


# MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



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A word from Madelyn Sutton  
Director of the Christian Caring Center

Judges 6:12 “When the angel of the Lord  
appeared to Gideon, he said,  
“The Lord is with you, mighty warrior”.

Most of us want to know the will of God for our lives, but sometimes we're not always sure how to find it. Fortunately, the Bible points to a kind of guidance that does not put our current projects in jeopardy. In the Bible, there are descriptions of how God completely immersed Himself in the challenge of the moment. A good example of this is in Gideon's life. Gideon had limited vision, but he was committed to it. His challenge was to obtain food for his family, even though hostile invaders were making the growing, gathering and preparation of food almost impossible. I see everyday families, seniors, homeless coming into our pantry, community lunch and even on street outreach committed to getting food for their household. Many don't want to be there, but they have no choice. They are committed. Some come daily to have their only hot meal of the day.

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Some come in cars for a box of food that will sustain them for 6 days. Some we meet on the street wandering through the town. Some are looking for us and others we look for them to feed them lunch. 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 and homelessness. 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 guest, 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!



<https://www.christiancaringcenter.net/gideonsspecialforces>

For 41 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 the opportunity to share the Gospel, pray with people and love them. Thanks so much for your continued support and prayers as we all try to minister to the Kingdom of God.

Madelyn Sutton  
Executive Director

## Holiday Baskets

We are now preparing for Resurrection Baskets. Easter is on March 31, 2024, so prayerfully we will distribute on March 27th & 28th, 2024. If you would like to volunteer, donate either food, conduct a food drive, have your church or Sunday School put together candy baskets (children love putting together baskets for other children), we would love to have you!. Please drop us an email to find out more at [christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com](mailto:christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com)



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# IMPACT in our community!



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## EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The **Lord** through Christian Caring Center helped 828 adults and 346 children totaling 1174 individuals or 444 households with meals in the month of February, 2024- PTL!!!

## COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center served 637 hot cooked lunches and 232 continental breakfasts for a total of 869 meals in the month of February, 2024. We also go out to the streets/woods on Wednesday and Friday to deliver 50 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 the 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. They placed 5 individuals into motels and helped 3 families with utility assistance.

SSH helped 4 families with utilities, 3 families with Security Deposits and 2 people with back rent.

## MEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: We have 3 men in the shelter right now. Stan, Mitchell, and Stan are looking for work Mitchell has been going on interviews for a new job. 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: Our mom has been reunited with family. We have a new family, mom and 5 children, coming in February. Mom is looking for work. Please pray for them as they look for permanent housing.

### CODE BLUE SHELTER:

We have held 72 nights so far. Most nights are full with 14 guests. The Caring Center has continued to be a leader in blessing individuals and families all because 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!

### BRIDGE OF HOPE



We have a new mom who has 5 children. She is currently looking for a 3 bedroom apartment or house. If anyone knows of a safe affordable apartment, please let us know. Thank you for all your support and prayers

# Ask God... How can I help?



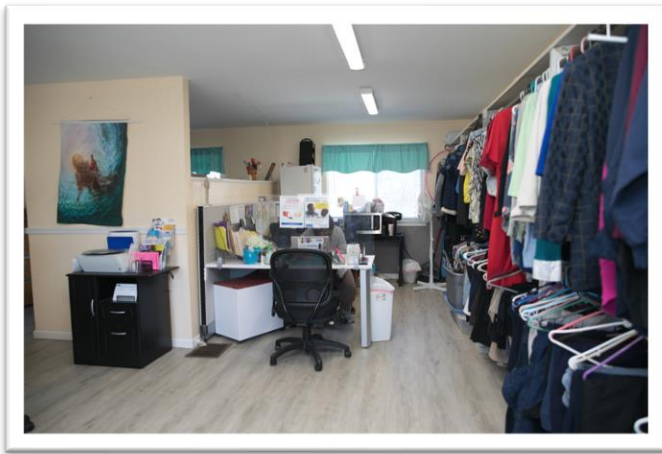
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## OPENING HOURS:

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.



## 6 Most Wanted Volunteer Positions

Village Thrift Shop sorting & cash register during the closing sale  
Interviewers/to pray with the people receiving food.  
Fundraising Committee (making baskets for auction, mailings, decorating, etc.)  
Volunteers to work with homeless clients locating housing & jobs.  
Volunteers for making gift baskets for auction at our fundraising events.  
Volunteers to sort our clothing and shed for our Resurrection Baskets

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, virtual, project oriented like Holiday baskets, food pickups, food or basket shopping, events such as our Corn Hole or Sleep Out fundraisers, etc.

The Christian Caring Center receives items from [YOUGIVEGOODS.COM](http://YOUGIVEGOODS.COM). You can purchase items and they will ship them to us.

## NEEDED ITEMS

### FOOD PANTRY

Peanut butter & jelly  
Tuna & soups  
Instant Potatoes, mac & cheese  
Cereal, Breakfast bars, Nutri grain bars  
Juice, shelf milk  
Pasta & sauce

### CLOTHING

Warm sweatshirts and sweatpants  
Jeans of all sizes, but especially 32-36  
Sneakers  
Tee Shirts  
Hygiene items  
Sleeping bags

### SHELTERS

Twin Sheets  
New comforters  
Gently used or new pots and pans  
Cleaning supplies (Dawn, bathroom cleaner, etc)  
Gently used or new towels & washcloths  
Zippered plastic sheet protectors for twin beds