

# FEBRUARY 2023 NEWSLETTER



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A word from Madelyn Sutton  
Director of the Christian Caring  
Center

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” —John 13:34-35 NKJV

February is *Love* month. As believers, our faith is most undeniable when it is seen in action. When Jesus announced that He would be leaving, He gave one very simple and profound instruction: “Love one another.” This is harder than it seems and love doesn’t naturally fit. But we still crave it and love is the mark of Jesus’ followers. Jesus asked His disciples to practice the love that He modeled. If they reflected the example of Jesus’ love, they would stand out in a world that does not understand love.

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Jesus explained, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (v. 35). The distinguishing mark of Jesus’ followers is how faith influences their daily actions: how they work alongside coworkers, how they solve problems, how they speak to spouses and children, how they work out problems with church members. Jesus’ followers live differently, demonstrating love consistently toward others. When we are loved by a supernatural love it transforms us into people of love who live differently in the world. The best example I have of this is our volunteers. Our volunteers give and give expecting nothing in return. They want to help because God has loved them first. They make the Christian Caring Center a refuge of love to those who are feeling beat down, insecure, worn out, hopeless, hungry, and homeless. Their time and support as loving Christians is a healing balm to parched and weary souls. Love is an action and I pray you are asking God in this new year what actions will you take to Love like Jesus?

I want to offer a place, the Christian Caring Center, as a place where God can use your love, gifts and talents. Before the pandemic we had about 40 regular Volunteers now we have 12 including our Board members. Our Board’s desire is to bring the Food Pantry back inside the Center from the drive through method, so that we can pray and minister to each person. We need to have enough volunteers to do that. Please pray and ask God what He would have you do or perhaps you know of someone who would love to ask the question, “What can I pray for you today?” It can be the very prayer or conversation that can change their lives for eternity!

If you would like to volunteer, our volunteer application is online or you can 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



# IMPACT

## in our community!



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### EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center helped 522 adults and 251 children or 302 households with meals in the month of January 2023- PTL!!!

### COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center served 854 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of January 2023. We also go out into 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. One of our motels, Red Carpet, Browns Mills has been flooded with children. Please continue to pray for the people still out there homeless and struggling as well as the staff and volunteers.



BRIDGE OF HOPE

We had families on the waiting list, and we now are serving 4 families. 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 2 men in the shelter right now. Tom is working at a local High School and looking for housing. Demetris is serving at the Christian Caring Center and working on getting his ID. Eric has graduated to his own place-PTL!!!.

Holman House: We have 4 men in the shelter right now. Brandon the Resident Mgr- Brain is starting to work at the Christian Caring Center under the Pathstone Program. Antoine is applying for a job at Chick-Fil-A. Fred is working with the Pathstone Program at the Christian Caring Center.

Marion House: We have a new family with a mom and dad with 3 children. Please pray for the family as they adjust.

### SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

The Christian Caring Center serves as a volunteer service unit for the Salvation Army. They helped 2 people with utilities. EFSP helped 12 people with back rent and 7 people with motel lodging.

### 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.

# Ask God...How can I help?

## Resurrection Baskets:

We are preparing our baskets for distribution for April 5 & 6, 2023. We are looking for donations of food for a Holiday Ham or Turkey dinner: Gift cards for hams or turkeys, or actual hams or turkeys, stuffing, instant potatoes, macaroni and cheese, veggies, fruits and desserts. Also candy Easter Baskets for the children. Thanks to all who donated!



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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.

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!

## 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. Warm clothing- sweat shirts & pants, sweaters, coats, sneakers, gloves.

If your family is ordering from Amazon please use AMAZON.SMILE.com first and choose Christian Caring Center-Pemberton, Inc. (EIN# 22-2637999) and then do your order and AMAZON SMILE will donate to the Christian Caring Center at no extra cost to you-PTL!

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(Continued) We just received our 1st donation of \$7.19, so we can build on this. The Christian Caring Center also receives from YOUNGIVEGOODS.COM. You can purchase items and they will ship them to us.



## SAVE THE DATES:



## 40 YEARS OF MINISTRY CELEBRATION!

We will be holding a dinner on April 27, 2023 at 6pm at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Moorestown, 101 Bridgeboro Rd., Moorestown- WE ARE GOING TO BE 40 YEARS OLD- PRAISE THE LORD!! And we would love to have you there!!

## 6 MOST VOLUNTEERING WANTED LIST

1. Village Thrift Shop sorting
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
6. Volunteers for our upcoming 40th Birthday Celebration (set up, clean up, seeking restaurants, basket auctions, parking, table hosts, etc.)

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.