reach RSVP director Donna Anderson by calling 473-5367 or 808-2384. Its location is 100 Center Street, Suite C.

### **AMERICAN RED CROSS**

The American Red Cross Heart of Tennessee Chapter is a humanitarian volunteer organization dedicated to helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. It provides disaster relief, swimming lessons, lifeguard and water safety instructor training, CPR and first aid classes, blood services and collection, health fairs, military service and communications. The Red Cross no longer has an office in McMinnville. The regional number is (615) 893-4272.

### **COUNSELING SERVICES**

• CHEER Mental Health Center provides alcohol and drug counseling, an early intervention system for drug detection and treatment in school, and in-house child and youth counseling, which may be carried out on an individual, group or family basis.

Can also provide medication management.

A crisis intervention screening department is provided by the facility to determine what services are needed on a person-to-person basis. Also a hotline is available at 1-800-704-2651. CHEER is located at 120 Omni Drive and can be reached at 473-9649.

• Dr. Eben Gilbert, minister of family life and counseling at Westwood Church of Christ, is

available for counseling. He may be reached at 507-3236 or the Westwood Church office at 473-8434.

• Dr. Murphy Martin, LPC/MHSP offers counseling services Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 203 W. Main Street. Dr. Martin works with individuals and families with issues pertaining to marriage, relationship, grief, stress, depression, and works with parents with troubled young adults. Appointments can be made by calling 931-473-8279.

### **MCMINNVILLE-WARREN HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

A world where everyone has a decent place to live is the vision of Habitat for Humanity and their mission is to bring people together to build homes and hope. Founded in 1996, the local Habitat has completed 27 homes with the support of churches, organizations and individual volunteers. Habitat homes are simple, decent and affordable to low-income families. Calling their mission a "hand up not a hand out," the homeowners both participate in the build and are expected to pay for the houses. The local Habitat Re-Store - 474-9000 - raises vital funds for the organization, accepts donations and is located at 191 Industrial Drive, just off Red Road. Applications for potential homeowners are available at McMinnville Electric System and online. For more information, contact Steve Koelbl at 931-474-9000.

### **SENIOR CENTER THRIFT SHOP**

The thrift shop, located on 801 Morrison Street, is a major fundraising project for the Senior Center. The shop has reasonably priced clothing, household gadgets, books and jewelry, which are donated by the public. Donations are accepted each day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the store hours are Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

### **CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER**

The Child Advocacy Center of 31st Judicial District is located on Sparta Street and can be reached at 507-2386. The center covers both Warren and Van Buren counties, aiding young victims of sexual or severe

abuse who can also receive counseling regarding the abuse. Martha Phillips is the executive director. The fax line is 507-2387.

### **NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR MENTALLY ILL**

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill in Warren County is dedicated to improving the lives of persons with severe mental illness. Julia Carter, 686-8988, serves as president.

### **HOPE CENTER OF WARREN COUNTY**

This 501(c)3 organization is located next to the First Presbyterian Church on Main Street. The Hope Center is a place that provides hope for those who seek to live a better and more productive life through recovery and improvement of life skills. A variety of classes and support groups are available in the daytime and evenings. Some of the services include, coping with divorce, single parenting, suicide, 12-step recovery, job interview skills and training and GED preparations.

Pamela Harris is the operations manager/volunteer coordinator, and can be reached at 931-507-7800.

### **HELPING ANIMALS OF WARREN COUNTY**

Helping Animals of Warren County (HAWC) is a 100 percent community based, volunteer group dedicated to helping the animals within Warren County. The organization is a 501(c)3 and has a mission to unite people and organizations within the county for the betterment of animals: provides financial and volunteer support for local shelters, rescue groups and other animal welfare organizations; to promote and educate on the importance of spay/neuter of pets to reduce the number of unwanted pets; encourage the enforcement of laws that protect animals and improve animal protection and control services; and develop, promote and sponsor programs of education to encourage better understanding, greater appreciation and better care of all animals. HAWC president is Hollie Cox. For more information, visit HAWC on Facebook or by email at [helpinganimalsofwarrencounty@gmail.com](mailto:helpinganimalsofwarrencounty@gmail.com).