

APRIL 2023 NEWSLETTER



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A word from Madelyn Sutton Director of the Christian Caring Center



Act 4:32-33 “All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and God’s great blessing was upon them all.”

This was the early church, and they were able to give and share as a result of the unity brought by the Holy Spirit working in and through the believers. And so, they were to give and share eliminating poverty among them.

Poverty is a state or condition in which one lacks the financial resources and essentials for a certain standard of living. Poverty can have diverse social, economic, and political causes and effects.

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The fight against poverty from a biblical response involves partnership in missions. That is what we and you do at the Christian Caring Center everyday! People come to the Christian Caring Center seeking all kinds of help from the oppression of the results of poverty affecting their lives and the lives of their families. Some come for help for their utility bills, back rent, food, or are homeless trying to find a job, etc. Most don't know they are about to encounter the living God too! We are privileged to be able to help from the help we receive from all our donors and grants. We help where we can financially or with a box of food, a warm coat, a blanket or shelter. But then we get to testify and pray powerfully of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus as to how and why we are able to help! Lives are literally transformed by the Holy Spirit! It takes a congregation of believers and community to accomplish this one and you are a part of it. You are a partner in this mission for people like Meredith. He was homeless and coming to the Christian Caring Center while seeking a place to rent on his fixed income of Social Security. Our family in Marion's Family Shelter, the husband and wife, were living in their vehicle while their 3 small children were separated in relatives' homes. They were able to be reunited and now are working with our case manager on long term employment and housing options all together. A recent veteran had a situation that caused him to be removed from his house and had a court date to get back in 2 weeks later. After spending 6 days on the Wawa parking lot in Medford, the Christian Caring Center, Operation Chill Out, Soldier On and Beacon of Hope were able to temporarily house and provide food for Michael until his court date –“partnership in mission”! It always takes a congregation to help the community and we are so grateful to all our partners and dedicated staff. Starting this month and through the summer I am going to introduce you to our staff one by one.

If you would like to donate or volunteer, our volunteer application and donate button are online on our website www.christiancaringcenter.net or stop by the Christian Caring Center or the Village Thrift Shop. Whoever you are, whatever you do, you can have Jesus in your life. Don't think you need extraordinary qualifications or a lot of money; He accepts you as you are. 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



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in our community!



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EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center helped 634 Adults and 248 children or 882 individuals and 400 total households with meals in the month of March, 2023- PTL!!!

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center served 1,046 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of March 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 and 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.



BRIDGE OF HOPE

We have 2 families remaining in the program and they are doing good. We are still looking for neighboring teams. You might have a Bible Study, 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.

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: We have 3 men in the shelter right now. Tom is recovering from a triple bypass and looking for housing. LaShawn just arrived from code blue and is working at the Christian Caring Center. Brian is working at the Christian Caring Center and working on getting his birth certificate and has applied to Pinefield's Senior Apartments.

Holman House: We have 3 men in the shelter right now. Brandon is the Resident Mgr. Demetris is serving at the Christian Caring Center and is working 2 jobs. Greg is working at AAA. Derrick is applying for work.

Marion House: We have a new family with mom and dad with 3 children. Please pray for the family as the dad is applying for work and looking for housing.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

The Christian Caring Center serves as a volunteer service unit for the Salvation Army. They provided assistance for 12 individuals with motels and 5 individuals with utilities.

SSH assisted 9 households totaling 17 individuals with rent and 6 households totaling 13 individuals with security deposits.

EFSP assisted 3 households totaling 4 individuals with rent .

Ask God...How can I help?

Resurrection Baskets:

We distributed our baskets on April 5th and 6th, 2023. We were able to provide for 187 households with resurrection food baskets and 266 children with resurrection candy baskets. A big Thank You to all who donated!



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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. Sneakers, Tee Shirts and jeans

We received a letter from AMAZON SMILE that they are discontinuing the program. They intend to focus donations to nonprofits in specific areas through grants. Thank you to all who choose to support the Christian Caring Center at Amazon-PTL! The Christian Caring Center also receives YOUGIVEGOODS.COM, you can purchase items and they will ship them to us.

FOOD DRIVES

If you would like to organize a food drive at your church or work, Girl Scout or Boy Scout Troops, Rotary group, etc. we have a virtual way to do it. It's called "You Give Goods.com" If you would like to deliver like to donate as an individual, we are running a drive on our website www.christiancaringcenter.net and our Facebook page. They set everything up you share it with your group, they purchase what they want, and they deliver it to us!! Wonderful way to stay involved, stay safe and be a blessing!

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.

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 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 Bridge of Hope Neighboring Teams
- 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.

**Want to learn more about the Christian Caring Center?
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STAFF HIGHLIGHT



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Inell Sutton Programs Manager

Inell came to the Christian Caring Center after rededicating his life after his final incarceration. He went through our Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter Program, then reunited with family. Inell continued

to volunteer at the Christian Caring Center while looking for employment. An opening for a Case Manager became available and he was hired. After working 2 years as a Case Manager, the Programs Manager opened, and he was promoted. His duties at the Christian Caring Center include overseeing the Men's shelters, Site administrator for our HIMS, CoC Committee member (CoC is a bi-monthly County meeting that Coordinates Services and advisory committee to the B.C. Commissioners), Assistant Manager of Code Blue Shelter, Case Manager, Food pick ups for Wawa 4 times a week, Casseroles and other pickups, Assistant Overseer of daily operations of all programs. Inell also serves as a Deacon at his home church, Tabernacle of Praise Church. We are blessed to have him as a vital team partner in mission at the Christian Caring Center.