



NEWSLETTER

Preparing for Winter



Executive Director Helen McVicker donating blankets at local home

As we approach the end of our second year, we are very proud of the progress we've made. Of course, everything we've accomplished is due to our loyal donors and new ones who have discovered how they can help. We have many individuals and small businesses to thank for the help we've been able to provide to Nursing Home residents across the area.

We've expanded our space in the Norwood Executive

Center and now have storage areas with shelving to accommodate our donations. Activity directors are now able to 'shop' for their needs, which helps tremendously with the distribution of items and gets them out to the residents in need much quicker.

With the help of generous Augustans, we are excited about a second successful Christmas Drive with individuals or businesses

GET WELL SOON!

One of our loyal 'knitting ladies' Mary Rindfleisch, had a near-fatal car accident and while recovering, knitted 29 beautiful soft 'lap robes' for our residents - never thinking of herself - but continued to do for others. Mary is on the mend and still knitting! You go Mary!!

*THANK YOU,
MARY!*





'Adopting a Senior' with a gift. Last year individuals brought gifts for one or for a dozen, until no resident was without a nice gift for the Holiday. Collier Management and The Church of the Redeemer each adopted an entire home and made sure that there was a party and that everyone received a gift. That was a wonderful blessing for all involved, and this year, Shane's Rib Shack has already volunteered to adopt another. The out-pouring of love was truly incredible and we know that this year will be no exception. We'll be sending reminders out soon!

Adopting A Senior



VOLUNTEER WITH US

We are blessed with a very special group of volunteers but we can always use one more. We now have additional friendly visitors who meet one-on-one with residents and a Spa assistant – but we are still in dire need of a 'Clothes Closet' volunteer to help distribute clothing to the homes. We are blessed with truly a very special group of Volunteers, but always can use one more.

We have a lot to be grateful for from the Community. Thanks to Kyle Coppess with the Augusta Greenjackets, some of our residents enjoyed special evenings at the 'Ball Park'

and to the Iris Garden Club who donated bird house kits for assembly by some of our male residents.



Others are hosting Bingo games, Halloween parties, Shoeboxes for Seniors and a variety of activities with our residents. This interaction with the community means the world to these shut-ins who have little contact with the outside.

As one resident put it as she gave me a big hug with tears in her eyes: "When I used to go to church, I remember our putting together some of these 'Shoeboxes for Seniors', but I never really gave it much thought. Now that I am on the receiving end, I realize just how much they meant."

Just remember: One Man's Trash is another Man's Treasure



We love used items in good condition and we can put almost anything to good use. One group gave us the remains of a "Gag" gift for their co-worker who had a senior Birthday – the joke gifts of all new items, a Male Urinal, Fixodent, Depends, etc. have all been donated and the recipients delighted to get them! So before you toss out that item – think of When HELP Can't Wait – we probably have a resident that needs it!



We at When HELP Can't Wait are not out to change the world. We do not strive to see how much money we can accumulate, but simply to bring a smile or comfort to a lonely Nursing Home resident.

Many of our donations come from 'sharing' with other Non-Profits in the area. It is wonderful to see that others are eager to share their bounty to help the needy, wherever they are. Every Non-Profit that we have become acquainted with have cooperated with us in the most generous of ways – Augusta and the CSRA is truly a blessed place to live and work.

Just 'SOME' of the things we've donated this year:

- **288 Blankets for Nursing Homes (Thanks to the generosity and love from a couple in Dearing, GA)**
- **Six computers w/ desks for resident's use**
- **Donated Medical equipment & supplies (Someone donated a like-new walker found at a YARD SALE for \$5.00!)**
- **Never underestimate the importance of a yard sale – one resident was made very happy for only \$5.00.**
- **CD Players (both portable and plug-in**

type) –many of these from our loyal donors, the Cornelius's.

- **Beautiful New Gowns from Macy's (from a loyal donor Edna Klima).**
- **Multitude of Cosmetic boxes, bags and other goodies from other very loyal donors, Mr. /Mrs. Adams.**
- **Men's sports magazines and Jazz CD's from one very loyal donor.**
- **Large Size clothing to almost every home we service (men & women's)**
- **Pajamas, House Slippers, Shampoo/ Conditioner, Lotion, Body Powder (The list is too long to mention everything)**

Also, we want to thank the many who have sent in their cash contributions – they say 'pennies make dollars' and that is our mantra – no donation is too small. God Bless those who consistently send their donations – they mean the world as we service the many Nursing Homes in the area. We are changing the daily lives of many – with your help!

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