



When Help Can't Wait

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NEWSLETTER

4TH QUARTER – FY 2014

As usual we had a busy 4th Quarter at When HELP Can't Wait.

Our programs in the homes continued to grow. Our most popular is still the Clothes Closet where we have donated thousands of pieces of clothing to those in need. With the help of a new volunteer, we were able to reach out as far as Sparta to very needy residents there. We are especially grateful to be able to serve those so far out of our immediate area.

We continued to distribute the special Alzheimer's puzzles to some homes and we also had five cases of regular puzzles donated by Spring Bok puzzles (Thanks to my friend Max, the inventor of the Alzheimer's puzzles) that were also very popular among the residents.



October is the month for our Annual Dinner and Silent Auction. This year it was held at the Advent Lutheran Church on Washington Road thanks to their generosity. It was a wonderful event and enjoyed by all that attended. We had the help of Church members, of Shane's Rib Shack who catered the dinner and some of our great Volunteers and Board members (and of course the generous DONORS of auction items). All of these together resulted in a successful event and has us looking forward to this next October!!

We were also blessed to be one of the winners of the 'Give Back 25" contest by Georgia Bank and Trust. What a great way for the bank to contribute to the community and our heartfelt thanks to all who voted for us!!

We were pleased to host The Leadership Class of Columbia County as they visited our facility this year for a tour and they were enthusiastic and supportive. We are looking forward to more contact with this talented, caring group.

Augusta Ballroom Dancers graced us with several visits in at least three of our homes and put on a show for the residents as well as engaged some of them on the dance floor (even some in wheel chairs). That was a real thrill for those who have missed dancing in their life.



With the help of a wonderful couple in The GaScar Antique Car Club, we helped arrange a birthday ride for our friend who was 95 this year and just out of re-hab for a broken knee. She thoroughly enjoyed being the equivalent of "Queen for a Day".

The decorating of resident's rooms was active in the fourth quarter with rooms in at least three homes getting some re-decorating' touches like curtain toppers, pictures on the walls and vases of flowers. All from your great donations!

We are excited about the quality of our 'Classy Closet' woman's discount Boutique that continues to improve and flourish under the capable hands of our volunteer, Denise. That along with 'Janice's Corner' staffed by our longtime volunteer, Janice, help us to meet our overhead cost in order to be able to take in, sort, store and distribute in-kind donations.

Don't forget that Both the Classy Closet and Janice's Corner, which are both located inside our offices, are now open every '1st Saturday' of the month from 10:00 until 2:00 for your shopping pleasure, rain or shine. It's especially handy for those working who can't get to us by 4:00 in the afternoon. If you haven't visited us, be sure and check us out soon!

OUR LATEST FUNDRAISING VENTURE :::: We have a Booth in the Antique Mall on Pleasant Home Road at Washington Rd. Our Director Donna is the creator and she keeps it fresh with new items weekly if not daily. You will love the unique items she finds and at good prices! Stop by and look for the huge WHCW sign – we're easy to find. All proceeds from these three ventures benefit our nursing home residents.



Christmas at WHCW this year was business as usual. We enjoyed the generosity of Stonecroft Ministries Women, The Garden Arts Club and several other groups and individuals who donated the gifts to make up more than 200 gifts for those in need. When we ran short of gift bags, Augusta Gardens Assisted Living contributed a huge amount to get us through! God bless all those who helped by adopting a home, sending a check, dropping off gift bags, and lots of Word Seek books which are a Holiday (and year-round) favorite!

As we end the year 2014, it is with Gratitude to the community for the awareness that we are beginning to see – people realizing that our nursing home residents need our support. Some of the group contributors this year were: The Augusta Newcomer's Club (Our LARGEST contributor for the year), The Augusta Kiwanis Club, CSRA Employee Fund, The Knox Foundation, Georgia Power Foundation, Georgia Bank & Trust (Give Back 25), Columbia County Forward, The Allstate Foundation (Agent – LJ Brown) and Quest Church. and we must thank our silent 'Angels' who give us courage and faith to keep going. These outstanding individuals contribute throughout the year including one very generous lady we've never met and one gentleman who gave at Christmas in memory of his mother.

I hope I didn't leave anyone out because without help like this, we could not continue this ministry.

Happy New Year to you All – We hope to see many of you in 2015!!

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