



Good NEWS from Emmaus

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Volunteer Shifts:

Monday– Friday

9-12 noon

1-3 P.M.

3-4:30 P.M.

**Saturday and Sunday
by appointment only**

**Volunteers are needed to
sort donations in
The Attic,**

- **be GALPALS to homeless women and children, and**
- **provide office support for the organization.**

“H” is for...

... “homeless” for 1 in every 50 children in our country. Worse yet, Georgia is 49th in child homelessness per capita according to a National Center of Family Homelessness study completed in 2009. Read what one of our teenagers, a 13 year old youth, wrote about being homeless.



What Homelessness Means to Me by Z.T.

About two and a half months ago, my mother came in from work and said that we were going to have to move. Well, we’d done that before so, O.K., but this time it was because we were evicted. (In case you don’t know, evicted means thrown out!) One day you have a place to live and the next you don’t. Some families have to live in the car, some move in with relatives. We’d already done that. My aunt said “Never again!” But my mom knew about Emmaus Women’s Shelter. We came there with everything we owned in three garbage bags. They made us feel welcome, arranged for me to get to school the very first day and I didn’t have to tell anyone what had happened. Thank you Emmaus Women’s Shelter.

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The Collard Patch Comes to Downtown Lagrange

Life skills are essential to daily survival. When those skills are never acquired or have been ignored and forgotten, survival can become a dream. For homeless women who have no idea how to procure food with-

assistance we teach gardening skills. M.N. is proud of her collard patch. Gar-



dening is one of many skills women can learn at Oak-Haven Women’s Day Center. If you have a talent in marketing, cooking, sewing, knitting/crochet, writing, etc. and are willing to share with homeless women, contact Anne Marshall, 706-883-7471 to schedule an appointment.

To volunteer email us at: Volunteer@EmmausShelter.com

2010 Service Report



81 women and
32 children



79,072 meals



364 Bible Study
events



822 case man-
agement hours



8100 loads of
laundry

**"...nationally,
the number of
homeless people
was essentially
unchanged from
2009 to 2010."**

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Sierra Club/Troup Beautiful Work at Emergency Shelter

Volunteers from the Sierra Club of LaGrange participated in Troup Beautiful clean up by performing a much needed make-over on the EWS Emergency Shelter's front lawn.



Members of Sierra Club of Lagrange and resident youths work at EWS emergency shelter to provide beauty and safety for residents.

Clearing landscape debris, trimming shrubs and planting colorful begonias in the boxes has made our shelter look much more like a home. The

landscaping has provided additional security to the property by eliminating hiding places for prowlers, and allowing neighbors and passers-by to observe suspicious activity.

Thanks to The Sierra Club for their wonderful service to Emmaus Women's Shelter, homeless women and their children.

National Point In Time Count Results Are In

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has just released data from the January PIT count, showing that the number of homeless families increased by a mere 1.5 percent in 2010. However there was a three percent increase in the number of homeless people who were unsheltered. Indications are that there continues to be insufficient

shelter beds for homeless individuals and families.

It is also important to note that the full impact of the recession on homelessness has yet to be seen. "Homelessness is a lagging indicator of economic tides and upward pressures on homelessness will continue," says Nan Roman, president of the National Alliance to End

Homelessness.

The PIT Survey in Troup County indicates that of the approximately 500 individuals using community services, 218 are homeless.

For complete details go to www.www.hudhre.info/CoC_Reports/2010_pops_sub_FULLL.pdf

What Does the Bible Have to Say About Fundraising?

With the help of internationally recognized fundraising expert, Marc Pitman, Extreme Fundraising Coach, EWS has the right plan for fundraising. We remain committed to being a faith-based ministry that the LORD has provided to this community. We must use the resources God is providing as best we can. Thanks to presenting sponsor Amanda Brown State Farm, a public seminar was held to teach others about

fundraising. Emmaus Women's Shelter hosted the seminar where we learned that **Moses** followed the Lord's instructions 100%, and that was possible because he had been communing with God and listening. **Nehe-miah** accepted a challenge from the LORD and fearlessly asked and was granted for more than he even imagined was required. **Paul** accepted gifts from wealthy women. **Jesus** received support from someone in King Herod's

court. Where God abides, God provides. Everyone in attendance was advised to Get R.E.A.L. **Research, Engage, Ask, Love.** More information about Mr. Pitman is available at www.fundraisingcoach.com. Emmaus Women's Shelter is getting R.E.A.L. We need for more conservative Christians who prefer to direct their own giving to make their gift today. *You haven't given to us at the office. Give Today!*

Donate www.EmmausShelter.com [click Donate]

HEARTS FOR THE HOMELESS

Kingdom Investments for EWS

“And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters you were doing it to me!’”

Would it be a stretch to say that when you have helped “the least of these” (homeless women and children) you have made an investment into the Kingdom?

Investment– Putting money

into something with the expectation of return.

Proverbs 19:17 He who is kind to the poor lends to the LORD and he will reward him for what he has done.

Hebrews 6:10 says “God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

Emmaus Women’s Shelter helps homeless women and their children. When you help us to help them, we believe that you have invested in God’s Kingdom.



Make your Kingdom Investment now through PayPal.

Family News

Despite the tough economic times, Emmaus Women’s Shelter continues to positively impact the lives of families in our program.

Jobs. Several EWS families have experienced job losses like many others in LaGrange and Troup County. Case managers are working diligently with these families to assist them in finding new employment. Unemployed clients are asked to 1) meet weekly with their case manager; 2) complete 15 job contacts and submit a minimum of 5 applications/resumes per week; and 3) utilize employment/training resources weekly as rec-

ommended by the case manager.



Transportation. Especially in these tough economic times, the problem of affordable transportation is one our staff wrestles with frequently. If you can assist in this area, please contact Shirley Andrews, Operations director at 706-883-7471.

The Emergency Shelter. The house for our emergency shelter was built in the early ‘50’s and has plaster walls and ceiling

and hardwood floors. In the fall and early spring, it is a wonderful place to sleep, but in both winter and summer a comfortable temperature is difficult to maintain. We need thermal draperies for the windows in 3 bedrooms, the living room, and the dining room. This is a total of 8 “regular” windows and a “picture window.” If you are changing your window treatments, we just know your old ones would be beautiful in our windows! Call Anne Marshall to donate (706-883-7471).

OakHaven Day Center. GalPals, Attic Companions and teachers are needed weekdays and weekends.

Donate items at 321-B Greenville Street



A Message from the director

To all the volunteers, prayer warriors, and donors to the work of Emmaus Women’s Shelter, we say a long, loud “Thank you!” You are the lifeblood of the Emmaus Women’s Shelter ministry. You are providing the hands and feet of Jesus to the women we serve.

Emmaus Women’s Shelter is a faith-based, Christian ministry to homeless women and their children. We depend on the gener-

osity of the family of God to provide services to women and their children.

Primarily, we provide service to the homeless women of LaGrange and Troup County. Our services include our 24/7 emergency shelter and OakHaven Women’s Day Center.

At the day center, homeless and precariously housed women can take a hot shower; do a load of laundry; have a permanent

mailing address; enjoy a hot, family style meal; and most important of all...receive the love of God, demonstrated through the kindnesses performed by staff and volunteers.

It is amazing to watch a life changed, and a family restored. We thank everyone who participates with us...donors, volunteers and prayer warriors, alike.



Mark 9:41 Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name ... will certainly not lose their reward.

We’re on the web:
www.EmmausShelter.com



Fill the House

Provide non perishable food and paper products for the day center and emergency shelter.

Change changes things

Make a change for homeless children by filling a House Bank with your pocket change. These coins will provide shelter, school supplies, and afterschool snacks.

Emmaus Women’s Shelter

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