



# When Help Can't Wait

December 2018

## NEWSLETTER

### 4th QUARTER – 2018



WOW! We're still here! That's our proclamation at the end of 2018. This ends our 12<sup>th</sup> year of operation and it almost ended our rein. Due to illness of Founder, high rent and a deficit of grants and donations, we could not pay our rent for the year. At the end of

December, we announced that we would be forced to close because we were unable to negotiate with our rental management.

Upon our announcement, the wonderful media in the Augusta area flocked forward, with all television stations and two newspapers coming to our rescue and gave us outstanding coverage. As a result, the community rose up to give us their wholehearted support. While we did not immediately receive lots of cash, we did receive help.

One of our units was finally rented and gave us immediate relief from those rental payments. The Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Class of 2019 stepped up to help by making phone calls and furnishing actual physical help to move us from our warehouse unit to consolidate into only one unit.

Our shoppers, donors and volunteers all gave a huge sigh of relief that we were remaining open and active and sales in our Thrift store increased.

#### **The Augusta Chronicle**

#### **Augusta nonprofit When Help Can't Wait to remain open**

By Sarah LeBlanc

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One of our major concerns was the implementation of our all-important Christmas Gift project which is so necessary to the well-being of many nursing home residents. This too, was blessed by the Christian Women's Club who stepped up to take this over and after a bountiful collection of donations coming from many groups and individuals, they bagged over 300 gifts to deliver to the many nursing homes throughout the area.

During this extremely stressful time, we were continuing our mission to nursing home residents by holding Jewelry Shows, Clothes Closets, Gospel singings and yes, even Pet Therapy. Our work did not stop because of all the financial trauma we were experiencing.

Posey's Funeral Home of North Augusta gave us a "Blessing Gift" and Christ the King Lutheran Church donated the proceeds of their Christmas Bazaar – so with gifts like these, we were able to pay December's rent.



Many of our loyal donors and volunteers also gave their year-end donations which were most needed and appreciated. We asked for those who could, to commit to a monthly donation amount to help us into the New Year, and several have complied. If we had a few more that could do that, it would ease our financial crisis a great deal.

There are no words to thank those who sprang forward and told us how important we are to the community and to the seniors we serve. We remain open and active at our location at 3843 Martinez Blvd. and hope that some corporation, local business or Churches will come forward in 2019 with a promise of consistent help to keep our mission alive.

**May God richly Bless you all in the New Year for your loyal support and 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.