

JANUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER



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A word from Madelyn
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Director of the Christian
Caring Center



Philippians 4:9 "Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."

Our world has a surplus of displaced people; men, women and children. Often, we do not make life easy for widows or single parents. I believe the main reason is due to the many and long-lasting needs and some of their attitudes, moods and often depression. The things that we see and hear in the Word of God and through the different teachers He has sent to guide us tell us what we are to apply in our daily lives. We don't just learn about God so we can sit on the knowledge and gloat about it or say we have a degree. We are to apply this knowledge in our lives. This is when it will be truly effective. (Continued...)

In James 1:22 "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." How do we deceive ourselves? By forgetting where we came from. We are in a very active Code Blue Season. Code Blue is declared by the County when the weather dips to 32 degrees or colder. The Christian Caring Center runs one of the County's designated shelters at Tabernacle of Praise Church in Browns Mills. We are able to shelter 11 guests this year due to social distancing and CDC Covid guidelines. It is a total blessing to be able to serve these guests and to help them obtain housing. Since November, 2021 we have had 1 guest rent a room, 1 guest complete rehab after 7 years of addiction, and 1 guest gave his life to the Lord-PTL!!, We have 1 guest entering Veterans Haven and 1 guest entering domestic violence housing. We ask your prayers for 2 urgent needs. 1. Is the need for overnight staff from 5pm-9am. It has a \$50/night stipend paid. 2. Is the need for 2 more churches to open their doors to allow trained nonprofits to run a Code Blue Shelter in the South and Western half of our County. Code blue usually runs until the end of March. If your church is interested or you are interested in a ministry, please email me at christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com We are trying our best to keep all the other programs open with all the new CDC Covid recommendations. At the time of this writing, we are open with some restrictions. Of course we can always use some new volunteers in positions of picking up guests from Code Blue in the morning, checking temperatures, loading the food boxes into the cars, substitutes for people calling out, and financial offerings to keep everything supplied, etc. Thanks for all your prayers. We ask that you continue as I and some other staff have had COVID 19. But Praise God the mild one. We had to quarantine 5 days so as you can imagine there were disruptions. God is so awesome and good and we haven't had to close anything down! Thank you for sharing your prayers, time, and financial gifts to spread this wonderful Gospel to the people we serve at the Christian Caring Center during this new year. We look forward to "the year of the LORD's favor" in 2022 for your family, the Christian Caring Center and all our clients.

Abiding in Him,
Madelyn Sutton
Executive Director

Praise the Lord!

We were able to distribute Christmas Baskets to 175 households this year. There were 220 Adults (160 seniors) and 325 children. PTL! Thank you for all your support.



Marion's House: We are going to be placing a single dad with 3 children. Please continue to pray for them and now on to housing within his 90 days.

The Christian Caring Center's **IMPACT** on our community!



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EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center helped 367 households or 482 adults (including 185 seniors) and 366 children with meals in December, 2021 - **PTL!!!**

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center served 453 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of December, 2021. We also go out to streets/woods on Wednesday and Friday to deliver 50 lunches and outreach to the homeless, alcoholic, addicted men, women and sometimes teens as well as 2 area motels. **PTL!!**

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT AND GRANTS

The Christian Caring Center serves as a volunteer service unit for the Army

7 families were given assistance with propane/oil and utilities.

SSH provided 8 families with help with security deposits.

SSH TANF 2 families were given help with security deposits.

INVITE ME

I would love to come and visit your church or group and update you on the Christian Caring Center.

We have a video or power point presentation that is very informative as a mission moment in a church service or Sunday School class. If you would like to schedule a visit, please give me a call at 609-560-0743.

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: We have one man in the shelter right now. Raymond is working in the food pantry. Raymond has made an application to get an apartment but got turned down because of background. He is applying for an emergency housing voucher now.

Holman House: We have 4 men in the shelter right now. Brandon the Resident Mgr- Jimmy has gotten an apartment in North Jersey and has graduated. James has had a major heart attack but God is steadily healing him. PTL! Devontae is new this month and is currently looking for employment and then housing. We ask that you pray as they seek God and work out the plan He has for them.

Marion's House:

Our first family in our 3 bedroom family shelter has graduated into permanent housing-PTL! We are going to be placing a single dad with 3 children. Please continue to pray for them and now on to housing within his 90 days.



Ask God... How can I help?



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5 MOST WANTED LIST

1. Crisis Hot line
2. Village Thrift Shop
3. Board Trustee
4. Fundraising Committee
5. Food pantry



As we strive to reopen to 5 days per week, we desperately need volunteers. We only have 6 regular staff to run 12 programs. We have opportunities to fit your schedule: weekly, monthly, project oriented like Holiday baskets, food pickups, food or basket shopping, events such as our Corn Hole or Sleep Out fundraisers, etc. **We are looking to start a remote telephone answering service. If we get enough volunteers, we will forward the calls to your home or cell phone. If you are interested in this part of the ministry, please call Dick Higginbotham at 609-953-0081.**

OPENING HOURS:

We are now open every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 am-3 pm. Only 2 people are allowed in the Outreach Center at a time and for case management, we prefer an appointment. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and we go out on Street Outreach every Wednesday and Friday 12:30 pm-1:30 pm. The drive through food pantry is in operation all 3 days from 10 am-2:30 pm.

The Village Thrift Shop, 87 Hanover Street, Pemberton is now open Monday thru Friday from 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm. They are accepting Fall and warmer clothing, jackets, coats, blankets, etc. They supply the Outreach Center in Browns Mills clothing as needed there. Praise the **Lord!**

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