Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting
May 9, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.
Mayor's Conference Room, 3rd Floor City Hall

Neighborhood Perceptions:
Gang Activity

The Ochs Center researchers want critical community input on the extent of the gang problems in Chattanooga neighborhoods. They will be at the May Neighborhood Roundtable to gather this information.

Leaders of neighborhood organizations will form focus groups. Participants will answer questions from the perspective of their neighborhood, not Chattanooga in general. Groups will meet for approximately one hour.

Some of the major themes to be discussed by the focus groups:

- What is the extent of the gang problem in your neighborhood? For example, are gangs emerging, entrenched, or non-existent?
- If you think gangs are prevalent in your neighborhood, what evidence do you have to substantiate this conclusion?
- How does gang activity in your neighborhood affect your quality of life?
- What programs, services, or actions are needed in your neighborhood to make a positive impact on young residents?

The information gathered from the focus groups will be included in the Ochs Center study on gang activity. Because of the interest this subject has generated among neighborhoods, attendance is expected to be larger than usual; therefore, persons planning to attend are asked to **call 425-3700 no later than Monday, May 7 to ensure that you can be accommodated.**