

### MISSION AND SERVICE UPDATE

Liberty Park Community Development Center extends a big “Thank You” to Hamblen for continued, dependable support given to their Perry neighborhood families. In 2020, \$3,000 was assigned to the Center through Hamblen’s pledged donations and an additional \$3,500 was given through the Covid-Relief Fund. In 2021, \$4,000 has been designated to the Center through your pledged donations. 2020 has been a challenging year for the Center, but it brought some unexpected blessings as well. When the virus struck, the Center had to close its doors to all of their programs. They quickly identified community needs and opened a drive-up weekly Food Bank for their families. Families received a generous 2-box delivery of food and other essential items. The Center was able to partially reopen again this fall to kids. They offered hands-on computer support to kids who were falling behind at school since they couldn’t attend in person. The schools reported a significant difference in these students’ learning after receiving this one-on-one computer tutoring through the Center. Kids have now returned to school for the most part, but a few continue to be helped by the Center. A new ECAP preschool, funded by city and state and overseen by a company that owns the Center’s property, is scheduled to open in April if all goes well. Once this new facility opens, the existing Center will be completely revamped to become a full-time Community Center for adults, families, and older kids. It will be a natural place to bring the gospel message to all involved. They hope to open fall of 2021. Salina Slater from Hamblen has recently joined their Board and the Center is very happy to have her participation. The Center needs to expand their Board and Committees to set visions and dreams for this newly remodeled Community Center. If you are interested, reach out to Natalie Cannavo, 949-874-1821. The new Community Center will need all new or gently used furnishings and equipment along with repainting and refurbishing. The 2020 “Toy Store” event provided by Hamblen was very successful. They were concerned for how this would work with Covid restrictions, but Hamblen and the Center worked together, setting individual appointments and more families than ever went home with wonderful Christmas gifts and happy hearts. The Center says a big “Thank You” to Hamblen for helping them overcome the challenges of the virus and in many ways making this a most successful year!

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