



2010 ANNUAL REPORT





... Reflections on 2010

We wait. We trust. We hope.

Baxter's theme for 2010 was the word CHANGE, illustrating the word as both a noun and a verb. **Change means expecting something good to derive from suffering, something beautiful to bloom from waiting, something honorable to have roots in hard work.** Change is also a noun. Small change literally keeps Baxter's doors open and shapes the impact of our programs.

We did not realize in January the full implications the word "change" would have over the next twelve months. We had no idea that some precious people who we have known and loved would no longer be with us.

People like Casey Wondergem, Peter Cook, Carol Haarman, Rodney Mulder, Marty Smedes and Randy Brown would leave this world. We would have to learn to live without them. **In this publication we give tributes to each of them, in part out of respect for the legacy they leave behind. There is also a challenge they leave us. We have the opportunity to be a role model, choosing to become "world changers" in our everyday living.**

Baxter also witnessed changes as we acknowledged the retirement of Dee Lucas, our Marketplace Coordinator, in June and Mary Holt, our Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, as she accepted a new position with the Kent County Health Department in August. **Both**



Dee and Mary were Baxter "veterans", loyal staff members who shared our vision and valued the place Baxter has in the community.

Tish Patterson, one of my heroes, often will remind me, "Where God guides, He provides." We have witnessed the truth in those words as we welcomed Sandy Ten Hoeve, Linda Schrottenboer, Joan Bass and Chawntele Flowers to our clinic staff. We also have observed Genika Horton, an intern under Dee Lucas, delighted to have the opportunity to become the Marketplace Coordinator.

Change is inevitable in life. It usually develops our patience, strengthens our ability to trust and provides a venue for hope. As you read our 2010 annual report, I hope you will discover that our mission, "A Christian Response to Human Needs," has not changed. However, our financial ability to continue to respond to the needs around us is empowered by the generosity of people like you.

Will you join us in 2011?

And so we wait, we trust and we hope,

Melanie Beelen, Executive Director

About the cover photo

The images used for the front and back covers of this year's Annual Report are of a blown glass jar that rests in the entryway of Baxter Community Center. Above the jar is a sign that reads "Be the change you wish to see...your spare change keeps Baxter's doors open." The sign is subtle and the jar is beautiful. It is an unobtrusive invitation for the community to give back. What began as a quiet suggestion, however, has received a heartfelt response. Children from community schools have saved their pennies for Baxter. Passerby and happenstance visitors have thrown in spare dollars. Modern-day "widows" have thrown in their mites. The jar is a testament to what has kept Baxter standing for 42 years and a reminder to all of us from St. Francis, "for it is in giving that we receive."

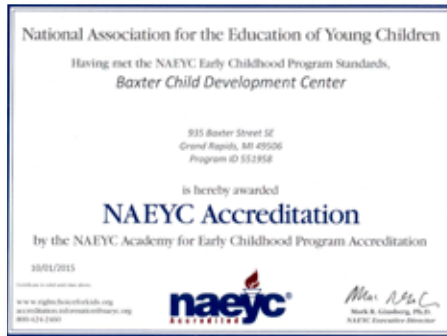


What's New?!

NAEYC Accreditation

In 2004, *Kent County 4 C's* offered funding for local child care facilities to become nationally accredited; multiple facilities started on the journey, but only a few completed. Baxter Community Center's Child Development Center was one who saw the finish line. The first year of accreditation was 2005, which was a major milestone for Ms. Lacy and our Child Development Center staff. In each of the following years, staff had continued to meet the criteria, standards ranging from the easy – health and safety (keeping medicine under lock and key and away from little hands, emergency kits, maintaining the proper ratio of adults to children) – to the difficult – meeting NAEYC educational

standards for teachers. In 2010, Baxter's Child Development Center was up for reaccreditation. The process to reaccreditation was long and tedious, but thanks to the attention of Ms. Lacy, Sue Wright-Carruthers, and the entire Child Development Center staff, it was achieved. *"I always knew we could be accredited,"* comments Ms. Lacy. *"We have the quality care and staff; there was no reason for us not to be!"* Congratulations to Ms. Lacy and the Child Development Center staff on their success!

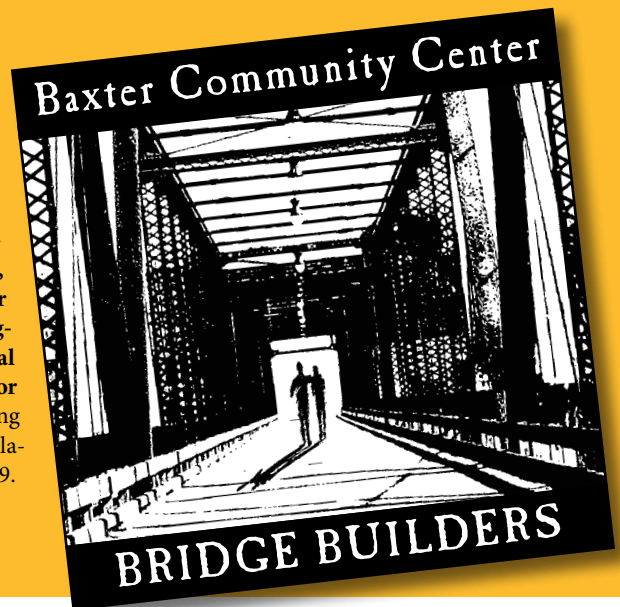


Rhonda Erbes

Bridge Builders Initiative

In September of 2010 Baxter launched a new initiative. Baxter is bridging the gaps within our community as we provide nationally accredited child care, wholistic affordable health care, marketplace programming and youth mentoring to our community.

What does it mean to become a Bridge Builder at Baxter? A Bridge Builder shares our vision and mission, desires to learn more about the areas of disparity in our community, and intentionally chooses to walk alongside us bridging the gaps around us with an annual investment for operational support to Baxter of \$500 or more each year. If you want to learn more about becoming a Bridge Builder, please contact Melanie Beelen at melanieb@baxtercommunitycenter.org, or 616-456-8593 x239.



CHANGE

Program Highlights

Wholistic Health Clinic

Baxter's Wholistic Health Clinic provides health care at low cost for families who are uninsured or under-insured. In 2010, area doctors, dentists, nurses, and other volunteers contributed over 2,330 hours of service to the Clinic; their dedication makes our service possible. The Clinic focuses on the benefits of preventative care, routine checkups, and nutrition. Physicals and immunizations are provided at low cost, and



adults are routinely screened for high blood pressure. The staff is dedicated to working with patients to learn preventative measures for diabetes and obesity. The Clinic also offers monthly eye and prayer clinics. The Clinic and Counseling program has formed a variety of support groups as clients have expressed interest, including a group for parents of children with ADD/ADHD as well as a parenting group for grandparents raising grandchildren. Additionally, the *Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program* provides services on site to pregnant and postpartum women and children from birth to five years of age; this includes a nutritional evaluation from a registered dietician, immunizations, and the provision of supplemental food coupons. Baxter also operates a full dental suite, providing much-needed oral health services to the community.

In the past year, Baxter's faithful Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Mary Holt, decided to accept a new position with the Kent County Health Department. At the same time, Baxter welcomed four new faces to the Clinic.

The clinic staff and volunteers have continued to grow in their relationship to each other and to the community, one of the trademarks of the Wholistic Health Clinic. Sandy Ten Hoeve, Baxter's new Pediatric Nurse, is looking forward to *"developing relationships with my patients that I hope will be long lasting and much more than just a nurse-patient relationship."* **The Clinic staff is excited to continue the high standard of care while also expanding current programming.** A more advanced diabetes management program is part of the Clinic's vision, and staff hopes to increase the workshops and classes available to patients. Baxter's Board of Directors has recently created a Medical Advisory Committee to enhance the Clinic's outreach.

Marketplace

For many of Baxter's clients, the Marketplace is the first doorway into Baxter's programs. The Marketplace itself is a hub of activity. The food and clothing pantry helps to meet people's immediate needs, while financial literacy classes, senior programming, nutrition courses, and free tax preparation allow community members to experience enriching opportunities as they work towards self-sufficiency.

Genika Horton, previously a Marketplace intern, became the Marketplace Coordinator in June of 2010. When former Marketplace Coordinator Dee Lucas retired, Genika rose to the occasion to lead and has continued to provide a welcoming and empowering atmosphere for community members. In 2010, the *Free Tax Preparation* program accessed over \$2 million in tax returns. **The program has been steadily**



growing each year; as of March 9, 2011, Baxter has processed 100 more tax returns than last year and has accessed \$60,000 more dollars for community members. *Freedom in Your Finances* once again offered a 13-week budget course designed to get graduates on the pathway to financial security. 154 seniors utilized senior programming, from fitness and technology classes to *Around the Table* nutrition courses and the *Threads* sewing class. During the holidays, the Marketplace becomes a cheerful center of hope. 660 holiday baskets were given out last year, providing generous Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners to families, and 490 gifts through *Toys for Tots*. Looking forward, the Marketplace is pursuing new avenues to provide increased amounts of fresh produce to clients, including incorporating Baxter's up and coming greenhouse.

Child Development Center

Families in poverty spend an average of 37% of their income on child care, and child care costs have increased 32% over the last decade. As a result, many parents that cannot afford child care are unable to work regularly, creating a cycle of poverty. **In response to the neighborhood need for safe, high-quality child care, Baxter Community Center has been operating its Child Development Center (CDC) for over 40 years.** As community needs have changed and as research on early childhood development has advanced, Baxter's CDC has grown into an enriching environment for the holistic development of young minds and bodies. Only

3.1% of child care centers in Michigan are nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and **only 5% of the child care centers within Kent County hold accreditation. This year, Baxter's Child Development Center was able to successfully renew its accreditation with NAEYC for the next five years.** The success of the Child Development Center can be largely attributed to the dedicated leadership of CDC Director Ollie Lacy. For the past 30 years, Ms. Lacy's pursuit of excellence for the sake of the children who grace our hallways has been a gift to our community. Children come first at Baxter. Ms. Lacy has had two major goals for Baxter: 1) to open an infant and toddler room, and 2) to become nationally accredited. With accreditation secured and the infant and toddler room celebrating its 10th anniversary, along with a waiting list for fifteen children, Ms. Lacy is retiring. She has been a pillar of strength and support at Baxter and has some amazing shoes to fill. Ms. Lacy believes it is time to pass the leadership baton to someone who will build upon her legacy, sharing a strong vision for children, and she is looking forward to spending more time with her own grandchildren.

The Child Development Center will continue to be dedicated to ensuring the healthy, on-track development of children academically, emotionally, and psychologically, and will always seek to meet their daily developmental needs in order to equip them for long-term success. The Child Development Center is an important tool towards self-sufficiency for families, allowing parents to work while knowing that their children are receiving the care they need.





Mizizi Maji Mentoring Program

The Mizizi Maji Youth Mentoring Program, started in 1998, serves young people ages 8 to 18 primarily living in the Baxter neighborhood. Mizizi Maji means “root” and “water” in Swahili and the program name was taken from Psalm One: ***“Like a tree planted by rivers of water that brings forth fruit in season.”*** The program utilizes a dual approach: youth are partnered with an adult for one-on-one mentoring activities

and also participate in weekly group meetings which combine team-building activities, workshops, field trips and guest speakers in order to address issues that facilitate positive youth development.

Baxter’s Mizizi Maji Youth Mentoring program stresses the importance of academic excellence. Two years ago, Mizizi Maji launched its *3.0 Gets to Go* project, an innovative initiative that combines the incentive for

Volunteers!

Mizizi Maji

Kelli Acord
Theresa Bacon-Bradley
Erica Bechaz
Meghan Blakely
Jenelle Brovont
Carilyn Callery
Mark Carryl
Alexander Castro
Miquel Chavez-Navarro
Justin Corwin
Margot Deboe
Robert Dekam
Kevin Devries
Daniella Eggers
Egan Farrar
Melanie Fischer
Garret Fox
Abby Gilbert

Beth Gordon
Courtney Gumbs
Gabriel Gumbs
April Harvey
Catrina Harvey
& Kids Helping Kids
Trevor Hawkins
Audrey Heckwolf
Heather Honda
Jessica Hoofman
Kevin Hove
Patrick Johnson
Debrah Jones
Joel Koslosky
Tom Krueger
Amy Kulon
Nick LaChappelle
Vaughn Love
Heather Lozen

Kareem McKinney
Erica Millbrooks
Ron Millbrooks
Eric Munson
Lucas Napieralski
Kara Nielsen
Kayleigh Orr
Noel Plaska
Marina Putman
Jordan Roberts
Matt Rubick
Kyle Rusk
The Ruff Ryders
Steve Saunders
John Schrems
Jordyn Shapiro
Seth Shapiro
Tracy Shields
Melina Sinigos

Tyler Skinner
Zach Skiver
Will Smith
Mike Stapert
Jason Stewart
Katie Stuit
Georgia Taylor
Tony Taylor
Stephanie Thompson
Sasha Tomasik
Danielle Veldman
Colleen Vorel
Tony Walker
Kelly Wallis
Jacob Warnes
Chris Wessely
Sam Zaroukian
Jenn Zirkle

high achievement in school with enriching opportunities for the urban youth participating in the program. Students are challenged to end the school year with a 3.0 GPA or better. Those who succeed for the first time qualify for a trip to North Buxton, Ontario, a historic African-Canadian town founded before the Civil War. Those who earn a 3.0 for two consecutive years experience the vibrant and diverse city of Toronto. Students have been thrilled with the trips and are




proud to have earned the privilege through their hard work at school. The experiences have broadened their horizons in countless ways, opening up their world to new cultures and experiences.

Now in its third year, the *3.0 Gets to Go* project has initiated a capstone trip to South Africa for students who have maintained a 3.0 grade point average for

three consecutive years. The *Wege Foundation* has partnered with Baxter to provide funding for the trip for the next three years. The group will visit two rural communities, Kgautswane and Namakgale, as well as the urban Johannesburg, Soweto, and Cape Town. The students will build relationships with community members, visit Nelson Mandela's home, stay in traditional African dwellings, learn about apartheid through multiple site visits, and see African wildlife in a game park. Each student will keep a journal throughout the trip and write an essay upon their return, allowing an opportunity to fully reflect on the experience. Students will make presentations to their peers and larger audiences including schools, churches, and businesses. The trip is designed to be an all-inclusive learning experience. Students will be able to learn about the world at large while also being empowered to act as they volunteer along side our African partner organizations. Trips abroad have been proven to be life-changing experiences for people of all ages and from all walks of life, and Baxter is convinced that the youth of Mizizi Maji will take the lessons learned in South Africa with them the rest of their lives.

Baxter has many programs that have enriched my children.

—Jacklynne Barrett,
Child Development Center Parent



Child Care	Isaiah DeRose	Timothy Koster	Timothy Ryder
Akuorkor Addy	Brett DeVries	Lauren Kramer	Taylor Schroyer
Matthew Ahrendt	Steven Diekema	Rebekah Kreischer	Jember Seebeck
Katherine Artz	Nathan Eckhoff	Caleb Lagerway	Maria Smilde
Yelena Boykov	Steve Eckhoff	Shelby Lofthus	Matthew Smith
Jonathan Baas	Kimbra Filippini	Chrissy Lutke	Julie Steyaert
Jon Blauwkamp	Rachel Flim	Jordan M. DOoley	Jake Vandekieft
Allison Boes	Nathan Gelderloos	Shelby Mitchell	Philip Vander Kooy
Lisa Brink	Sarah Gee	Will Montei	April Vandermolen
Rachel Broemsen	Eric Hoskins	Traci Montgomery	Hannah VanDyk
Emily Burel	Naomi Jackins	Allie Mulder	Joan VanEssendelft
Abigail Buursma	Megan Jenkins	Sam Olson	Simon Veldkamp
Peter DeJong	Sam Knapper	Courtney Peterson	Aunalisa Walker
Allyson DeKruyter	Holly Kok	Brian Pohler	Chelsea White

Volunteers!





Greenhouse Update

Did you know that the Baxter Neighborhood is considered a “food desert”?

During our 40th anniversary initiative, Baxter proposed a \$200,000 initiative to construct a greenhouse. Now that dream has become a reality. Funding for the construction of the greenhouse is nearly complete, and *Dan Vos Construction* plans to begin building in mid-spring of 2011. Baxter is currently seeking out partnerships to develop programming for the greenhouse that will affect each area of Baxter’s programming.

The community will be given the opportunity for a lasting change in their nutritional awareness and preventative health habits. Mentors and young people in the **Mizizi Maji Mentoring Program** will work together in the greenhouse to build their relationship skills and scientific knowledge as students learn about urban farming. Fresh produce raised in the greenhouse will be offered in the **Marketplace’s** food and clothing pantry. Baxter will be able to use the produce as product for canning and food preparation for the **Around the Table Project**, which focuses on the revitalization of family mealtime and nutrition education. The **Child Development Center** will receive free

produce, and the taste buds of the youngest children in the neighborhood will begin craving healthy foods. Patients in our **Wholistic Health Clinic** will have a direct source for better nutrition. Good nutrition is a proven step towards pro-active health management, especially for those struggling with heart disease, obesity, malnutrition, and diabetes. Baxter desires to expose all program participants to a variety of healthy foods and educational opportunities.

Spring is here, the birds are Tweeting, and so is Baxter!

Baxter has officially launched its Facebook and Twitter accounts! Follow us on Twitter and “like” our Facebook page to keep up to date with all the latest happenings at Baxter. We frequently post pictures, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities on both sites, so be sure to get connected!



Facebook: Baxter Community Center



Twitter: Baxter_CC

New Staff



Sandy Ten Hoeve

In November of 2010 Sandy Ten Hoeve began working in Baxter's Wholistic Health Clinic as the Pediatric Nurse. Sandy is no stranger to caring for children. Prior to accepting the Pediatric Nurse position, Sandy was the Agency Nurse for nine years at Bethany Christian Services. **Sandy is bilingual, with Spanish as much a first language as English. She has been an excellent addition to our staff.** When asked how she has adjusted to her new job, Sandy's response was, *"I love my job!"* Interaction with the clients and staff is a rewarding part of her job. Developing long term relationships with her patients and their families is something she values deeply. One of the most important parts of Sandy's day is the dedicated time the Clinic takes each morning for prayer. *"It puts us all together on the same wavelength with God and each*

other. I can't tell you how many times we've felt compelled to do something, and then the very next day we realized why God had us do what we did the day before. He certainly goes before us in everything we do. We are committed to follow His lead!"



Joan Bass

Joan came to Baxter's Wholistic Health Clinic six months ago. *"I noticed how Baxter meets needs of people right in their neighborhood, and I love the personal touch,"* Joan explained. As Baxter's Medical Assistant, Joan is one of the first people patients interact with at the Clinic, preparing the patients prior to meeting with the volunteer physicians. Working at Baxter Joan has learned a lot about meeting people's needs. Being at Baxter has made an impression; **Joan has discovered how even the most basic areas of life can make a huge difference in peoples' lives.** She was surprised to learn how many of the patients at the Clinic don't have transportation or have to rely on others: *"I really didn't realize some of the barriers and extra effort it takes when you are unable to get to important places, like a doctor's appointment,"* Joan explained.

"Many of Baxter's clients walk here." Joan is glad to be part of a team that can help to meet such basic needs; *"I find it rewarding to be a part of a ministry where I can help others in His name."*



Genika Horton

Genika Horton, Baxter's new Marketplace Coordinator, is just a couple months shy of celebrating her one-year anniversary, and is excited to share that with everyone. *"I started off at Baxter as an intern through Jubilee Jobs, until I became Marketplace Coordinator in June 2010."* During her time here, Genika has been able to enjoy the fellowship of clients and staff. *"I find most rewarding that people want to actually talk and share their life with me . . . they feel some kind of security, that judgment won't be passed."* The rewards happen daily, with little moments of grace sprinkled like rain. *"We fellowship in the Marketplace, whether it's among the workers and volunteers that are here or the neighborhood girls that always come in singing."* But the rewards aren't only for Genika; **"People come in and pour their heart out, and I like being there for**

them. I know I can't fix any broken dreams, promises or even bones, but I can aid them and reassure them that it will get greater later, starting right at that day, time, or moment, right here through Baxter Community Center."



Debbie Smith

After working many years in a dental office, Debbie Smith came to Baxter's Dental Clinic with a lot of dental reception experience. What drew her to Baxter? ***"They told me I would receive more than a paycheck. It's true."*** Through Debbie's calm, caring way, dental clients are prepared to meet with the volunteer dentists. *"Meeting some wonderful dentists who make the time to come to Baxter to serve and seeing how they can transform a patient and make them smile again"* is a daily event that Debbie is blessed to experience. With Baxter since November 2010, Debbie is a wonderful addition to the Baxter family. *"Baxter people really care and it gives you a warm fuzzy every time you walk in the door."*



Rona Ghee

Rona Ghee's purpose for being at Baxter is clear: God has lead her here and she is willing to follow His lead. Rona began working during the summer of 2010 at the front reception desk, and has been a blessing to others ever since. When asked what she finds most rewarding about her job, Rona responds, *"Seeing God work through people's storms, including my own."* **Rona's calm spirit and warm smile greet each person who walks through Baxter's front door.** *"You can see Jesus at work here . . . and God's sense of supernatural ability and humor."* Baxter was an answer to her prayers; this is where she had been hoping to someday work. *"I can feel His presence in the building."* Rona's welcoming presence is a gift to all who enter Baxter's doorways.



Linda Schrottenboer

After 12 years as a Practice Manager and Nurse at a pediatric practice in Holland, Linda Schrottenboer decided she needed to rest. Laura VanderMolen, Medical Director of H.I.S. Clinic, thought differently. She introduced Linda to Melanie. It wasn't long before Linda realized, *"It was the Lord tugging at my heart that told me to finally say yes to Melanie and Baxter."*

Linda has been working at Baxter for 6 months as our Family Registered Nurse in the Wholistic Health Clinic. When Linda first came to Baxter, she was one of four new staff members. *"The camaraderie and the vision of service to our Lord is a great opportunity to build community."* Linda has enjoyed working with staff and volunteers. Linda takes time to get patients connected to the resources they need and finds building bridges to be greatly rewarding. **Another rewarding part of being at Baxter is the compassion Baxter has for the community.** *"We start every morning with staff prayer. It is so moving to hear the caring voices praying for patients."*

Volunteers!

Tax Program

- Mike Aslum
- Sandy Bergstrom
- Janet Borgdorff
- Chuck Bos
- Anne Bruinooge

- Don Bultman
- David Comfort
- Rick De Vries
- Helen DeGraff
- Catherine Dunlap
- Jack Emelander

- Jim Emmert
- Gord Koetje
- Pam Quist
- Phil Quist
- Rich Quist
- Ed Riekema

- Raymond Slager
- Laura Triezenberg
- John Vander Meulen



Renee Boltze

Renee Boltze came to Baxter after graduating from *Grand Valley State University* with her bachelor's degree in Psychology. Faced by the daunting job market, Renee was relieved to find a teaching position in Baxter's infant and toddler room in the Child Development Center. ***"I was impressed by the huge amount of opportunities and services provided here,"*** Renee said. ***"During my interview, the staff seemed to be extraordinarily friendly, and it seemed like a great place to work."***

Now Renee has joined the Baxter family, helping to bring the youngest generation the developmental opportunities they deserve. Her 15-month-old son Matthew also attends the Center, giving Renee the unique perspective of both parent and staff.

"I believe that through watching the other children, my son has developed skills more quickly than if I was a stay-at-home mom," Renee explains. *"Parents gain peace of mind that their children are being well taken care of and are safe. We are constantly working with them to develop their skills and open up a variety of learning opportunities for our children."* Ultimately, Renee loves working with each child in the Center, and gives each the quality of care she wants for her own child: *"They all have genuine and individual personalities...I love embracing that diversity of thoughts, ideas, and learning styles that each child portrays."*



Danielle Veldman

Danielle Veldman began working at Baxter as a summer writing intern in May of 2010 after graduating from *Calvin College* with her bachelor's degree in International Development. In September of 2010 she became Baxter's Grants and Communications Coordinator. Danielle had never considered getting into fund development work before, but working at Baxter has opened her eyes to the importance of community connections. ***"Grant writing has actually turned out to be an exciting opportunity,"*** Danielle said. ***"It's not only a chance to make programming and project ideas happen, but it is an opportunity to build awareness in the larger community and to strengthen the relationships that have kept Baxter going for the past 41 years."*** Danielle is grateful to be working with a staff that has such a deep-rooted

passion for the community, and is excited to see how the skills she learns now will shape the future of Baxter as well as her own.

Building

Jessica Brown
Katie Buckley
Rebecca Bush
Gene DuCharme
Andrew Freibuger
Kris Freibuger
Kristen Frelier
Brianna Huyek
Ken J. Kranz
Rebekah Kreischer

Charlie Lapastora
Karl Larsen
Dana Lynch
Margo McLain
Sue McLain
Tessa Michels
Adam Parry
Rachel Polet
Julio Ramirez
Jared Renner
Elliot Rieth

Katie Robinson
Kristen Roelofs
Ken Rosenstangel
Erik Scholten
Myles Schwarz
Bill Shrontz
Julie Shumart
Wesley Smith
Tristen Spencer
Edna St. Louis
Caleb Uitvlugt

Caleb Vanderhill
Devon Vanoostveen
Aaron VanSomeren
Simon Veldkamp
Sarah Whitman
Mark Willard
Quincy Williams
Scott Woodfill

Volunteers!







Tributes

Randy Brown

The Tootsie Roll Man



Randy Brown was a neighbor, husband, father, grandfather. He was an artist, educator, poet, sage. At the age of 84, Randy Brown left this world for a lovelier place. His search for wisdom and beauty brought him down many paths in his life. An artist, he created everything from portraits and murals to commercial art and signage. In all things, Randy found a way to add his spirit of integrity, excellence, and passion. Randy became a

mentor and dear friend of Paul Collins, bringing him into the art world. Paul went on to become an international fine artist, and Randy began to invest in youth and the arts. He taught Black History for two years at *Grand Valley State University* and gave art workshops at *Grand Valley* and *Western Michigan University*. He began to speak to the world through poetry, and wrote on black history, civil rights, and empowerment.

While he worked in the greater community well into his later years, Randy always had time for his youngest neighbors. Beginning in 1972, he was known by the children of the city not for his place as a renowned visionary, but as the Tootsie Roll Man. Randy had a well-loved habit of sitting on his stoop, passing out Tootsie Rolls and nuggets of wisdom to all who passed. Children were drawn to his warm and patient spirit, and the tradition of visiting the Tootsie Roll Man continued for generations. **True neighbors, Randy and his wife Clemma had strong ties and cared deeply about Baxter Community Center, and the painting entitled *We the Children* graces Baxter's walls in their memory – a gift from dear friends Jerry and Judy Subar and Paul and Carol Collins. The Brown family opted to direct memorial funds to Baxter, a final gift of generosity from the Tootsie Roll Man.**



Rodney J. Mulder

Blues Singer

Before Rodney Mulder passed on September 21, 2010, he attended a Bible study. Every Saturday, he met with his close friends and grew in his knowledge of scripture. Every Saturday, he sat in a blue over-stuffed chair by the fireplace in the Mulder home, bringing with him a peace and a light his friends held dear. After Rodney passed, no one sat in his chair for a long time. It was Rod's chair, his place. **Rod was the kind of man that challenged others to act and led by example; his passion was to call for change in this world.** His Bible study was not the only place left with a chair to fill. He had a seat of leadership throughout the community, counseling and influencing students and

faculty members, the homeless and the addicted, the affluent and the destitute – he had touched thousands of people in his lifetime.

Rod was a well-loved faculty member and a dean of the *Grand Valley State University School of Social Work* and the *College of Community and Public Service* for 15 years. He was one of the first people to push for diversity in Grand Valley's faculty and staff. Rod grew up in a rural town in Iowa and did not see much diversity until he joined the army briefly after high school, so his perspective went beyond his early life experience. Rather, Rod's family attributes his deep-seated attitude towards inclusion and change to his strong commitment to God. Beginning in his late 20's, Rod read the Bible in its entirety every year. He was a true Biblical scholar, and he served faithfully as a deacon and elder at *Madison Square Church* for many years. He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. When Rod made a commitment, he was relentless.

When friend and then-director Hershell Turner asked Rod to be one of Baxter Community Center's early board members, Rod embraced the opportunity to listen to the spoken and unspoken needs within the community. Even after his term on the Board, Rod continued to support Baxter and his passion for the community spilled into other areas of his life.

A young Rod is pictured next to one of his favorite paintings entitled *The Blues Singer* painted by Hershell at Rod's request. The painting had hung in the Mulder family home for as long as many of his children can remember, but when Rod became Dean of the School of Social Work at Grand Valley, *The Blues Singer* moved to the *School of Social Work* corridor. The painting is still prominently displayed there today, a reminder of Rod's passion and steadfast commitment to voicing the call for social justice to a broken world.

Casey Wondergem Walking the Talk

The Grand Rapids community will always remember Casey Wondergem as a dedicated public relations specialist and philanthropist, a friend of the arts, education, and medicine. He was a "big" man with a "big" heart and made the world a better place by being in it. He knew President Nixon and Johnny Cash. He worked for *Amway* under co-founder Rich DeVos as senior public affairs counsel and served as the executive director of the *Jay and Betty Van Andel Foundation*. He helped to found the *Grand Valley University Foundation*, and he led the funding campaign that opened the *DeVos Hall* for the performing arts. **Casey Wondergem was known for big things, but what some might not know of was his loyal dedication to the smaller corners of the community.**

Casey Wondergem was a faithful friend to Baxter Community Center for many, many years. We miss him. He served on the honorary cabinet of two of Baxter's capital campaigns, helping Baxter to raise over four million dollars for renovations. **In the neighborhood, he is not necessarily known for the large contributions he generously made to the**



arts and medical community, but rather for the playground dedicated in his name in our Child Development Center. In 2006, Casey was honored at our annual event with Baxter's St. Francis Award – the theme of the evening was a *Taste of Heaven*. It has always been clear to us that Casey supported Baxter's work and mission, and his lasting friendship will be cherished always.

Peter Cook

Willing and Able

Peter Cook left this world on November 28, 2010, after a very full life. At the age of 96, Peter was still acting as Chairman of *Cook Holdings* and was active in the community. As a professional, he was a successful businessman in import automobiles. His true love, though, rested in his family and in the community. He gave substantial leadership and financial support to numerous church, community, educational, and medical organizations, and Baxter Community Center will be forever grateful for his dedicated partnership as he walked alongside our neighbors with us.

At Baxter, he is perhaps best known to the community for making possible the addition of our gymnasium in 2008. Thanks to the partnership of Peter Cook, the gym is not just a place for recreation and a host site for Grand Rapids LOOP programs, but it is also a place of safety and of hope. People can gather at the gym to learn, laugh, play, and grow closer together as a community. Youth are drawn in, and seniors use the space to exercise their minds and bodies. The gym is a source of energy and light, yet it is just one of the many ways Peter has held hands with those in the community. He quietly recognized the importance for sustained operational support, year after year. When the Child Development Center needed a van to help



transport children in 2007, Peter was quick to meet the need. Peter Cook was not a distant philanthropist seeking recognition; he was a neighbor. He loved his community, and he felt he had been blessed to be able to give to others. With his legacy, he left a challenge, something he often called his “big saying”: ***“There are two necessary things in giving: one is to be willing; the other is to be able...People who have little yet give what they can become the big givers when they are able. That’s because they had always been willing!”*** Peter was always willing, and gave a gift of his heart that will not be forgotten.

Marty Smedes

Joy in the Simple Things



Marty Smedes was a burst of sunshine in the world. Filled with laughter, she brought joy to those around her. For the children at Baxter Community Center, she was an especially loving teacher. Before beginning her own childcare at home, Marty worked in Baxter’s Child Development Center (CDC) for many years as a teacher in the toddler room. She

particularly enjoyed bringing music and a love for books to life for her students, introducing them to classical music and creative activities. One student, a little boy named Marcus, will never forget how Marty passed on her love of music to him. Growing up in the CDC, Marcus always wanted to hear Marty’s classical tunes. As he grew older, he participated in musicals at *Grand Rapids Christian High* and other community theaters. Today, a music major, Marcus is pursuing his dreams becoming an accomplished musician, a testament to the influence Baxter has had on our littlest ones. Marty took time to invest in the children at the CDC, and her joy overflowed into her time with staff. Marty and CDC Director Ollie Lacy grew close, and Ms. Lacy has many fond memories of Marty. They

would often take their own children to Holland for day trips or spend hours together working on puzzles. One morning, in the early hours of the day of a preschool graduation ceremony, Ms. Lacy, Marty, and another staff member Denise were sweeping the playground together and singing. "It was just a fun day,"

explains Ms. Lacy, "we didn't have a care in the world." **The memory is important to Ms. Lacy because it personified Marty; she found joy in the simplest moments. She lived life to its fullest, and was a constant encouragement for others to do the same.**

Carol Haarman

Simple Ways of Creating Community...

Carol Haarman: a woman of beauty, mother of seven, wife of Steve, former co-owner of Ada Drug Store and a precious friend of Baxter. **Carol was a strong but humble woman with an eye for beauty and a heart of compassion.** Some of you may remember Carol because you shopped at the store where Steve and Carol spent a good share of their marriage. Carol's eye for beauty often meant you found just the right card or gift. Did you know that Carol's eye for beauty also included the manner in which she opened her home, making the ordinary extraordinary? **Carol had the gift of hospitality in her simple ways of creating community.** One of my fondest memories was eating brunch at Carol's home. The table was set with hand-crafted pottery dishes, each with their own unique hue. She served the best quiche I have ever eaten. But the beauty didn't end there; she even had a pottery bowl with cold water for my elderly dog, Shakespeare. I remember thinking at the time how large this woman's heart was to open her home to all of us! After we ate, I asked Carol for the quiche recipe; she gave it willingly.

Unlike Carol, I am not known for my culinary skills. However, I soon found out that if I made Carol's quiche, people always asked for the recipe. For me, Carol's quiche marks the homecoming of my adult children. Carol's quiche is my favorite dish to bring to Baxter's Christmas Brunch. Recently, it was Carol's quiche that brought a smile to a woman in a Manhattan rehabilitation center who was recovering from a



stroke. Carol's quiche travels to lonely and sometimes forgotten places.

On a Saturday afternoon in early November I was making Carol's quiche when Steve, Carol's husband, called to tell us that Carol had died earlier that morning. Carol had been fighting cancer for two years. Carol Haarman is missed by all of us at Baxter. In her honor, we have included her quiche recipe, knowing that a taste of heaven is in every bite. We suggest you make it and share it with someone who may need to feel the presence of community.

Melanie Beelen

Carol's Quiche!

- 1 refrigerated pie shell
- 8oz shredded Swiss cheese
- 8oz shredded cheddar cheese
- Any fillers: Canadian bacon, bacon, ham, sausage, green pepper, onion, mushroom, spinach
- 5 eggs
- 1 small heavy whipping cream
- Desired spices (i.e., Italian seasonings)

Directions

- Roll pie shell in greased pie pan
- Put shredded Swiss cheese in the bottom of the pan
- Add fillers (as many as desired)
- Layer with shredded cheddar cheese
- Whip together eggs & heavy whipping cream
- Add spices
- Pour egg mixture over cheese and fillers
- Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for exactly 1 hour

Opening Doors Celebration

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Change

On the evening of November 11, 2010, Baxter Community Center held its 7th Annual Opening Doors Celebration. The event was held at the JW Marriot. Like previous events, the night revolved around a silent auction, dinner, and short program. Yet this evening was set apart by the people in attendance. Baxter purposely saves two seats of each sponsored table for “a friend of Baxter,” it may be a staff member, a volunteer or a program participant. Friends new and old – all became honored guests as Baxter shared its joy in a year gone by and its hope for the year to come. Guests from all walks of life came together for one evening to share in their love for the Baxter neighborhood.

The theme of the evening was **Change**, a verb and a noun, a call to act and reflect. The evening opened with a soulful rendition of *Change* by Keb' Mo'. Jackson Beelen on his guitar and Jeffrey Niemeier on his

in circumstance to Changes of heart, the stories of Baxter's community members filled the room. Mistress of Ceremonies Reverend Angela Taylor-Perry's fiery passion, deeply-rooted spirit, and gentle humor added to the evening and made everyone feel welcome. Students from the Mizizi Maji Mentoring program helped in this effort, dressed to impress with smiles that drew guests in, the student hosts of the evening. Two students, Sekayi Bracey and Maleeka Conley, choreographed and performed a praise dance that was both moving and celebrative. Baxter's director Melanie Beelen presented the **2010 St. Francis Award** to honorees **Mae Brown Morgan** and **Kate Pew Wolters**, women who have each shown incredible strength and fought for Changes in their own right. The evening ended with the uplifting voices of a city-wide gospel choir led by Yvonne May. From poignant praise songs to the powerful solo of eight year old Serenity Bracey singing *Oh Happy Day*, the choir left the audience with a melodic embrace as the evening came to a close.



electric violin added their talent and compassion to the song's already inspirational lyrics. Throughout the evening, a video presentation introduced guests to individuals from Baxter who had experienced Change in their lives and community. From Changes

in so many ways; each of you is treasured for the unique gifts that you bring to help us continue to build community. All proceeds from the event provide operational support to keep Baxter's doors open.

Danielle Veldman

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Reflections of a Retiring Board President

Larry Gerbens

This was the title of Ken Hofman's message to you in the 2007 Annual Report. I am sure Ken won't mind me using the same title three years later.

Baxter has been and continues to be a wonderful blessing in my life. Isn't it amazing that God chooses to *bless the server out of proportion* to the service given? That has been true in my life and I'm sure in yours also. I have often said to Baxter's staff that I may *come to Baxter grumpy, down, and burdened*, but invariably *leave with a smile on my face and in my heart*. Thank you, God, and thank you, Baxter!

Speaking of staff and volunteers, you have enriched my life immeasurably. Your passion for Baxter, and those served by Baxter, is real, tangible, selfless, and infectious. You all walk the walk and talk the talk. Thank you for your example.

Ken ended his reflection with the words, "*Baxter is in good hands.*" I reaffirm that! Melanie has modeled *servant leadership* to staff, volunteers, and board alike.

I have so appreciated her leadership especially in strategic planning, board development, and fund raising. The Baxter Board continues to be *fully engaged* in the many programs Baxter has instituted over the years to serve the community. I am personally so happy that Cle Jackson, a son of the Baxter neighborhood, has consented to become our new Board President.

And I am most assured that Baxter, in the words of my favorite verse Jeremiah 29:11, "*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future,*" continues to work and rest in God's good and almighty hands.

Larry Gerbens, Past Board Chair

Making an Impact on our Community...

Reflections from Baxter's New Board President ~ Cle Jackson

As I transition into this new leadership role with the Board of Directors, I look forward and embrace the changes ahead. **If there is one constant in this world, it is change. And with it comes opportunity.** Baxter Community Center has a long and trusted history of serving the community for over 40 years, and has succeeded by identifying and addressing the evolving needs of our community.

The changing local and national landscape will create new opportunities, as well as some new challenges for

our organization. Economic indicators such as high unemployment, healthcare and academic readiness will also affect our response to the needs and the role we play in the community. I believe we must continue our commitment to the individuals and families we serve, engaging and collaborating with our stakeholders and community partners now more than ever before. This will enable us to impact our diversity and strengthen the overall health of our community.

Cle Jackson, Board Chair



Retiring Board Members

Elijah Libbett, Annette Byl, and Paul Bulthuis are retiring from Baxter's Board. Their insight and passion have been invaluable, and we thank each of them for the unique gifts they have given us. As they enter new seasons of their lives, we wish them blessings on all that they pursue, that they may bring the same goodness to others as they have brought to us.

New Board Members



Akuorkor Addy

Dr. Akourkor Addy is a pediatrician at Alger Pediatrics and has volunteered in Baxter's Wholistic Health Clinic for the past 15 years. She attended the *University of Ghana Medical School, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, and the University of Michigan*. She has served as a church elder at *Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church* and currently holds a Chair on the *Covenant World Relief Commission* Board. Dr. Addy decided to accept the invitation to join Baxter's Board because she felt the Lord saying, "I have a place for your voice at the Table". Welcome to Baxter's Board, Dr. Addy; we are excited to hear what you have to say!



Amy Roeda Borst

Amy Roeda Borst is a woman who wears many hats and has a variety of venues to use her gifts. She attended *Calvin College* for a degree in English and the *University of Michigan* for her Architectural degree. She helped to design the major renovation of the *Detroit Institute of Arts*, and has done pro-bono architectural design for a community center in Detroit. She is currently kept busy by her three children and has taken a break in her architectural career to help her mother at *Carol Roeda Studio*. Amy hopes to nurture the impact Baxter has to the community, from sustaining local economies to igniting passions for volunteering and service. She is looking forward to meeting people and working in the community. Baxter is excited to enfold her into the community!

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Rachel Rynbrandt

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“A Safe Place For Change”

April Harvey & Shanae Winbush— Mentor/Mentee since 2004

Six years ago, April Harvey took a trip to the Grand Rapids Gerald R. Ford International Airport with Sharon La Chappelle and her Mizizi Maji mentoring students. She noticed one shy little girl in particular. *“She was always smiling and never talking,”* April



laughs. Sharon saw an opportunity and connected April with little Shanae Winbush. April met Shanae’s mom and Shanae started going to the weekly Mizizi Maji meetings. Before long, the two were like sisters. Now, Shanae isn’t so little anymore. At 18 years old, she is confident, well-spoken, and very sociable. Although she is still filled with smiles, Shanae has plenty to say. *“I used to be quiet. Now I get out of the house more.”* Getting out of the house more is an understatement. Shanae works regularly and participates on her school cheer team. *“I want to dual enroll at GRCC for the spring,”* Shanae explains. She excels at math and science and wants to be a pediatrician. *“I have four nieces and nephews. I like to bond with kids and want to help people.”* Shanae is hopeful and full of energy about her future. While she is certainly self-driven, she is quick to recognize how important having a mentor has been for her. *“I wouldn’t say I wouldn’t be here, but it would have been harder without a mentor. Especially with my math, having April around was really motivating.”*

April attended the *University of Michigan (U of M)* for engineering before earning her bachelor’s degree in International Business at *Davenport University*, and has always been the type of woman to stay busy. *“I like to be a blessing to people. When I first mentioned it to my mom, she said ‘How will you have time?’ But I’ve always been an unofficial mentor to young people in my community, and I just wanted to try it and see,”* April explains. After meeting Shanae, April knew mentoring was something she wanted to continue. When they first met, April and Shanae started having sleepovers, cooking together, and attending each other’s family events. April made it a point to go to Shanae’s games to watch her cheer, and Shanae helped April’s family decorate the house for Christmas. *“I didn’t think about the blessing I would get; I wanted to be a good influence. I ended up getting another sibling,”* April confides. *“And she’s been a blessing to the whole family. It’s been a blessing to both of our families, really—we’re blended now.”* As both of the young women have gotten older, interests and schedules have changed. Shanae is often working, and April hasn’t slowed down. Now, their time together is spent dreaming of the future. Last year they took a trip to Detroit together to visit *Wayne State University* and going through Ann Arbor so April could give Shanae her personal tour of the *University of Michigan*. Shanae plans on applying to *U of M*, and April is confident in her potential. As the interview came to a close, the two started planning sleepovers and graduation parties; after all, no matter how old they may get, some things between “sisters” will never change.

I wouldn’t say I wouldn’t be where I am today, but it would have been harder without a mentor.

—Shanae Winbush, Mizzi Maji Mentee since 2004

Dr. VanDyken—Volunteer doctor in the Wholistic Health Clinic

Baxter has always been a place to serve, love, work, and learn. For volunteer Dr. VanDyken, things are no different. Since 1995, Dr. Van Dyken has been coming to Baxter to help run our Wholistic Health Clinic. “We went to Eastern Ave. CRC, so Baxter was in the neighborhood, and I thought it was a good place to offer community service. I found out that it was a very hospitable place to serve.” What has made him stay so long? **“Baxter helps me realize how I can participate in Kingdom work,”** Dr. Van Dyken says. “Over the years I’ve established a little practice on Tuesday mornings; we all get to know people pretty well and develop relationships.” Although Dr. Van Dyken came to serve, he has also been given a new outlook on his passion for medicine. “I’m more aware of the need that people have for medical care in our country, and how that need is often unmet by the traditional system...**we need to do justice for people.**” Dr. Van Dyken seeks to do just that, coming in regularly to help treat everything from day-to-day medical problems to disease management. **“By treating chronic disease such as diabetes and high blood pressure, we can prevent more serious problems such as heart attack and stroke.”** While Dr. Van Dyken is one of the many volunteer doctors and nurses that help Baxter’s Wholistic Health Clinic stay open, each person is an invaluable source of help and caring for each of Baxter’s clients.



Baxter helps me realize how I can participate in Kingdom work.

—Dr. Van Dyken, Volunteer doctor in the Wholistic Health Clinic



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Ms. Geniva Jefferies—Clinic patient

“Baxter kept me alive when I didn’t have money to go anywhere—in emergencies I could come here without insurance. They would even recommend me to specialists who would see me for free.” Geniva Jefferies suffers from chronic pain and diabetes and has been coming to Baxter’s Wholistic Health Clinic for years. Although she has tried many of the other area clinics, Geniva continues to come back to Baxter. ***“I use Dr. Bolten at the Clinic. Before Baxter, I didn’t like many of the other places, so I switched around a lot. But Baxter is a praying organization—I’ve been waiting to be seen and have heard the doctors and nurses praying—what better place could you be?”*** The trust she is able to place in the doctors and nurses that have formed relationships with her is very important. When Geniva comes to Baxter, she feels safe and confident enough to recommend Baxter to her 14 children and grandchildren, many who utilize both the Child Development Center and the Wholistic Health Clinic. ***“I come here because the staff has always been willing to go the extra mile,”*** says Geniva. ***“When I can’t get a ride or make it out here, nurses have given me rides home or even brought my medications to me.”*** Her long history with the staff at the Clinic has given her a sense of solidarity and security that goes unmatched. ***“I am so thankful that I can always talk to the nurses here. And Mrs. Patterson’s***

prayer box—I will never forget that and how needed it was,” says Geniva, who recognizes the importance of addressing the spiritual aspect of health. ***“The devil will test you, but it’s a testimony and a triumph to God for every trial you overcome.”***



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