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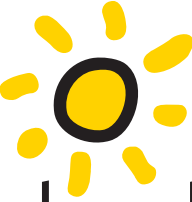


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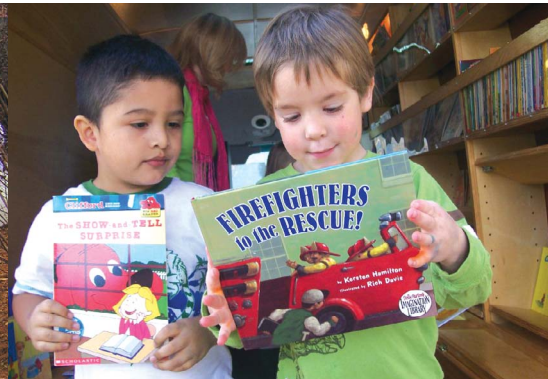
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"My vision for The Craddock Center is clear and firm: that we keep our pledge, in some way, every day, to enrich lives through service." — Dr. Fred Craddock

Children eagerly await the arrival of the Story Express at Head Start and Pre-K schools, covering nine counties in three states.

Providing books to children is a simple, effective, and inexpensive way to promote language and literacy growth.



People of Southern Appalachia have a rich cultural history of music and storytelling going back hundreds of years.

However, tough economic times, both historically and currently, make it difficult for many here to flourish. Day to day survival becomes a challenge. In addition there is the ongoing threat of illiteracy.

The Craddock Center exists to enrich the lives of the people of Southern Appalachia through programs of education, cultural enhancement, and service—empowering communities, families, and

children to advance educationally, grow socially, and flourish spiritually.

This is how we do it:



The Craddock Center was created in 2001 by action of the Board of Cherry Log Christian Church to honor Dr. Fred and Nettie Craddock and their commitment to serving the people of Appalachia.



Children's Enrichment Program (CEP)

The Children's Enrichment Program sends Music and Storytelling Arts Specialists into Head Start and Pre-K schools, to serve the needs of 1,400 children, in nine counties and three states. These talented artists currently provide approximately 150 hours a month sharing stories, music and dance to promote literacy, verbal development, wellness and self-esteem.

Snack In A Backpack

All the books in the world have little effect on an empty stomach. Two out of three students in the counties we serve receive free or fee reduced meals while attending school. The Snack in a Backpack program was started to address the child's nutritional needs over the weekend and on vacations.

Serving the children of Appalachia is the heart and soul of The Craddock Center.



Helen Lewis Lecture

Honoring noted sociologist, educator and anthropologist, Dr. Helen Lewis, this lecture is given annually and focuses on an aspect of Appalachian life. Its purpose is to help preserve the culture of the area by exploring its history, its problems and its promise.



Dr. Helen Lewis

Living Room

When the unthinkable happens and families have lost all due to fire or eviction, the Living Room is there to supply the furniture and household items needed to start over. This donated furniture is crucial because having no bed means children could be taken from their parents.

Stories and Songs

Appalachian culture and history is told and sung through annual programs of stories and songs. Admission is free and all are invited.



Preaching Workshops

The community centers for most rural areas are small local churches. Many of the pastors of these congregations along

with pastors from across the country enjoy the Spring and Fall workshops led by nationally-recognized preachers to empower them to lead their communities more effectively.

Rainbows

This grief program fosters emotional healing among children grieving a loss from a life-altering crisis. The seven-week program gives children and teens the guidance to grieve and grow after loss.

The Story Express



A 20-year study at schools from Nevada to Australia found that having as few as 20 books in the home has a significant impact on a child's academic advancement and the benefit increases with the number of books.

Being read to as a child and having books in the home are two of the most important indicators of academic success.

However, children living in poverty often have lower reading scores. This has been linked to poor performance in school, lack of self-esteem and delinquency.

The Craddock Center attempts to address these problems with The Story Express: a book-mobile that makes regular visits throughout our nine counties. The Story Express offers the children their choice of new books to keep, read and enjoy. These books may be the very first "new" thing the child has ever owned. New books build self-esteem, prepare children to read and encourage imagination!



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