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A word from Madelyn Sutton
Director of the Christian Caring Center



Ruth 1:16 Ruth replied, “Don’t ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.”

One of the most important and cherished jobs I have had in my life is being a mother, a foster mother, an adoptive mother and a mother-in-law. Ruth is one of the greatest examples of commitment, honor and love that I have seen. There are a few stories in the Bible of several people that are woven together so closely that they are almost inseparable. We know more about their relationship than we know about them as individuals. Naomi and Ruth are a beautiful example of this blending of lives. Their cultures, family backgrounds and ages were very different. As mother-in-law and daughter-in-law they probably had as many opportunities for tension as tenderness, and yet they were bound to each other. They shared deep sorrow, great affection for each other and an overriding commitment to the God of Israel. (Continued on next page)

And yet as much as they depended on each other, they also gave each other freedom in their commitment to one another. Naomi was willing to let Ruth return to her family. Ruth was willing to leave her homeland to go to Israel. But she had a commitment to her husband that passed and to her newfound God, the God of Israel. Ruth came to know the God of Israel through Naomi. The older woman allowed Ruth to see, hear, and feel all the joy and anguish of her relationship to God. This was such a power testimony to me that I included Ruth's words in my wedding vows to Inell. Ruth 1: 16 "Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God." How often do we share our unedited thoughts about God with our spouse or friends? In our Bridge of Hope Ministry, we are able to share this same bonding with our families. Because of a large gift from First Presbyterian Church of Bordentown, we currently have 4 families in the program. 1 mom and child are about to graduate in a few months. 1 mom just gave birth to twins after considering abortion. Babies are doing good but still in the hospital. Our single dad with 3 children has finally gotten in an affordable apartment. The children are loving their new school and their dad is looking at a new job because he's stable. Our newest mom is a new mom that came to BOH at risk of homelessness due to reduction of hours at her place of employment. They have found an apartment and now mom is going back to school so she can get a better job. We now can minister to each other and their children, just like Naomi did for Ruth. We can show them our God in our words and deeds, and you can join us too! We have a few ways to directly minister to these families and families to come. We are putting together neighboring teams. Teams could be from one church, Bible study, ladies or men's groups, etc. We have a paid social worker who will train everyone and does the budgeting, life skills, etc.; while the team can write encouraging notes, send cards, and have a monthly event with the families. Next month we are having our annual "Sleep Out Fundraiser for Bridge of Hope" on May 20, 2022 (at a church to be announced). This is a way to ensure that we raise the needed funds to keep going and to get your whole family involved. You can come and sleep in your car at the church or in your driveway, you can pitch a tent on your front lawn and then when your neighbors come and ask what you are doing, you can witness to them. You can have a sleep over with your kids or grandchildren in your living room. The idea is to get sponsorships to donate to our Bridge of Hope program. Your help is really needed at this critical time, as food prices and inflation are on the rise, with our families that are allowing God to mold their lives back to what He has intended for them to prosper. 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.

Abiding in Him,
Madelyn Sutton,
Executive Director

Praise the
Lord!

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



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EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The **Lord** through through the Christian Caring Center helped 148 households of 246 Adults and 70 children with meals in the month of March 2022- PTL!!!

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center served 694 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of March 2022. 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. We got to conduct follow up visits to JC, AC, BC who were placed in affordable housing last fall and they are all still housed, some struggling but with the help from God and the Christian Caring Center, they are making it-PTL!!!

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT AND GRANTS:

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

- They provided 2 families with utilities.
- SSH provided 1 family with help for utilities
- 3 families with help with back rent assistance and 2 motel placements.
- SSH/TANF provided 3 security deposits
- 2 back rent assistance
- 3 families were placed in motels.

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: We have a man in the shelter right now. Raymond has graduated to his new apartment and adopted a cat! We also have Steve and Carl now in the shelter and they are looking for housing.

Holman House: We have 3 men in the shelter right now. Brandon the Resident Mgr-James is still looking for an apartment. Devynn had an opportunity to apply for supportive housing-keep praying for him.



Supportive friendships for lasting impact

We have attached the flyer and sponsor sheet for our annual "Sleep Out fundraiser". We had families on the waiting list and we now are serving 4 families. We are looking for neighboring teams. You might have a bible study, or your church or you might want to join a team of others. We will provide all the training you need and you will have so much fun while changing the lives of children and parents. If you're interested, please drop us an email at christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com.

When doing your online shopping remember us on www.AmazonSmile.com www.goodseach.com. They will contribute a donation each time you use it to shop or search any website.

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 all 3 days from 10 am-2:30 pm.

The Village Thrift Shop, 87 Hanover Street, Pemberton is now open Monday thru Friday from 9 am to 4 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm. They are accepting Fall and warmer clothing, jackets, coats, blankets, 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!

5 MOST WANTED LIST

1. Men's Emergency Shelter Mgr.
2. Village Thrift Shop
3. Board Trustee
4. Fundraising Committee
5. Code Blue overnight shelter staff

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



RESURRECTION BASKETS:

We held a great Resurrection Basket distribution on April 13 and 14th to 175 households and 166 children Thanks for all your support!



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.

SAVE THE DATES:

CORN HOLE FUNDRAISER by the Knights of Columbus, Medford on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at the St. Mary of the Lakes School, Rt. 70, Medford. We have limited teams and we are signing up beginning in June. We also are looking for sponsors. More information to come in June.

TASTE OF BURLINGTON COUNTY will be held in late September at the First Presbyterian Church, 1 Bridgeboro Road, Moorestown. We are looking for your favorite restaurant to let everyone taste their favorite dish or beverage and volunteers.



We need volunteers for the Sleep-Out who will seek sponsors to contribute to Bridge of Hope.

The purpose is to raise funds for Bridge of Hope to finance the cost of helping a single mother get established in an apartment or home and to prepare a way for her to be able to earn enough to live on her own in about a year through counseling, training, mentoring and other assistance, including linking her to a church group that will agree to help her all along her efforts toward becoming self-sustainable for herself and her children

When?

May 20, 2022 (7:30 pm to 7 am) (at a church to be announced)

You can come and sleep in your car at the church or in your driveway, you can pitch a tent on your front lawn and then when your neighbors come and ask what you are doing, you can witness to them. You can have a sleep over with your kids or grandchildren in your living room. The idea is to get sponsorships to donate to our Bridge of Hope program. Your help is really needed at this critical time, as food prices and inflation are on the rise, with our families that are allowing God to mold their lives back to what He has intended for them to prosper.

How do I volunteer?

Sleep-out volunteers please use the form on the back of this flyer to sign up sponsors. Then please fax or mail a copy of the sign-ups to the CCC: FAX No. (609) 893-1880 By May 15th.

CCC SLEEP-OUT SPONSORS SIGN-UP SHEET

To pledge to sponsor one of our Christian Caring Centers "sleep-out" volunteers, please enter your information in one of the blocks below, including the amount of your pledge. You may give your pledge in cash or check to a "sleep-out" volunteer or mail i

Your Name:	Your Name:
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