



When HELP Can't Wait NEWSLETTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

This third quarter at WHCW has been an extremely busy one and we feel so truly blessed to be involved in helping brighten the lives of Nursing home residents across several counties!

We began the Fall season with the planting of a Container Garden on the newly built patio that we did at The Place at Deans Bridge Road.



Using flower pots from Volunteer's yards and purchasing others, and donated plants from a wonderful gentleman who contracts plants for Lowe's, along with the help of Augusta Prep Day School students- we were able to put beautiful flowers that bloomed into the winter on their newly designed space. The residents then enjoyed Ice Cream suppers and Cook-outs in the fresh air and sunshine.

We received a donation of \$300 in merchandise from Family Dollar Stores to purchase much needed items like plastic bins for our Clothes Closet Program.

We had a nice group of ladies volunteer to do 'Hand Spa' treatments in the homes for us and they were able to pamper our residents at least once a month and they plan to continue this into the new year.

We were selected as the Second Best Charity in Augusta, by Augusta Magazine's, "Best of 2013" issue, second only to the Lydia Project. This was quite an Honor and one that we are very proud of.

We held Fashion Shows at Assisted Living Facilities in the area and modeled clothes from our "Classy Closet" – our Women's Designer Boutique, entertained some of their residents as they came to shop for our bargain designer clothes.

We were blessed with Military volunteers from Ft Gordon several times throughout the year, with one group of men and women who played Bingo and visited with the residents, much to their delight.

Veteran's Day Celebrations were held in the homes and we helped by outfitting many of the Veterans with new suits and ties for the occasion. Again this year, a wonderful group of ladies from South Georgia made quilts for every Veteran and attached Thank You cards to each one. They are made by hand and with love and each one is a masterpiece!



Georgia Power honored us again this year with a cash donation and also with a party in one of our homes where they furnished treats and visited with the residents. This is always a very favored group – their dedication to our cause is inspiring!



We had a local gift store that closed this year, donating their ENTIRE stock to us to sell to raise money to support our programs. What a wonderful gift and because of it, we were able to help so many residents with items they needed.

We would not be able to accomplish much of what we do without the help of several local businesses – we are always afraid of leaving someone out, but we must mention Jeanne's Fashions on Martinez Blvd. and Consign Designs on Baston Road. Their contributions have been tremendous. We also won a contest this year given by PRESSTECH on Walton Way. They furnished all our printing for the entire year.

We hope God will richly bless these businesses whose generosity helps so many.

Christmas 2013 was nothing short of SPECTACULAR. Because of our beautiful new building at 3814 Commercial Court, we were able to collect items all year getting ready for the big day. We furnished outstanding décor for all the homes that needed it, and had much left over to sell in order to purchase needed items for our residents. We also furnished approximately 200 bagged gifts for several homes that needed help, some as far away as Gibson, Georgia. Once again, (for the seventh year) our wonderful donors, Collier Management (Todd Dixon) and The Church of the Redeemer (David Brown) and the Bell Family of Evans, (3rd year) adopted complete homes with 100 residents each and made sure everyone received a gift and helped them celebrate the special Christmas season, displaying the true meaning of Christmas, sharing love with others less fortunate.



Augusta Christian Women's Connection of Stonecroft Ministries (3rd year) donated tons of items to fill Christmas bags. Blanchard & Calhoun Realtors and Leslie at Scott Nixon Blvd. again (for the 6th or 7th year) donated loads of items for our residents' enjoyment and the President's Party at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions with Dawn Haygood, donated many gifts like underwear, socks and other necessary supplies. The Andrews' family (for the 3rd year in a row) donated 39 beautiful warm blankets for the residents.

It is impossible to thank everyone who dropped off items or sent a check to help fill the stockings of all our residents, to make sure that so no one went without a gift at Christmas, but you know who you are and we love you for it. There are donors who faithfully have given us a check every Christmas for the past seven years and continue to do so – these very special people are our Guardian Angels.

This has been a challenging year financially and volunteers stepped up to assist with yard sales (Men's Ministry, Warren Baptist) and young Military from Ft Gordon, among others. Linda A. brought help and set up our Christmas sale and Tammy B. did a little of everything. – Several loyal donors went above and beyond their normal cash donations to help out. We cannot thank everyone enough who put forth special efforts all year long in order to keep us going when the going got tough. We are extremely blessed with our donors and volunteers, many who have been with us for years. They are the real "When HELP Can't Wait" and their loyalty does not go unnoticed.

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