



When Help Can't Wait

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NEWSLETTER

4TH QUARTER – 2015

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to a productive and Happy New Year in 2016.

The 4th Quarter at WHCW has been one of our best as we ended our 9th year of operation. We were able to speak to several Community churches and organizations that welcomed us and helped us in achieving a successful year. Some of those were: the Metropolitan Church of the Redeemer, the Columbia County Leadership Class Forum and to the Columbia County Exchange Club.

We had good participation at our Annual Silent Auction/Dinner held in October and we are excited about repeating that success again in October of 2016.

We were able to meet many needs of our Nursing Home residents with our regular programs such as the Clothes Closet, Gifting of Toiletries and game items. We also held several fun T-shirt days in different homes, handing out new T-Shirts left over from fun runs from the Shepherd Blood Center, Evans Fitness Center and our own "Rock & Run". These were a big hit,

residents loved getting brand new, soft and comfortable T-shirts to wear and they will carry the sponsor's ads around for a while to come.



We continue to promote our 'Classy Closet' which is our in-house Women's Boutique where we sell designer label clothes and accessories at great prices. That coupled with our booth in the "Antique Market" and our on-line EBAY sales help pay our overhead and provide money for items we must purchase for residents. Our Boutique is open the 1st Saturday of each Month from 10:00 until 2:00 and we are hoping to increase our Saturday traffic – so please tell your friends.



Christmas this year was indeed blessed at WHCW. We had four homes 'adopted' by MCC, Church of the Redeemer, Mr. Todd Dixon of Collier Management, Fulcher & Hagler Attorneys-at-law, and Marcie Evans of 'Thirty-One'. This along with contributions from S. Chipman of Advent Lutheran Church, The Women's Connection of Stonecroft Ministries, and the Garden Arts Club all helped fill the 200+ bags we distributed to other homes. When we ran short, loyal donors regular year-end donations filled the void and we were able to insure a Merry Christmas for hundreds of nursing home residents across the area. And as in many years prior, Blanchard & Calhoun Realtors at Scott Nixon Blvd. brought many lovely gifts. This Christmas which started out looking bleak, turned out to be the most blessed of all.



One request in particular touched our hearts and we want to share it with you so that you can know that your donations DO make a difference. A Hospice group called to say they had a lady whose husband was dying and she was in tears because she did not have a decent suit in which to bury him. We were honored to provide them with an excellent suit, shirt and tie so that he could be buried with dignity. What might mean little to some, means so much to others.

We were also fortunate enough to receive several grants that will help fund 2016 programs and our special thanks go out to: WFXG-FOX television's DeJonique Garrison and Lisa Kaylor from the Augusta Chronicle for wonderful coverage of our organization as a recipient of the CSRA Foundation's Masters Tournament award. Other grants were from: Columbia County Exchange Club, Georgia Natural Gas, Knox Foundation Discretionary Fund, & MCC Church of the Redeemer.

As always, our special thanks to our regular and consistent donors whose loyalty never fails to warm our hearts and keep us going.

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