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A word from Madelyn Sutton
Director of the Christian Caring Center



Acts 6:3 *“Therefore, brethren, select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task.”*



I love the whole Christmas season. It seems like everyone is focusing on Jesus. It's acceptable to sing carols about **Jesus** and his birth everywhere. People are centering their attention on blessing others, etc. What I also love is time to reflect on the year that is finishing and focusing on the New Year to come. **God** so loved the fallen man that He sent His only Son to redeem him. **There is no greater love!** This year, like no other that I have witnessed, has been a challenge for everyone in the entire world. (continued)

As I have been praying and serving, I have to testify that I have seen great suffering but also great kindness being poured out. As the numbers that we serve have doubled, so have most of the supplies to meet the need--PTL!! Only **God** can do that miracle! I have also heard (even on the world news) that people have been spending less and see the great need all around them. Just about everyone knows personally someone who has been affected by this pandemic. I believe that **God** has been stirring up the hearts of His people for love and action. In the above verse in Acts, it was a time of great growth in the church. The disciples needed and wanted to respond but couldn't do it all. That is when the Lord told them to select seven men to be put in charge. We at the Christian Caring Center are in a similar position. For months now, I have been writing about young people and Board Members that are needed. We have wonderful Board Members right now and they are very seasoned in leadership. They are also in their 70's and 80's. Their desire is to mentor new leaders that will spearhead, manage and organize the future of the Christian Caring Center. Is **God** stirring up you? Your family? You might say that you have never led before. I can testify to all the great leaders in the Bible were first timers. They had past history of being sinners and didn't feel qualified (Moses and David). But they loved **God** and were obedient to their call. **God** was with them—and never left them. If you are born again and willing to listen to the Holy Spirit--you are qualified! The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead dwells inside of you! You cannot fail. We believe that **God** has deposited gifts in you that the people we serve need right now. It's never been easier either. All our board activities are virtual, emails, phone calls etc. Maybe you want to start at the committee level. There is room at the table for you too. Let me tell you that little Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts just had a food drive that will fill our boxes for a month. The Medford Knights of Columbus also had a food drive. Someone came and power washed the Thrift Shop. Then a couple of people fixed our fencing, Marlton Recreation Department held a blanket drive at their registration and we were able to bless 50 households with blankets yesterday. And many of you have continued to support financially. The list goes on and on. This all was coordinated via email, text messages and cell phones. I saw a church sign at Southside Baptist church that read "The church is not closed, it been deployed"! Please pray about where **God** wants to deploy you and your family. Let's raise up a generation of doers of the Word, as we lead by example. Have a wonderful, safe holiday and prayerfully we will be instruments of spreading the Gospel and **God's** love in many new ways as a Kingdom! Thank you for all your support! I am also so very thankful and grateful to all of you that continue to support the Christian Caring Center that enables us to reach so many. THANK YOU!!!

Abiding in Him,
Madelyn Sutton, Executive Director

The logo features the words "The Joy of Christmas" in a red, cursive font. The word "Joy" is significantly larger and more ornate than the other words. A yellow starburst graphic is positioned behind the letter "y" in "Joy".

The
Joy of
Christmas

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



EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center helped 313 families, 110 singles or 1,372 individuals with 14,161 meals in the month of November, 2020



COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM:

The **Lord** through the Christian Caring Center served 424 hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of November, 2020. 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 two area motels



MEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: We have 3 men in the shelter right now, Jimmy, the Resident Mgr., Anthony and Raymond. Raymond and Anthony are working in the Pantry Program and are enrolled with the PATH Program--PTL! Anthony also works part time at CVS warehouse.

Holman House: We have 2 men in the shelter right now. Brandon the Resident Mgr. and Charles is working in the Pantry Program. All these men have been serving faithfully in our pantry program and anything else we need. They are all a huge blessing! Please continue to pray for the men as they allow God to restore them and for their case managers.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

The **Lord** through the Salvation Army helped 1 individual with Rental assistance \$800. They provided 9 nights of motel lodging for 2 households of 2 individuals. The Christian Caring Center serves as a volunteer service unit for the Salvation Army.

We are just about out of our existing funding sources and have been awarded Emergency Food and Shelter Program grant through FEMA but it hasn't arrived in our bank account yet, so please pray with us that God releases it soon!



OPENING HOURS

We are now open every Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 AM to 3PM. Only 2 people are allowed in the Outreach Center at a time. For case management we prefer an appointment. Lunch is served at 12 noon and we go out on Street Outreach every Wednesday and Friday from 12:30-1:30 PM. The drive through Food Pantry is in operation all 3 days from 10 AM to 2:30 PM. The Village Thrift Shop at 87 Hanover Street in Pemberton is now open Monday thru Saturday from 10 AM thru 3 PM. They are accepting Fall and warmer clothing, jackets, coats, blankets, etc. They supply the Outreach Center in Browns Mills with clothing as needed there. Praise the Lord!

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YOUNG PEOPLE COMMITTEE FORMING

We are developing a new committee and looking for our next generation of leaders to carry on our legacy. Our board members are concerned right now that we have mostly seniors (myself included) directing our mission. They are looking for some new energetic people to deposit their wisdom and compassion for ministry to continue to the next 10 years of ministry. If that is you, please contact us. We all know just that one sister or brother, niece or nephew, neighbor, church member, boy/girl scout, recent college graduate, etc.

MOST WANTED LIST-STILL HAS OPPORTUNITIES!!!

1. FUNDRAISING and BASKET COMMITTEES MEMBERS-MUST WANT TO HAVE FUN!
2. Board Members to serve monthly as publicity, baskets, transportation, and general trustees.
3. Salvation and healing for our clients
4. Committee members for our newly formed Volunteer Committee and Bridge of Hope Committee.
5. Young people to mentor to continue our legacy of serving and to pour out your wisdom

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HOLIDAY BLESSING BASKETS:

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

We were able to distribute to 303 households at Thanksgiving through our drive through pantry - **PTL!!!!** We are now preparing our Christmas Baskets. 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 or 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. Your group purchases what they want and You Give Goods.com delivers it to us!! It's a wonderful way to stay involved, stay safe and be a blessing!



Be sure to check out our Website at www.christiancaringcenter.net