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**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Awaken the City Participants Volunteer at Wesley Community Services**

Volunteers from St. Joseph United Methodist Church, St. Joseph, Illinois, graciously volunteered their time and talent at Wesley Community Services in a spirited effort to kick off a six week summer program “Awaken the City” coordinated through Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church. “Volunteers really helped out in a variety of areas” said Stephen Smookler, Executive Director, Wesley Community Services. Mark Harris, Pastor; Hunter Harris; and Steve Thompsen moved furniture and equipment to make room for Wesley’s new Meals-On-Wheels distribution area. John Kraps, Associate Pastor; Judith Howdyshell; Steve Warns; and Ed Warns volunteered with Meals-On-Wheels preparation. In addition, they called approximately a hundred churches inviting them to Wesley’s senior fraud prevention planning session on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Visit [www.wesleycs.org](http://www.wesleycs.org) or call 661-2777 for additional information and registration

“Awaken the City” runs through July 30, 2010. More information is available at [www.awakenthecity.org](http://www.awakenthecity.org)

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Wesley Community Services fosters and supports seniors seeking to remain in their home for as long as possible through the provision of essential home-based services including Home Cleaning Services, Meals-On-Wheels, Specialized Transportation, and a Pet Portions Program (free pet food for client pets) to over 2,300 seniors and individuals with disabilities. Wesley Community Services is funded by the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio and is a United Way partner agency. For more information about Wesley Community Services call 513/661-2777, or visit [www.wesleycs.org](http://www.wesleycs.org).