



Moving Toward Goals at Record Speed

Did you know that New Year's Day is the closest thing to being the world's only truly global holiday? The holiday celebrates a fresh start of a new year after a period of remembrance of the passing year. In the U.S. it's often associated with the act of making resolutions. A resolution can be defined as "the act of determining on a course of action."

Following this tradition, Special Touch Ministry leadership met and reviewed 2011. They determined the course of action for ministry programs in 2012 and beyond. Just like the New Year's tradition, financial budgeting as well as programming goals were set. Resolutions were made and they are excitedly anticipating forward momentum in 2012.

Moving toward goals at record speed, Special Touch Ministry is in need of new tools to enhance their missions work. "The day will come when the window of opportunity to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities will draw to a close," shares Executive Director, Charlie Chivers. "Like every ministry, we have needs."

- A second truck and trailer to service the Summer Get Away and STREAM ministries.
- To fund the truck's travel budget (\$20,000 annually.)
- Medical equipment and supplies.
- A second sound and lighting package to serve our growing Summer Get Away program and Community Benevolence and Evangelism Outreach concepts. (Current sound and light system cost \$31,000 eight years ago.)
- A high speed color copier to meet the printing needs of our expanding ministry.
- Additional computers, work stations, laptops, video projectors.
- An efficient telephone system to handle our growing communication needs.
- Pay off the mortgage on our staff housing unit and storage buildings freeing up cash flow.
- And the list goes on of the practical tools any organization needs to just do business!

You can help. Visit specialtouch.org and make your donation. To help further our resolutions, set up your donation to recur monthly for the rest of 2012! All donations are tax deductible and are greatly appreciated!

March 31, 2012...Mark your Calendars!



We need YOU! More Information Coming Soon!

Upcoming Events

New Chapter Start-up

Now through March 31

Bowl Across America

March 31, 2012

Summer Get Aways

Oklahoma - Colcord

May 14-18, 2012

Florida - Lake Whales

May 21-25, 2012

Illinois - Carlinville

May 28-June 1, 2012

Wisc./N. Mich. -Waupaca

June 25-29, 2012

Kentucky - Crestwood

July 23-27, 2012

Appalachian - Dublin, VA

Aug 6-10, 2012

N.E. Region - Hebron, CT

Aug 20-24, 2012

Arizona - Williams

Aug 27-31, 2012

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 - Chapters
 - Summer Getaways
 - Disability Curriculum
 - Upcoming Events
 - and more!

Donation Spotlight

As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Special Touch Ministry relies totally upon the financial support of those who share the vision “to provide faith-based support and response to needs that arise in the disability community.” Below are a few of the ways you can help financially.

Donations / Pledges - One time gifts or monthly pledges are tax deductible and used for designated projects and the on going ministry programs offered by Special Touch. One time and recurring donations can also be made by debit or credit card online at specialtouch.org.

Gift / Memorial Giving - Make a tribute to someone special, to celebrate an occasion or in someone’s memory. This, too can be done through specialtouch.org or mailed to the ministry office with a note including your designation.

iGive - It’s free to use igive.com to shop online and up to 26% of each purchase you make goes to Special Touch Ministry. Occasionally [igive](http://igive.com) provides an additional \$5 bonus to Special Touch when individuals just sign up.

GoodSearch - This too is free, when you sign up and use goodsearch.com to search the Web, a donation is made to Special Touch Ministry. On the GoodSearch homepage, just choose Special Touch Ministry from the list of organizations. Search the Internet just like you normally would – the site is powered by Yahoo!, so you’ll get high-quality search results.

Matching Gifts - Employers such as Clorox Company, State Farm Companies, Quad Graphics, and hundreds of others offer matching contributions. Contact your human resource department to see if your employer has a matching program available. You could double or even possibly triple your gift!

Beneficiary Designation - Did you know if you list Special Touch Ministry as a beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k) or other retirement account, the dollars used to support Special Touch would be tax-free? Contact your financial planner to find out how you can maximize your support this way!



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Kentucky's Growing Season - by Brad Mattrisch

The 2011 Kentucky Summer Get Away experienced a record year in attendance and saw many lives touched by God. A number of guests made decisions to follow Christ and expressed a desire to be baptized. God truly did many awesome things throughout the week.

I had the privilege of attending the Chapel designed for people with physical disabilities, led by Pastor Krista Hampton. She gave each guest the opportunity to talk about the season they were experiencing. They were able to discuss concerns dear to their hearts. For instance, one of them shared her struggles with a personal caregiver at home discouraging her from expressing praise to God as she listened to Christian music. Another shared his frustrations to obtain the necessary funding for a desperately needed power wheelchair.

Pastor Krista gave appropriate biblical counsel to help each guest navigate the season they were experiencing. People with disabilities often face seasons that come with unique challenges where specific direction and encouragement is needed. While we encouraged these guests to use the resources available through the Pastoral Care Department, we believe Chapters are a great way for people impacted by disability to share similar needs and grow spiritually.



Please pray with us that new Chapters will spring up across Kentucky so the work, started in so many people at Summer Get Away, will continue to completion. Chapters will nurture these lives, helping them produce fruit. If you're interested in being involved in a Chapter, please contact us today!