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Spring 2015

## **THE WINDOW**

Thanks to all who participated in the Open Door Classic!  
Because of you, we exceeded our fundraising goal. Our anticipated  
total is \$120,582.14 for the ministries of Open Door.

So where does the money go?

All funds raised, not earmarked to go to a specific program ministry, are distributed across all of our program ministries which focus on long term solutions to poverty. We have four community ministries: the Mathews Promise Academy, The Open Door Institute, Chaplaincy, and Golden Agers; three homeless ministries: the Virginia D. Jackson Home for Women, Community Case Management, and Showering Program for the Homeless; and Circles in Columbus.

**Congratulations to our Open Door Classic winners!**



St. Luke UMC



Pierce Chapel UMC



WLTZ—NBC 38



John Martin

Left to Right: Sallie Martin and grandson, George, accept the award for **St. Luke UMC for the Most Money Raised by a Church**—\$17,800.

Kim Jenkins and Emcee Scott Hagan present the award for the **Most Participation** to Howard White, pastor at **Pierce Chapel UMC**. They had more than 186 participants and raised over \$12,465.

Grand Marshall Matt Wintz shows off the **Spirit Award** presented to **WLTZ - NBC 38** for the team that demonstrated the most enthusiasm.

**John Martin** and grandson, George, accept the award for the **Most Money Raised by an Individual** at more than \$5,000. Special thanks to Char-Broil for donating his prize, a Big Easy Smoker, Roaster and Grill. Way to go, John!

The following churches were represented by individuals who made their affiliation known to us:

Asbury UMC  
Christ Community Church  
East Highland UMC  
Epworth UMC  
Epworth UMC Phenix City  
First Baptist Church  
First Presbyterian Church  
Gentian Baptist Church  
Golden Acres Baptist Church  
Greater Peace Baptist Church  
Church of the Holy Family  
Living Grace UMC

Midland UMC  
Midway UMC  
M. L. Harris UMC  
My Church  
Pentecostal Deliverance Church  
Pierce Chapel UMC  
Reynolds UMC  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church  
St. Anne's Catholic Church  
St. Luke UMC  
St. Mark UMC  
St. Marys UMC, St. Marys, GA

St. Mary's Road UMC  
St. Nicholas Episcopal Church  
St. Paul UMC  
St. Peter UMC  
St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
Striplin Terrace UMC  
Tazewell UMC  
The Ridge  
Trinity Episcopal Church  
Trinity Temple AOG  
Upatoi UMC  
Wynnton UMC







Circles in Columbus graduated their 10<sup>th</sup> group of Circle Leaders who have completed Circle Leader training.

### Circles in South Columbus

After two years of extraordinary growth and achievements, Circles in Columbus is excited to establish a new Circle Leader Training group in South Columbus at the J. Barnett Woodruff Boys and Girls Club. Training began on March 3rd and has included a small but extremely motivated and positive group of men and women from the South Columbus area. Already the Circle Leader Trainees are talking about their dreams and goals for the future and putting budgeting on the front burner. Concurrent to the adult class, we have also been implementing a youth development curriculum that focuses on a myriad of topics, from healthy eating to financial fitness. We are thrilled to be bringing Circles to a new area of town and cannot wait to see where this growth will take us!



Thank you to the Upatoi UMC Quilting Guild for giving us a beautiful, handmade quilt made from a mix of Open Door Classic t-shirts from previous years. Now that we have such a lovely quilt, we are looking for a carpenter or someone who can build a display case to protect and showcase this work of art. If you have the time and talent to help us, please call Kim Jenkins at (706) 323-5518.



Pete Pease received the 2015 Butch Deaton Living the Vision Award for his dedication to the mission of Open Door. This award was created to honor the vision of our founders and the commitment of Mrs. John (Butch) Deaton. Mrs. Deaton and recipients from previous years selected Pete because of his faithful service to Open Door and for his years of volunteer service and board leadership.

Pete serves as a member of our Board of Directors, and is a former Treasurer of the Board. He also has been involved in Circles in Columbus as an Ally for more than two years.

Thank you, Pete, for living the vision! Pete is the grandson of one of our founders, Mrs. Weeta Watts Mathews.



Open Door Community House, Inc. is in a covenant relationship with the United Methodist Women national office, and is a community partner of the United Way of the Chattahoochee Valley, Inc.



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