

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



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A word from Madelyn Sutton
Director of the Christian Caring Center

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.” Rom. 12:10

We are going to be celebrating Father's Day on June 16, 2024. One of the most important roles for us as a child is to have a provider, guiding and loving father in our lives. This makes it so easy for us to understand and have a personal relationship with our heavenly Father. When we have a great earthly father, it is truly something to celebrate. My Father was the picture of this verse. He was a business owner and taught all of us kids our go-getter, hard worker, and ethical work mentality. He was always showing us how to love each other and our neighbors while honoring them. So it was very easy for me to see a loving heavenly Father. However, so many of the families at the Christian Caring Center are single parent households—female head of households and a growing number of male head of households. For these households, we have the picture of our heavenly Father adopting us into His kingdom and all Christians being devoted to such families in brotherly love. Paul tells us not mere emotion but love in action. Most OF US HAVE LEARNED HOW TO BE COURTEOUS TO OTHERS--HOW TO SPEAK KINDLY TO AVOID HURTING THEIR feelings and appear to take an interest in them. Continued next page....

(Continued) We may even be skilled in pretending to show compassion when we hear of other's needs or to become indignant when we learn of injustice. But God calls us to real and genuine love that goes far beyond being hypercritical and polite. Genuine love requires concentration and effort. It means helping others become better people. It demands our time, money, and personal involvement. No individual has the capacity to express love to a whole County, but the body of Christ in our County does. By partnering with the Christian Caring Center, we look for people who need our love and look for ways together on how we can love and honor our community. We, together, as the body of Christ give the basic human needs of food, clothing, shelter and case management all while honoring them and their families. So this Father's Day honor and celebrate your earthly Father and honor someone who has stepped up in your life through the body of Christ. But most of all worship and honor your heavenly Father!

The Christian Caring Center has continued to be a blessing to individuals and families all because of your generosity and agreement. We are grateful! Thanks so much for your continued support and prayers as we all minister to the kingdom of God.

Madelyn Sutton
Executive Director



All of you are like Gideon, a mighty warrior for the Lord and for our clients. You are the selected 300 in our Army fighting against the invaders of hunger, homelessness and for the fatherless and motherless. You are the Army of God that supplies the needs of the Christian Caring Center As we provide: food, case managers who help people with homeless prevention by catching up on late rent payments, helping someone who is homeless get into a new apartment, find a new job, reunite with family, help someone with no heat, or a large utility bill, a warm winter coat, take a shower, get clothing, etc. This help is monumental when someone is in need, it's a life changer. It also provides us an opportunity to pray and share the Gospel with our guests, which is the real-life changer for Eternity. We do all this in love the same way Jesus did on this side of heaven.

Please prayerfully consider joining our Gideon Army as a supporter for a commitment of \$35 per month and be a life changer!

www.christiancaringcenter.net/gideonsspecialforces

Holiday Baskets

The next Basket outreach will be Back to School backpacks for the children and homeless in August. If you would like to volunteer, donate backpacks, school supplies, conduct a food drive, have your church or Sunday School put together a card to place in the backpacks (children love putting notes for other children), we would love to have you! Please drop us an email find out more at christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com



To read our Impact Report, simply scan the QR Code below or visit us at www.christiancaringcenter.net



IMPACT in our community!

NEEDED ITEMS

FOOD PANTRY

1. Jelly (we received sauce from the F/B)
2. Gatorade, juice boxes
3. Instant Potatoes
4. Cereal, Breakfast bars, Nutra grain bars
5. Juice, shelf milk
6. Pasta (we received sauce from the F/B)
7. Water (bottles) ,

CLOTHING

1. Tuna and soups
2. Bug Spray (Off)
3. Sneakers
4. Tee Shirts
5. Hygiene items
6. Book bags
7. Jeans of all sizes, but especially 32-36

SHELTERS

1. Twin Sheets for our 3 shelter
2. New comforters for our 3 shelters
3. Gently used or new pots and pans
4. Cleaning supplies (Dawn, bathroom cleaner, etc)
5. Gently used or new towels and washcloths
6. Zippered plastic sheet protectors for twin beds



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EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The **Lord** through Christian Caring Center helped 373 households, or 933 individuals with 16,794 meals in the month of April, 2024- PTL!!!

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center served 802 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of April, 2024. We also go out to streets/woods on Wednesday and Friday to deliver 35 lunches and outreach to the homeless, alcoholic, addicted or mentally challenged men, women in 2 area motels. The Red Carpet is shut down for repairs and all guests are being relocated currently. Please continue to pray for the people still out there homeless and struggling as well as our staff and volunteers.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT AND GRANTS FOR FEBRUARY 2024:

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

Eight people were aided with motel placements, 3 families were helped with rental assistance and 5 were helped with utility bills.

SSH: 7 families were helped with housing, 5 were helped with security deposits, 2 were helped with back rent assistance and 5 families were aided with utility bill assistance.

SSH/TANF: 3 households with children were helped with security deposit assistance and 5 families provided with motel placement.

MEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: We have 4 men in the shelter right now. Mitchell, Quincy, Richard, and Robert. Mitchell is working at Wawa and Quincy just started working at Dollar Tree. All are looking for a room or affordable apartment to rent. 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 and 5 children--who came in February. Mom is looking for work. Please pray for them as she looks for a job and permanent housing.

CODE BLUE SHELTER : We have held 77 nights of Code Blue and ministered to 96 unduplicated individuals from November, 2023 to March 15, 2024- PTL!!!



BRIDGE OF HOPE

We are finalizing our new mom who has 2 children in our interview processes. She is currently looking for a 2 -bedroom apartment or house. If anyone knows of a safe, affordable apartment, please let us know. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

We are now open Monday-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 Monday-Friday 10 am to 3 pm.

Ask God...How can I help?

5 Most Wanted Volunteer Positions

1. Interviewers/to pray with the people receiving food.
2. Pickleball Fundraising Event 6/29/24
3. Volunteers to work with homeless clients locating housing and jobs.
4. Volunteers for making gift baskets for auction at our fundraising events.
5. Volunteers to sort out clothing at the Center.



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As we are open 5 days per week, we greatly need volunteers. We only have 10 regular staff (5 full time and 5 part time staff) to run 12 programs. We have opportunities to fit your schedule: weekly, monthly, virtual, project oriented like Holiday baskets, food pickups, food or basket shopping, events such as our Corn Hole or Sleep Out fundraisers, etc. Randy Holston has been promoted to Development Coordinator and he is eager to work with your group, Church and volunteers to further our ministry and minister to our growing needs. We are excited to have the Holman employees coming in June to cook and serve a BBQ. If your workplace, group, or Church are looking for opportunities to serve the community, Randy would love to talk to you. We can all come into agreement in prayer and serve. Drop us an email at christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com or call him at 609-793-3917. There are so many ways to be "in agreement" with the Christian Caring Center. Two examples are-1. Protestant Community Chapel, Medford gleans foods not sold from the Amish Market when they close on Saturday and make casseroles for our community lunch. In 2023 the Church contributed 2,494 casseroles, 875 bakery/dessert items, 147 cases of milk, 68 boxes of salads, and 4,561 sandwiches-PTL!! 2. The Pemberton Ministerium and through the leadership of Kingdom Church, Pemberton are initiating food drives in the participating churches. They provide 12 lists of food items--different items for each month, like Peanut butter & jelly month 1, soups month 2, pasta & sauce month 3, etc. Great way to have everyone participate in the congregation. The Christian Caring Center receives items from YOUGIVEGOODS.COM. You can purchase items and they will ship them to us.

Randy Holston has been promoted to Development Coordinator and he is eager to work with your group, church, and volunteers to further our ministry and minister to our growing needs. We are excited to have the Holman employees coming in June to cook and serve a BBQ.

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PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT – We are having our 1st Annual Pickleball Tournament, 6/29/24 at the Marlton Field House on Old Marlton Pike, Evesham, 9am-1pm. If you would like to sign up to play or be a sponsor, please give Randy a call at 60-793-3917 or email him at

christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com. You can also directly register on our website at www.christiancaringcenter.net/pickleball

There are so many ways to "be in agreement" with the Christian Caring Center. Two examples are-1. Faith Presbyterian Church, Medford has a "Hope Garden" with extra fruits and veggies donated. They also will begin to make salads and homemade granola bars to take out on Street Outreach every Wednesday during the summer months. The Deacon Board gives a monthly donation from their budget also-PTL!!

2. The Covenant Presbyterian Church in Cinnaminson has held a monthly food drive for a few years now. The Deacon Board gives a monthly donation from their budget also-PTL!!