

MISSION STATEMENT

To honor God, we serve and assist those who are experiencing homelessness and other critical needs by building bridges that lead to a more abundant life in Jesus Christ.

TODAY * FUTURE * PAST * HOPE

CHALLENGES

Senior citizens are becoming today's homeless population.

*"You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord."
Leviticus 19:32 ESV*

"The face of American homelessness is changing — into an older one".

What is the definition of homelessness?

Those living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they have temporarily resided.

Most of the individuals/families THS serves are considered to be among those described as the *"Hidden Homeless"*. These are the individuals who live with others temporarily, couch surfing/staying with friends, or in a single-family household with more than one family with those living in motels. Since these individuals are not easily identified, they are 'hidden' from the national statistics on homelessness.

Georgia is one of the 12 states in the United States with over 10,000 people experiencing homelessness.

These **HIDDEN HOMELESS** are among the

clients to whom THS Shelter offers a "bridge" to a more abundant life. These clients may be young single adults, families, or **SENIOR CITIZENS**. It has been predicted that the number of unhoused people who are 65 and older could triple by 2030.



The growing population of older homeless people comes largely from younger baby boomers. The homeless population of America, including Carroll County, is graying. Senior homelessness is often associated with elderly

abuse, most notably through financial abuse, predatory lending, and illegal evictions.

THS SHELTER is definitely witnessing this trend:

Since January THS has served an estimated 64 unduplicated senior citizens 55 years old or older.

The following are examples of the many cases involving homeless senior citizens whom THS has recently served with your monetary help.

CASE #1: This is the Original Texts from the following senior client:

“ I Am homeless and I need

A place to stay till I can get back on my feet .I am A elder Lady alone and no place to sleep except in my car .
(And _____at Tabernacle told me about the home My Name is_____ I am 78 years old And if you can help me I would appreciate it.”

“This is _____ I am still working with my banks and I was told by _____ to text ya'll to see if you could help another week for I have got to be out tomorrow. If so I would be very greatly to ya'll for what ya'll have already done for me Thanks for everything that ya'll are doing for me

When I get on my feet I will give back to you for everything that y'all have done. May God Bless y'all “

The above text is from a very active and motivated 78- year- old was a victim of a financial scam and lost her money. Since this individual was victimized, her life has suffered a downward spiral. To date, she has lost her car and her part time job. Her credit is ruined, and she is not eligible to get into housing without a grantor even if housing were available.

With funds you provide, THS Shelter is often able to assist those who are not able to care for their own health and safety, typically due to limited fixed income, fraud, or severe mental illness. Many such clients are left to their own devices with no further assistance from family and have exhausted financial assistance from community service providers.



CASE #2:

The elderly female client seen here does not receive adequate Social Security income to meet her needs. As a result she is often left unsheltered and without sufficient food or clothing. She walks the streets during the day, which has already resulted in two

serious car accidents as a pedestrian - one leaving her with a broken pelvis and the other with a broken arm. She is also not allowed back at several shopping areas and motels due to her behavior, which can be very destructive and argumentative because of her mental issues.. THS Shelter has paid for much of her motel expenses and various other needs. As in this case, there are times when circumstances become so extreme for a client that THS volunteers often serve as advocates to obtain other services, which may include petitioning the courts to take guardianship and control finances. THS is currently in the process of a formal appeal to the courts to assist this client; however, it is a very long, frustrating process, especially if the client refuses to cooperate.



CASE #3:

The senior gentleman whose foot is pictured came to THS from the hospital. With him was his adult medical/mentally challenged son. The elderly gentleman was a severe diabetic and had already had a toe removed. The father and son had lost

their home in a fire and had been living in the woods and in and out of motels. With funds provided by you, THS walked alongside them for several weeks helping with shelter and food, seeing they got to appointments, and assisting in acquiring needed documents. During this time there were many trips and stays at the hospital. Eventually the father ended up in another hospital. where his foot was removed and shortly afterward he passed away.

We have learned that the son is now living close to a sister in a building not fit for habitation. THS is in touch with the needy sister and does what we can to offer assistance.

“Show me your faith without anything, and I will show you my faith by what I do.” James 2:18(NCV)

Prayer: Lord, help us to be open to the challenge of helping others.

If it were not for you, our giving community, THS Shelter would not be able to offer services to help bridge those in need to a more abundant life in Jesus Christ.

SUCCESSSES

You helped THS with the resources to provide this **senior** adult client with shelter, food, hygiene, and clothing while provisions were being made to place her in a state assisted program. This process was accomplished by partnering with Carrollton Police Department, Carroll Mental Health Advocacy, and the Soup Kitchen. Otherwise, this elderly woman might have continued to be on the streets.



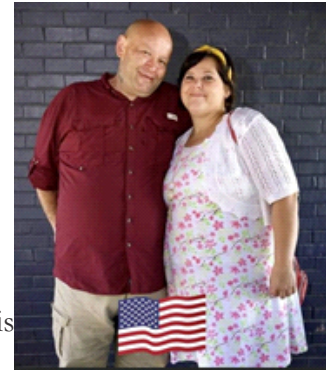
Case #1 Client quote:
With your financial support THS Shelter was able to help Michael with an eye exam and special prescription glasses so he could start a new job. Thank you for the funds received to make this possible.

OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS SUCCESS CASES

Through the persistent efforts of two dedicated volunteers who made countless phone calls as well as numerous trips, THS Shelter was also able to assist two other senior clients with residence in personal care homes. .

THS volunteers assisted another senior client in finding residence in a local housing facility. Volunteers also helped with his down payment, and physically helped to move the client into the facility.

While THS has aided a number of senior citizens, we have also helped others in need. We are happy to share the following two success stories:



THS is so happy for this couple. Their major need now is a car so they can get back and forth to work.

CASE #2: With your help THS has assisted this couple with shelter, clothing, and food. Recovering addicts, they both attend CMHA for mental health support and have both found employment. They have joined Freedom Point Church, been baptized, and are attending classes at Pathways. We recently celebrated with them the passing of a drug test that is required for them to be awarded visitations with their children. They are scheduled to move into their own apartment in August.

OTHER EVENTS:



On THE TABLE

THS Shelter hosted two tables for The Community Foundation of West Georgia's annual On THE TABLE event. As a result of conversations, grant proposals were submitted and two were awarded.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

THS Shelter volunteers, Laddie Carter and Denise Swanson, spoke to the League of Women Voters of Carrollton/Carroll County concerning local area homelessness, and Kim Jones from Community Foundation shared information on the new Connector Project.



FUNDRAISER

The Resolution Run held on New Years Day at City Station as sponsored was sponsored by Tyler and Christin Woodard, owners of SOLE ROOTS RUNNING CO. Proceeds from the run were donated to THS SHELTER. **THANK YOU** to all Sponsors and participants for making this possible.



Right: The Carrollton Police Department Crisis Team surprised THS volunteers with donuts.



● **COMMENTS FROM OTHER CLIENTS YOU HAVE SERVED by giving to THS SHELTER**

Your donations have made it possible for THS to assist many grateful clients. We must admit that there are times when we are unable to assist repeat clients who have failed to follow the THS requirements for improving their circumstances. While withholding assistance is never easy, it is sometimes necessary to encourage clients to help themselves. **ACTUAL TEXT QUOTES OF APPRECIATION from Clients:**

“I want you and everyone that put themselves out there to help a complete stranger know I have not had anyone in my life that showed me love and kindness in such a long time. It is a great feeling to know there are Earthly Angels still around. Thank you. and Bonnie and each person involved in being such wonderful new friends. If need be can I stay in contact with you. May God richly bless each of you ❤️”

“Thank you for all that you have done for my family. We greatly appreciate the financial assistance but most of all we appreciate your prayers. I pray that God will continue to pour out blessings for your organization and for each of you individually!!”

“Thank you for all yall have done for [my son] and me. . . . I lived in [a] hotel for about 3 years and y'all helped us with food and rent assistance. Y'all are God sent for the community.”

“Hey I wanted to thank you all for helping me and my brother it's been a rough time since we really had a place to rest a little bit we are just both tired . Thank you so much the good lord listens if you have faith. David”

“we are very thankful for u guys and I give u my word we are gonna make a good future for our babies they deserve it and you guys helped up make a better one for them and I wanna say thank you I just wanted you guys to know about my seriousness to make a better situation for my family”

“Oh thank you so much I really needed this I'm very grateful for your help it's been over a year since iv slept in a bed”

“ I thank you so much and I thank God so much for putting you in my life for putting you in my children's lives I appreciate everything that you did for me today and my children”

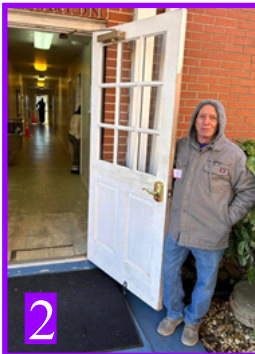
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BLESSING DAY EVENT:

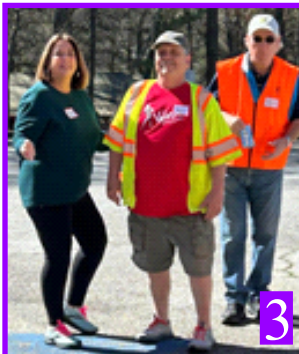
THS SHELTER held our first BLESSING DAY EVENT in February. Volunteers helped guests shop free of charge for hygiene products, food, clothing, Bibles, blankets, towels, sheets, backpacks, sleeping bags, tents, tarps, and gift cards. We even gave away a bicycle. Twenty five THS volunteers served 65 individuals. It was a day of blessing for both guests and volunteers. Thank you to this giving community for donating and making this BLESSING DAY possible. And, thank you to the guests who came for allowing us to bless you. Also, THS is so grateful to West Georgia United Methodist Church for allowing us to use the whole first floor of their Educational Building to house the event.



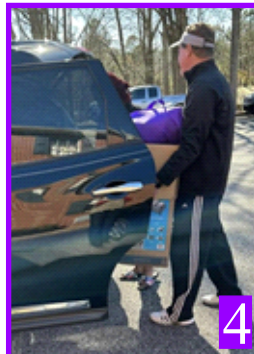
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1. Board member Doug Vassy and other volunteers gather for instructions and prayer 2. “Doorkeeper” Skip greets guests 3. Board Member Denise Swanson and volunteers Kelvin Graham, and David Lassiter man the parking lot. (not pictured is Danny Favors and Jay Swanson 4. Board member Bill Stone helps guests load their car 5-6. Guests shop for food and hygiene items. 7. Ronnie, Sydney and board member Kay Stone give out Bibles and talk with guests about Jesus.

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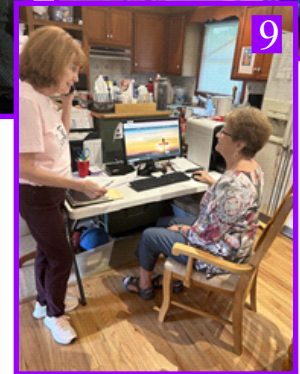
SPOTLIGHT OF VOLUNTEERS

From January to June of this year approximately 30 dedicated volunteers have served over 200 hours a week for THS Shelter. With the new efforts of THE CONNECTOR project, we anticipate the on-going need for additional volunteers. Below, we continue our newsletter tradition, of spotlighting a few of our current volunteers.

“The way to help people in desperate need is to see each one as an individual with a unique story and come alongside to listen and talk to them.’God never gives up on us, so we should never give up on anyone else’.” Missionary in French Quarters in New Orleans, Kay Bennett

Native plant specialist and volunteer, Carol Hight, explains how many weeds, such as the delicate Queen Anne Lace, are host plants to insects that are of great value to our ecology. At THS, we understand the analogy as applied to those we serve; they also have special gifts from the Holy Spirit which are intended to serve the rest of us and bridge them to a more productive life.

“People experiencing homelessness are just that: PEOPLE! “



1. Author and volunteer, Jill Entrekin, assist with writing and editing THS News.
2. Linda Houston accepts donations of tents and backpacks.
3. Volunteers Sandra Jones and Sheila Sidney prepare folders for client's information.
4. Shelia McKinley talks with a client to confirm information.
5. Courtney Smith volunteers behind the scene keeping the THS office spic'n span for the other volunteers.
6. Marie Guynn, volunteers doing multiple duties. She assists in

- writing grants, and is an advocate to clients..
7. Michelle Lewis is THS' historian and also performs other duties when needed.
8. Jane White and husband Ronnie (not pictured) coordinate clothing. Jane also helps with calling clients and many other volunteer services.
9. Volunteer Claudia Hudgins talks on the phone with a client while Volunteer, Maxine Carroll puts information in the computer.

PAST or PRESENT

with our founding in 2014 as an overnight shelter, we soon added several in-house programs.

Then COVID...

“In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.” Proverbs 16:9

Together with your financial help and prayers, we learned new ways to arrange and pay for services by phone. We continue today to operate with a system of text /emails questionnaires and phone interviews. This allows us to provide appropriate financial benevolence and informed counsel, along with referrals to other agencies.

With your support in the first six month period of 2023, THS has served approximately 550 unduplicated adults and 200-plus unduplicated children. We estimate that in 2023 we will serve over 1,200 unduplicated adults and 350-plus unduplicated children.

As noted earlier in the letter senior citizens are the rising population of those experiencing homelessness. In the first six months of 2023 THS served 31 unduplicated senior individuals 60 years old or older.

Since we are an all volunteer, 501(c)3 agency, over 92% of our budget goes to direct client services. In the first 6 months of 2023, 64% of THS benevolent expenses went to pay motel costs, 17% for rent, 7% for utilities, and 12% to other needs (transportation, phone service, clothing, food, laundry, personal documents, etc.)

FUTURE

THS is proud to announce that we have been working with Community Foundation of West Georgia along with other non-profits in West Georgia to implement **THE CONNECTOR!**

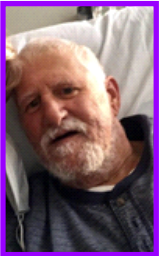
The Connector is a central hub that will quickly connect those in need with services. For detailed information about the Connector Project visit, www.cfwg.net.



Through this effort, we envision helping Carroll, Heard and Haralson Counties to:

- Clarify community resources and best services access points
- Offer a single point of request, via on-line, phone or in person, streamlining the process when seeking help
- Provide client with what they need, when they need it to help support paths of self sufficiency
- Create a collaborative and cooperative model between service providers to allow efficient service delivery
- Provide a user-friendly data portal, accessible by all service providers, connecting member agencies through data share
- Leverage data collected from clients and partner agencies (as they address needs) to better understand trends of needs and solutions
- Establish a foundation for a future community model to support thoughtful and intentional change

IN MEMORY

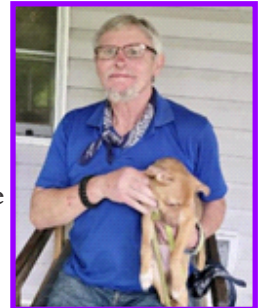


Bill Brown

Bill Brown, better known as "GrumpyTeddy Bear ", was a client of THS since 2015. We began to see his decline in health. One particular morning when he came by the shelter office to get a shower, we had to transport him to Tanner ER. He was eventually moved to Our Lady of Perpetual Care Home in Atlanta where he received loving care until his death. Funeral arrangements, as well as all the expenses, were provided by Our Lady of Perpetual Care Home .

Johnny Lemont Parker

On June 11,2023, a Celebration of Life service was held in memory of Johnny Parker, a guest/client of THS Shelter since its founding in 2014. When THS was able to secure his Social Security Disability and a stable living environment, Johnny commented that it was his first home other than a jail, a rehab facility or a shelter that he'd had since he was a child. While Johnny's life was far from easy, his faith in Christ Jesus never faltered.



Joe Foreman

Joe first came to THS Shelter's overnight stay program in 2018. He was so polite, always helping others, guests and volunteers. He eventually was a client of the Hope Center but would often drop by just for a visit.

Kenneth Stamps

Kenneth passed away in April from complications with diabetes. He was a client of THS for several months and was always concerned for his son.



Volunteer: Skip Ordway January 27,1949-April 27, 2023

Skip Ordway passed away on Thursday, April 27, 2023.

He truly had a servant's heart and was always willing to assist those in need in many different ways. He served as a volunteer with THS since 2016.



June Grizzard Maxwell, known as "Mama June"

August 18,1931-July 14, 2023

Mama June was the instigator of THS's first Fundraiser,, Mama June's FRIED CHICKEN JUBILEE, in 2018.. We will forever be indebted to her heart for the homeless and for her support of THS Shelter.

HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Along with You we can be like the moon reflecting the Light of Jesus to others.

You can Volunteer:

You can commit to pray for our clients and for the THS Shelter.

Volunteers are needed on Tuesday and Wednesday on a consistent basis either for all day or in 3-hour shifts. See the service areas below for opportunities to serve.

- Social Media/Historian: Updating THS Shelter information on social media; monitoring posts from clients; Maintain scrapbook of THS activities/events
- Office Duties: Filing, emailing, texting, scheduling, conducting phone interviews, etc.
- Client Advocates: Assisting clients with their personal goals;
- Financial Services: Assist with completing/maintaining agency expense logs; recording/reconciling donations; assisting with QuickBooks
- Community Liaison: Communication with other community agencies; update information on community programs/services

You can contribute needed items:

- Gift Cards: \$5-\$10 at Stores, Gas Stations, Fast Food restaurants
- Bottled water
- Gatorade
- Laundromat gift cards (WashBowl)
- Backpacks
- Postal Stamps (Forever stamps)
- Tents: 2-3 man
- Sleeping Bags
- Packaged snacks

You are our blessing! Because of your donations, we can help bridge others to a more abundant life in Jesus Christ. We thank you for your support in the past. We pray for your continued support in the future as we press forward in our mission to help the homeless.

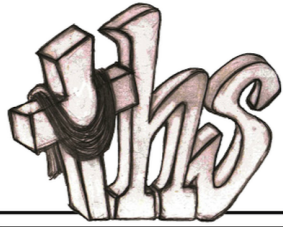
You can make Financial Donations:

WAYS TO MAKE FINANCIAL DONATIONS:

Donations can now be made to THS Shelter through Community Foundation of West Georgia (CFWG). As a 501(c)3 agency, they are managing all of our donations.

So, now there are more options to donate. You can . . .

- Mail a check directly to:
THS Shelter
P.O. Box 1604
Carrollton, GA 30112
- Write a check to THS Shelter and send it to:
CFWG
807 South Park Street
Carrollton, GA 30117
- Transfer your donation directly from your CFWG account to our [NEW](#) THS Shelter account with CFWG
- Donate online at our website, www.THShelter.com
 - Either Donate Button accepts credit cards
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 - PayPal button on the “Support Us” page



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