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Director's Corner



"And so with the sunshine and the great bursts of leaves growing on the trees, just as things grow in fast movies, I had that familiar conviction that life was beginning over again with the summer."

—F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby

Good News Outreach participants experienced having a life that was beginning anew again this summer. We are ecstatic to report that:

Archie successfully completed the Mercy House Men's Re-Entry Program and transitioned to the Maryland Oaks Crossing community to continue his reunification efforts with his daughter.

Kiara successfully completed the Mercy House Women's Re-Entry Program, reunited with her children, and is working in a management role at McDonald's.

Randall relocated from Maryland Oaks Crossing community to our permanent senior housing (Better Angels) location.

A new Southside Tallahassee food distribution location was established thanks to a volunteer partnership between New Life United Methodist Church and Good Samaritan United Methodist Church.

We thank you for your generous donation of time, talent, and treasure which gives Archie, Kiara, Randall and others an opportunity for a life that begins over again.

CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends of Good News Outreach:

Each year, as part of the Prayer Breakfast, Good News Outreach's Board of Directors takes the opportunity to thank and recognize individuals and businesses for their extraordinary support of our agency through our presentation of the Guardian Angel Award and the Dove Award. The <u>Guardian Angel Award</u> is given to an individual or business that has made a significant contribution to the agency of their time, talent, or treasure that is above and beyond the boundaries of their position or volunteer role in support of GNO's programs and clients. The <u>Dove Award</u> is awarded to a longtime individual volunteer who has given a substantial amount of their time as a GNO volunteer over a period of years. A partial list of our past winners is below. Visit our website for full listing.

Dove Award Past Recipients:

2020: Steve & Marilyn Hammond

2021: Suzanne Printy 2022: Colin Yaury

Guardian Angel Award Past Recipients:

2020: Virginia Glass

2021: Deb Berlinger

2021: Dr. Charles Rockwood

2022: Chapman Community Health Program at FSU College of Medicine

We are currently accepting nominations for this year's award. Please send your nominations before July 31st to our Executive Director Cheval Breggins at: chevalb@goodnewsoutreach.org.

Kevin Forsthoefel Board Chair

Good News Outreach...







We would like to wish Director of Operations, David Dobbs a blessed and happy farewell as he departs to pursue other interests and special projects!

We would like to welcome Crystal Cromartie to Good News Outreach as our new Food Pantry Assistant.



Mercy House Re-entry Program

Good News Outreach would like to congratulate Ronnie Walker for successful completion of the Mercy House Re-entry Program. Ronnie has moved back to Gainesville, GA with family. Good job Ronnie, we are so proud of you!



Good News Outreach would like to congratulate Billy Boone upon graduating from Lively Technical Community College.

Good job Billy, we are so proud of you!

Our Mercy House residents are so appreciative of the second chance afforded them. We hear stories and receive thanks for all that Good News Outreach provides for them. When each person is released from prison, we are there to pick them up and take them to their new home for the next 12 months. When they arrive, each are given new bedding, bath and shower, and personal hygiene items. The men reside in two homes, both of which are in need of some tender loving care. The women reside in two apartments alongside our Better Angels senior residents. Though the apartments are in relatively good condition, the furnishings are also in need of replacing.

Home is a place where one can feel safe and comfortable. We wish to allow our Mercy House residents to feel the same way. They have gone through enough and paid their debt to society. Giving them a little peace of mind and comfort is the godly thing to do. You can help make this happen for them. Donations of new or gently used sofas, love seats, chairs/recliners, coffee and/or end tables, lamps, dressers, curtains, rugs, decorations, cell phones, purses/wallets, or other household items would be immensely appreciated. On a more personal note, donations of gift cards to hair and nail salons for the women and barber shops for the men would make their day. Again, we appreciate any and all of you for considering donating to Mercy House, and as you do, may God reciprocate and bless you! Thank you.

Plan on attending the Tallahassee Beer Fest on August 26th? GREAT! SUPPORT GOOD NEWS OUTREACH by entering our unique code: "GNO" when purchasing your ticket!! For more info, visit our website at: goodnewsoutreach.org THANK YOU!!!

Save the Date for Good News Outreach's 2023 Prayer Breakfast coming Saturday, September 30th at St. John's Episcopal Church, 211 N. Monroe St. Doors open at 8:30 am, event begins at 9:00 am. Keynote speaker is Kez McCorvey, former FSU and professional football player and current Regional Director of Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Purchase tickets on our website at: goodnewsout-PRAYER BREAKFAST

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