



When Help Can't Wait

March 2017

NEWSLETTER

1st QUARTER – 2017

We have just completed the first Quarter of our 10TH year of operation!!



We would have loved to have a 10th Anniversary party – but we were too busy trying (unsuccessfully) to find a building to purchase to house our ever-growing charity. We also do not have enough money to celebrate! While in-kind donations remain high, cash funding continues to be a real struggle.

We were fortunate to receive a grant at the end of December from JIM HUDSON LEXUS. They have been supporters through their website and volunteer page since the beginning but we were very happy to receive a cash contribution from them this year. The Augusta Exchange Club also were generous with a grant for us. These donations help tremendously.

The Church of our Savior Episcopal Church is sending us a regular donation, while not large, this type of consistency is what keeps us in operation. We also have a few ladies who do the same and this constant cash flow is the glue that holds us together. We would love to find a few more!

We've been about our regular business of providing necessities to nursing home residents throughout the quarter, including helping several Hospice groups with clothing and toiletries for residents transitioning to long-term care from Hospital stays. Clothes Closets and Jewelry Shows are held regularly in many of the homes and Gospel Singers led by Henry Sibert also visit at least once monthly.



We have a volunteer who does 'pet therapy' with her beloved dog at one home and she is much in demand. Of course, our 'friendly visitors' are in as many homes as possible, checking on those with no family, no visitors.



Community groups have been generous such as the "Sewn Together" who made wheelchair bags for some residents. The Serendipity group from 1st Baptist church donated many small 'gift bags' filled with much needed items that added a lot of smiles – they were

distributed between Valentines & Easter because (everyone loves a surprise gift). The Garden Arts Club donated table arrangements of red carnations w/greenery to a nursing home for their dining room for Valentines' day. We are very grateful to these community groups who get involved in caring for the residents.





In March we held our annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church and the dinner was provided by Shane's Rib Shack. We are very grateful to both of them for their help because our 30+ volunteers work very hard and certainly deserve this recognition because our volunteers – ARE - When HELP Can't Wait. We had several of

our valued Board members there as well because they also volunteer their time to support us.

THANK YOU!

As we continue to grow in the amount of homes we serve, we want to thank the generous citizens of Augusta and surrounding areas for their continued support with beautiful clothes, household items, donation items and their prayers. We may not have a large bank account, but our coffers are full and runneth over. God bless you all for caring!

Ways that you can help:

Financial Gifts may be made in honor of or to remember a special loved one. A notice will be sent to the honoree or to the family of those being remembered.

- **Tax Laws encourage charitable giving and these gifts may significantly reduce income taxes for some donors.**
- **Planned gifts or bequests made through estate planning or trusts as well as allowances for IRA owners who must take RMDs are some of the best tax advantages of giving.**
- **Our goal is to establish an Endowment Fund to insure the continuance of When HELP Can't Wait into the future.**

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When HELP Can't Wait is a 501©3 organization. All donations made to our organization are tax deductible. At the current time, there are no administrative salaries in our organization. Our Board consists entirely of volunteers, including our President and Director. We are dedicated to keeping administrative costs low. Our Board is composed of local CSRA business men and women.