

The Grapevine

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The Latest News from His Branches

Executive Director Search

After much prayer and many task force meetings, the Board of Directors of His Branches Inc. has decided that it is the Lord's timing to begin searching for a full-time Executive Director to implement the vision of His Branches and the Board in the community. A [job description](#) has been developed and is posted online. If you know anyone who would be interested in discussing this exciting new position with us further, please steer them in our direction.

Counseling Center

His Branches is actively seeking input from a number of committed individuals at [Roberts Wesleyan College](#), [New Life Fellowship](#), the [Center for Christian Social Ministries](#), the [Institute for Social Entrepreneurship](#), and others in the community as we pursue our plans to develop an onsite assessment, counseling, and referral center. Much interest has been shown, and progress is being made weekly.

RWC Internship

With the support of the Roberts Wesleyan College Business Department, a student intern, Sara Diaz, has been assigned to work with His Branches in developing a community assessment and marketing plan during the coming year. Among other responsibilities, Sara will be out in the community interviewing program leaders, reviewing demographic data about our ministry and others in the area, and helping develop public relations material appropriate to our ministries.

Parking and green space

In June His Branches signed "conditional closing" papers with the City of Rochester to purchase the two vacant lots immediately to the west of our offices. We are now in the process of finalizing our site plans for approval, under the guidance of Dave Beinetti and Carmine Torchia, and expect to be breaking ground for our new parking lot and landscaped green space this summer. A mural is being planned for our west wall with a lot of community input and participation.



One idea for our proposed mural

Dr. John Patrick weekend



With generous support from the Leo Holmsten Human Life Committee, His Branches has invited [John Patrick, MD](#), a noted Canadian pediatrician, researcher, ethicist, and professor to come to the Rochester community September 26-28 for a series of meetings at the University of Rochester in conjunction with the [Medical Center Christian Fellowship](#). While in the area arrangements are being made for him to speak to medical students and community physicians on [Friday](#) and [Saturday](#) as well as the broader community on [Friday evening](#) and Sunday morning at two different churches in the city.

Christian Physician Directory and Breakfasts

Every year His Branches co-hosts with the [Medical Center Christian Fellowship](#) a series of three breakfasts for Christian physicians in the area to meet students and fellowship with one another. This year's [first breakfast](#) will be held on Saturday, September 27th, from 9 to 11 am at Helen Wood Hall across Crittenden Blvd. from the U. of R. Medical Center. Over the years a Directory of physicians has been developed also. If you would be interested in attending this September's meeting or in having your name listed in our Directory to receive mailings about future breakfast meetings, please [contact us](#).

Leo Holmsten Human Life Award Banquet

The annual [LHHL Committee Award Banquet](#) will be at the Clarion Riverside Hotel, 120 East Main Street in downtown Rochester, on September 16th. The reception starts at 5:45 pm, followed by dinner at 6:30 pm. His Branches is one of the many pro-life organizations co-sponsoring this event in the community, and our President, Dr. Morehouse, was last year's recipient. This year's honorees will be Richard and Carol Crossed. If you are interested in attending, please mark your calendars and [contact us](#) for tickets.



Carol and Richard Crossed

GVSCDA fund raising

Under the direction of Dr. James Bowman and with the technical expertise and support of Kim Montgomery and her group from New York City, the [Genesee Valley Sickle Cell Disease Association](#) is actively pursuing several grant opportunities to further their outreach work among families in our area affected by sickle cell disease.

Beverley Timgren Visiting

[Beverley](#), the missionary that His Branches has been helping support in South Lebanon and northern Israel for the past 20 years, is planning to be back home for a visit this fall. She is looking forward to being together with us again in Rochester October 14-17. More details will be posted when we have them.

Grace Family Medicine Associates Staff Picnic

[Grace Family Medicine Associates](#) will be holding its annual staff picnic on Sunday afternoon, August 17, at the Morehouse family property in Steuben County. Check the [flyer](#) for full details. His Branches Board Members, current and former staff, families, and friends are all invited. Mark your calendars now, because we're going to have a great time!



Rebecca Hutton ministry trip to Russia

Rebecca Hutton, RN, the office nurse at [Grace Family Medicine](#), will be traveling to Russia for two weeks in July and August to work with a Christian youth camp. She has been an active participant in years past and is asking for our prayer support.



Intercessory Prayer Meetings

Monthly intercessory prayer meetings of the Tree of Life Community will be held on Wednesday mornings from 8:00 to 9:00 am in the main conference room at 275 Warwick Avenue on July 23 and August 20 this summer. Come and invite prayer partners who have a burden for city ministry.