

NOVEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Give thanks to the LORD and
proclaim his greatness. Let the
whole world know what He
has done. Psalm 105:1



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It is the season of thankfulness. It's easy to thank God when life is going well. My heart naturally swells with gratitude on days when my kids are well and their families are well, when a prayer is boldly answered or in seasons when I have money enough for fun extras rather than shelling it out to fix a broken water heater and when we have enough money at the Christian Caring Center to pay all the bills and help the people who come in for help. But when parenting pushes me past my limits or I'm waiting longer than I hoped for God to answer or money runs out at the Christian Caring Center and people are crying on the phone that they might get evicted, gratitude doesn't flow so easily. But scripture is clear about the power of gratitude. Gratitude is a testimony. When we thank God openly and acknowledge what He's done for us, we proclaim a personal, caring God to the world around us. We show that contentment and peace come not from what we have but WHO we know. We, at the Christian Caring Center, are in a position that our grant funding has been exhausted like many of the other Agencies in the County. As we are almost at the end of the year, we have seen a dramatic drop in individual and church donations, leaving us scrabbling for bills, payroll and help for clients. This is telling me that all of you are feeling the high cost of inflation, food prices, etc. also. Churches are telling me their in-person attendance at Sunday morning services are increasing, but slowly. We are all still feeling the long-term effects of COVID 19. We ran out of grant funding for client's help with Homeless Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, utilities and food due to the high need. I want you to know that we are praying for all our supporters and supporting churches. As we all take a look at our Christmas giving, we are praying that you will consider an end of the year gift or become a Gideon Supporter or a smaller monthly gift. We are praying that God will bless you and your family to be a blessing, as you all have been to the Christian Caring Center over our 40 years. For 40 years, the Christian Caring Center has continued to be a leader in blessing individuals and families all because of your generosity and we are grateful! You share in the testimony of the love that God has for His people, which gives us an opportunity to share the Gospel, pray with people and love them. We can not thank you enough! Madelyn Sutton, Executive Director



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GIVING TUESDAY

Giving Tuesday, which falls on November 28th, is a global day of generosity, and we believe it presents a wonderful opportunity to come together and make a significant impact on our community. Your support on this day will help us continue our crucial work of providing nutritious meals to families who are struggling to put food on their tables and shelter to those in need.

Here's how you can contribute:

- 1. Make a Donation:** Your financial contribution, no matter the size, can make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve. Visit our website www.christiancaringcenter.net to make a secure online donation.
- 2. Spread the Word:** Share our mission with your friends, family, and colleagues. Encourage them to join you in supporting the Christian Caring Center on Giving Tuesday. Use the hashtag #FeedHope to amplify our message on social media.
- 3. Volunteer:** If you're local, consider volunteering your time at our outreach center. Your hands-on support is invaluable to us.

Every dollar donated, every share on social media, and every hour volunteered brings us one step closer to ensuring that no person goes to bed hungry.

As we approach the holiday season, let's come together to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate. Your generosity on Giving Tuesday will help us create a brighter, future for families and individuals in need.

Thank you for considering our appeal, and we appreciate your ongoing support.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT: Herbi and Megan Kelley

Herbi and Megan are a powerful husband and wife team for the Christian Caring Center. Herbi serves as one of the Men's Shelter Managers at the Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter. He visits the shelter at random times each day checking on the welfare of the men and that DCA regulations are being adhered to. He also maintains all the lawns at our 5 locations, making us good neighbors. Herbi and Megan also serve as overnight staff at our Code Blue Shelter. Megan serves as our Social Media and Website Administrator, which all of you see regularly that keeps up with real time news and events of the Christian Caring Center. We are truly blessed to have them as part of the team at the Christian Caring Center.



2023

Thanksgiving & Christmas Baskets

378 Lakehurst Rd, Browns Mills, NJ 08015

THANKSGIVING BASKETS: (November)

21st (Tuesday) 10 am-3 pm & NEW 5 pm -7 pm Distribution
22nd (Wednesday) 10 am-3 pm & NEW 5 pm to 7 pm Distribution



ITEMS NEEDED:

Acme gift card (for Turkey), stuffing, instant potatoes, juice, cranberry sauce, can veggies, can fruit, soup, cereal, healthy snacks, dessert.

Christmas Baskets (December)

21st (Wednesday) 10 am-3 pm & NEW 5 pm -7 pm Distribution
22nd (Thursday) 10 am-3 pm & NEW 5 pm -7 pm Distribution

ITEMS NEEDED:

Acme gift card (for Turkey), stuffing, instant potatoes, juice, cranberry sauce, can veggies, can fruit, soup, cereal, healthy snacks, dessert

** Due to not having a church facility to display our gifting for parents to pick out for their children, the CCC is going to have to distribution of baskets give away through the drive through. So, in order to bless our children & seniors we need as many gift cards as possible to Walmart, Amazon, Target.

We can except generic gifts like:

Children- board games, pj's, hats & gloves, hygiene/ cologne gift sets
Seniors- gift cards, puzzles, hats & gloves, candy, blankets, cookies etc.**

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: We have 2 men in the shelter right now. LaShawn is looking for work Mitchell has had hip replacement surgery. What a blessing for him to have a home to recover in. Can you imagine being homeless and needing this surgery? We are asking for your prayers for all the men.

Holman House: Is temporarily closed to residents right now as we are going through renovations of adding a bathroom and bedroom for an isolation room.

Marion House: We have a new family. Mom is a home health aid and looking for a better, more consistent job and her 2 daughters are in their new schools. Please pray for them as they look for permanent housing.

CODE BLUE SHELTER We opened our shelter on November 1st and 2nd. We had 7 guests-PTL!!!

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in our local
community!



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EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center helped 818 Adults and 362 Children totaling 462 households or 1,180 individuals with meals in the month of October, 2023- PTL!!!

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center served 927 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of October 2023. We also go out to the streets/woods on Wednesday and Friday to deliver 60 lunches and outreach to the homeless, alcoholic, addicted or mentally challenged men, women in 2 area motels. Please continue to pray for the people still out there homeless and struggling as well as the staff and volunteers.



Supportive Friendships for lasting impact

BRIDGE OF HOPE

We have 1 Family remaining in the program and they are doing good. We are training 1st Presbyterian in Mt. Holly as a new neighboring team. We held an amazing Sleeping Out on October 14TH **A HUGE THANK YOU** goes to **Medford Methodist Church** for hosting us. Thank you for all your support and it's not too late to send in your support if you missed it.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

The Christian Caring Center as a volunteer service unit for the Salvation Army. They provided five households with assistance with JCP/L bills. They placed two families in motels. And one household received help with one month's rent. SSH One household received help with their water bill. Two households were assisted with Security Deposits. Two households were helped with utility bills to prevent disconnection.

Ask God...How can I help?

NEEDED ITEMS

1. Peanut butter & jelly
2. Tuna & soups
3. Instant Potatoes, mac & cheese
4. Cereal, Breakfast bars, Nutra grain bars
5. Juice, shelf milk
6. Pasta & sauce
7. Turkeys or hams (if you earned a free turkey or ham and don't need it, please consider donating)
8. Warm sweatshirts, coats & sleeping bags for homeless clients sleeping outside



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OPENING HOURS:

We are open Monday-Friday from 10 am-3 pm. in the Outreach Center at 378 Lakehurst Rd. Browns Mills. We prefer to make appointments for case management, we prefer clients to call the B.C. Housing HUB at 609-265-5185. They will take a short assessment and send out an email to all the agencies who have funding. Lunch will be served at 12 noon, and all are welcome 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 Monday - Friday 10 am to 3 pm. The Village Thrift Shop, 87 Hanover Street, Pemberton is open Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm. They are accepting in season clothing, blankets, household goods, linens, towels etc. Donations are excepted on Mon. Wed., Fri. 10-2pm only. They supply the Outreach Center in Browns Mills clothing as needed there. Praise the Lord!

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6 Most Wanted Volunteer Positions

1. Village Thrift Shop sorting and working the cash register
2. Interviewers/to pray with the people receiving food.
3. Fundraising Committee (making baskets for auction, mailings, decorating, etc.)
4. Volunteers to work with homeless clients locating housing and jobs.
5. Volunteers for making gift baskets for auction at our fundraising events.
6. Volunteers for our upcoming Corn Hole and Sleep Out Fundraisers.

As we are open 5 days per week, we desperately need volunteers. We only have 7 regular staff to run 12 programs. We have opportunities to fit your schedule: weekly, monthly and virtual projects like Holiday baskets, food pickups, food or basket shopping, events such as our Corn Hole or Sleep Out fundraisers, etc.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

It's that wonderful time of the year when we get to celebrate God's goodness and our thankfulness in November. We will be handing out a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. In December we will be celebrating the birth of our Savior. We will be giving a turkey dinner with all the trimmings along with gifts and gift cards. We are asking for gift cards due to a lack of space for displaying gifts. We will be collecting general gifts such as board games, Legos, art and craft kits, PJ's, sweatshirts and sweatpants of all sizes, etc.

SAVE THE DATES

Thanksgiving Baskets November 20th Preparation,
Distribution November 21 & 22, 2023
Christmas Baskets December 20th Preparation,
Distribution December 21 & 22, 2023

The Christian Caring Center also receives
YOU GIVE GOODS.COM, you can purchase items
and they will ship them to us.



The kitchen at the Christian Caring Center has been a busy place this week. The kids and staff from "The Center" in Pemberton along with Ms. Jasmine Poole came to teach 20 children a culinary class. Your doing great things Jasmine Poole !