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# The Light House Mission Ministries, Inc.

Serving the needs of transient and needy people since 1890

## New Ventures



One of the goals of the Mission is housing, not just while they are homeless, but also to provide places when our residents are ready to be on their own. The first project was to build and rent (19) 1-bedroom apartments on our third floor for the single men who completed our program and needed affordable housing. Two years ago, we expanded the housing options for the women who were ready to move out by building a unit with six 1-bedroom apartments on Chestnut Street. But there was still a need for housing for families.

To provide housing for low income families, the Mission formed a new corporation, Central Eastside Housing, to build and rent 3-bedroom homes and 2-bedroom apartments. We worked with the city to revitalize one of the neighborhoods near the Mission. Since government funds were used for this project, the eligibility guidelines were set by HUD and rent is based on the tenant's income.

One of the tenants replied, "I was continually month to month fighting a fight. To keep things going, you know. I call it robbing Peter to pay Paul, and I'm not going to have to do that any more." Rev. Fagg said, "They have lived in some places that are pretty substandard. They didn't like that and they wanted better for their families."

Central Eastside Housing started leasing the units a month ago and the applications poured in. Quickly, all seven homes were rented, and almost all the apartments were also occupied. There is a great need for affordable housing in our community and the Mission is trying to branch out and make a difference in the lives of low income families by helping them find nice, affordable places to live.

In the other latest venture for the Mission, the new Connors Center is waiting for funding to put in a sprinkler system and kitchen before the ladies can move in. Hopefully, this will be done before winter.



## Thanksgiving Basket Time



Maybe you aren't thinking about the holidays just yet, but we are. A lot of work goes into getting the Thanksgiving baskets ready for hungry families. Last year we gave away over 1300 baskets to families in our community—and there is no reason to expect the number to be lower this year.

We are limited on how many stores we can put our barrels in to collect canned goods, so we are asking for your help. The Mission has barrels that you can put in your church or business to collect items for the baskets. Then call us and we will pick up your donations. All donations, big or small, will be greatly appreciated and will be used to feed needy families.

Items needed are frozen turkeys, cans of pumpkin, fruit, corn, green beans and sweet potatoes and boxes of macaroni and cheese, cake mix and Jello. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with us this year to bless needy families?



## Volunteers Needed

**In this upcoming holiday season, the Mission needs your help. We need volunteers to sign up families for the Thanksgiving baskets the first two weeks of November.**

**On Monday, November 21, we need help in setting up for the basket giveaway and preparing baskets for community groups. The day of the giveaway, November 22, we also need many helpers to give out the baskets. If you have some spare time and want to be a blessing to others, call Bonnie at 812-232-7001 to sign up or to find out what other volunteer opportunities are available.**

## Will You Be a Prayer Partner?

We covet your prayers for the Mission and its residents. We know as people pray for the Mission, God will provide for all our needs. We need people who will be prayer warriors and lift us up so we can help the homeless, hungry and needy of our community. Will you partner with us and be one of those who stand in the GAP for the Mission?

## Summer Extremes

This summer our budget and food supply were hit hard. Because of the economy, donations went down. The number of meals served hit record numbers. Our budget is stretched to the extreme and our food supply is almost depleted. Now as life gets back to normal routines, we are asking for your help to restore the balance in our budget and to refill our pantry. Any donations of food or money would be greatly appreciated.