

DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER



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A word from Madelyn
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Director of the Christian
Caring Center



Isaiah 61:1-2 The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim Good News to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn.

Someone once told me the above verses are the purpose statement of Jesus. Jesus is the poor. Jesus is Good News embodied in the poor. He is not talking from a place of privilege and this is why the last five words disarm me every time because "the poor" are not a distant category of "other people". Everyone knows someone who is mourning someone they loved. It really is the purpose statement of the Christian Caring Center also. You have heard me say that the Christian Caring Center is like a spiritual ER. People come with all sorts of problems associated with poverty. (Continued on next page)

Christmas is all about Jesus and Him coming to earth in poverty from the time of His birth, to be the sacrifice for my sin and the sins of everyone who accepts Him. At the Christian Caring Center, our first job is to listen and then “proclaim the Good News” of Jesus. So why give to the Christian Caring Center? For me, the churches and organizations our family give to first need to proclaim the

Good News of Jesus. The second is they have to be following in the foot steps of Jesus when he was here on earth. The Christian Caring Center follows Jesus’s method of discipleship also of just come and follow him. That is why when you come to the Christian Caring Center you will find Christ filled professional staff, volunteers who are filled with the Holy Spirit and some on their way to finding Jesus, our homeless men in our shelters and everyone in between. Third we minister to their physical needs by giving of food, clothing and shelter and other physical necessities as provided. These past two years have been a huge challenge globally for everyone. We have witnessed unprecedented numbers of people coming for food and shelter and now help with past due rents, utilities and heating oil. All these are wonderful reasons to give to the Christian Caring Center. Your gift will minister to someone one by one.

- \$ 25 will provide a new toy for a child or a box of food for a family of 4 for 7 days
- \$ 50 will provide a coat, boots, hat, gloves and scarf or a Code Blue Shelter night for 2 persons
- \$100 will provide extra food needed during the holiday school break for 4 families.
- Choose your amount

It’s not to late to donate in 2021. Thank you for sharing your prayers, time, financial gifts to spread this wonderful Gospel to the people we serve at the Christian Caring Center during the year 2021 and we look forward to “the year of the LORD’s favor” in 2022 for your family, the Christian Caring Center and all our clients.

Abiding in Him,
Madelyn Sutton
Executive Director

Praise the Lord!

“We have some very good news that 3 homeless people will be going into brand new apartments in Lambertton-PTL!!!”

“Our first family in our 3 bedroom family shelter has graduated into permanent housing-PTL!”



“Another disabled man on our motel outreach was going to be evicted when his unemployment ran out. We were able to help him get a job with transportation with OTC. He will have enough money to continue to pay for him and his disabled wife’s efficiency room-PTL!”

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



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EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center helped 182 households or 326 adults and 125 children with meals in the month of November 2021- **PTL!!!**

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center served 419 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of November, 2021. 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 have some very good news that 3 homeless people will be going into brand new apartments in Lumberton-**PTL!!!** Another disabled man on our motel outreach was going to be evicted when his unemployment ran out. We were able to help him get a job with transportation with OTC. He will have enough money to continue to pay for him and his disabled wife's efficiency room-**PTL!**

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT AND GRANTS:

The Christian Caring Center as a volunteer service unit for the Army. . They provided one individual with healthcare assistance, one motel placement and three households with utility assistance in November, 2021.

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

MEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM:

Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: We have a man in the shelter right now. Raymond is working in the food pantry. Raymond has made an application to an apartment but got turned down because of background. He is applying for an emergency housing voucher now.

Holman House: We have 4 men in the shelter right now. Brandon the Resident Mgr. - Jimmy has gotten an apartment in North Jersey and will be graduating by Christmas-**PTL!**, James has gotten a new job and put in an application for a senior apartment, Jordon has gotten a job at OTC-**PTL!** Matthew has also gotten a new job at Lumberton McDonalds. We ask that you pray as they seek God and work out the plan He has for them.

Marion's House: Our first family in our 3 bedroom family shelter has graduated into permanent housing-**PTL!** We are going to be placing a single dad with 3 children. Please continue to pray for them, and now on to housing within his 90 days.



Ask God... How can I help?



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CHRISTMAS BASKETS:

We were now preparing for 200 households for Christmas Baskets. If you are able to contribute, we estimate each basket to be \$35. If you or your church, business, school, civic group, Girl Scout or Boy Scout Troop would like to hold a food drive we have 2 options. 1) Traditional food drive where people come with donations and you bring them to us. 2) Virtual through YOU GIVE GOODS or Amazon wish list. Each person goes on chooses what they want and companies deliver it to our Outreach Center at 378 Lakehurst Road, Browns Mills, NJ 08015. We plan on giving them out Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10am-3pm December 21st-23rd, 2021. Thanks for all your support.

5 MOST WANTED LIST

1. Crisis Hot line
2. Village Thrift Shop
3. Board Trustee
4. Fundraising Committee
5. Food pantry



As we strive to reopen to 5 days per week, we desperately need volunteers. We only have 6 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. **We are looking to start a remote telephone answering service. If we get enough volunteers, we will forward the calls to your home or cell phone. If you are interested in this part of the ministry, please call Dick Higginbotham at 609-953-0081.**

OPENING HOURS:

We are now open every Wednesday, Thursday, and 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 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 3 pm. They are accepting Fall and warmer clothing, jackets, coats, blankets, etc. They supply the Outreach Center in Browns Mills clothing as needed there. Praise the **Lord!**

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.

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