



When Help Can't Wait

March 2018

NEWSLETTER

1st QUARTER – 2018

The First Quarter of our 12th (TWELVELTH) year has sped by. It seems impossible that we have been delivering items and coordinating entertainment and visits for Nursing Home residents of the CSRA and beyond for that long!



The clothes closets continue to be our most popular, because without family members to bring them new clothes, residents simply can't afford them. We furnish them by the dozens to as many as 21 nursing homes! Both the men and women love getting something new and fresh to wear.

On Valentines, the Garden Arts Club of Augusta deliver bouquets of fresh flowers for the tables in the dining rooms of some homes. They blend fresh greenery from their gardens with bright Red carnations for welcome arrangements. The Serendipity Group from First Baptist donated a large amount of Valentine's gift bags to various nursing homes throughout the area.





This past Christmas was truly Outstanding with so many clubs and churches and individuals pitching in to make sure no one went without a gift – many blankets were included in these gifts and they are used lovingly by the residents to cover themselves while napping during the day without having to muss their freshly made beds.

At Easter, many enjoyed Easter baskets full of 'goodies' delivered to them by one of our loyal volunteers. Everyone enjoys a surprise gift!

In March we had our annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner hosted by St Andrews Presbyterian Church and the meal furnished by Shane's Rib Shack of Evans. This year, the President and Founder was honored, (who is also a volunteer) and it was a joyous occasion! Our volunteers are the very best!



One volunteer told of visiting a resident and when asked what she would really enjoy if she could bring her something - the lady answered, "I'd really love a good hamburger". Our volunteer purchased one at the best hamburger place she knew and took it to her – this is the kind of thoughtful, caring things done every day by our Volunteers.

As we struggle financially to stay alive, we look to the future and hope that someone might step forward to carry on this ministry. If there is anyone out there that loves our elderly and wants a volunteer position of leadership where you set your own hours and involvement, please let us know.

We continue to have loyal supporters who keep us going, but we do need more financial support and we are praying for small companies or churches who will pledge regular donations to help pay the bills. We know that our future is in the Lord's hands and hope that you will pray with us for this ministry to our most vulnerable of citizens, those who can no longer help themselves.

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.