



A NOTE FROM CLIFF

Greenhouse Ministries is beginning its 18th year and as we continue to grow, we are able to serve thousands of people because of the generosity of caring partners like you. As you look at this report and read the statistics you will be able to see how God has allowed us to meet not just the basic needs of the underserved, but the deeper needs as well. The two fold vision of meeting needs and providing a venue for the community to volunteer their time and talents to serve is being met.

Our clients receive the help, education and connections that they need, and our volunteers receive an environment to use their God given abilities to serve in an impactful way.

Without the partnership of volunteers and financial partners, these thousands of services could not have happened. Our utmost gratitude to all who contributed time, talent and treasure to make our community a great place to live.

Thank you for making 2016 an amazing year. You are truly transforming lives and sharing the hope of Jesus in a powerful way. I hope this report fills your heart with joy for all that God has done this year through faithful supporters like you!

Blessings,

Cliff and Jane Sharp, Executive Directors of Greenhouse Ministries

MEET PERCY

Percy is a part-time employee at Greenhouse Ministries. Percy has his own home, a job, and is living a wonderful life. However; this was not always the case. Percy moved to Murfreesboro 4½ years ago from Florence, Alabama and quickly found himself homeless. With no one to turn to, he stumbled upon Greenhouse Ministries, and that is where his journey with us began.

Percy met with Cliff and Jane Sharp and they decided to let him into our homeless men's housing program, The Wellspring Program. Greenhouse Ministries supplied Percy with everything he needed:

food, a place to stay, and the opportunity to form deep relationships with God and the people in our community. After a year of holistic support from Greenhouse Ministries, Percy was able to move out on his own and live fully independent. But the story does not stop there! Percy began coming back to volunteer at Greenhouse, and eventually was hired part time to work in the warehouse and go on our food and furniture pickups. Percy is now fully functioning independently and has the hope that only comes from Jesus.



HELP: 2016 At a Glance

CLOTHES, FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES DONATIONS



165,892 lbs. of clothing, household items, books, shoes and misc. donations received



68,399 lbs. of food donated



We had 225 furniture pickups



860 clients received toiletries

1,485 clients received clothes and shoes



24 children and adults had bicycles repaired for free at the Recycle Bike Event



130 parents received baby formula & diapers



3,979 food boxes were given to families in desperate need of food



50 bikes were given to clients who had no transportation to get to work



78 clients received services from our Nursing Clinic



27 clients received services from a chiropractor in our

office



113 clients received gas vouchers



949 sack lunches were given to homeless adults in desperate need of food

29 clients received furniture/ appliances



19 clients received financial help to get a state issued ID in order to get a job

114 clients received services from our occupational therapy interns



853 clients were served at our free Legal Clinic

739 clients came in for free bread or a cup of coffee and sit in a warm, dry place





10 formerly chronically homeless men were housed in our Wellspring Program, and 2 successfully graduated and are living independently.

EDUCATE



234 adults attended a free class



102 clients graduated from a class



7 clients worked with a tutor towards their HSE



3 client passed their HSE test

CONNECT



5 churches partnered with our Hand Up for New Hope Program



84 clients attended our National Night Out



We had 34 interns from various colleges (3 social work and 31 occupational therapy)



8 clients joined our Hand Up for New Hope Program



518 community leaders attended the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast on National Day of Prayer hosted by Greenhouse Ministries



40 Days of Prayer led by community ministers leading up to our second Game Day event

MEET MISS BETTIE

Miss Bettie Markham is Greenhouse Ministries' "do-itall" volunteer. She has volunteered for over two years and is here every day of the week to keep our food pantry in top condition. She also handles the coffee ministry, cleans the building, does the laundry and anything else that needs to be done. We honestly do not know what we would do without her.

Miss Bettie enables us to better serve our clients by keeping the food pantry organized with the hundreds of food donations we receive weekly. Miss Bettie also greets our clients in the front lobby as she distributes the coffee and bread. When Miss Bettie is around, the lobby lights up with joy. Miss Bettie puts everyone to shame with how much energy she has and no one can turn down a jar of her homemade jams and jellies. And, to top it all off, she turned 83-years-old this month. Miss Bettie is a full time volunteer but she somehow still has time for her 3 children, 10 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Miss Bettie is grace, wisdom and the energizer bunny all wrapped up into one beautiful woman.



22,747
VOLUNTEER
HOURS AT
GREENHOUSE



BUILDING THE GREENHOUSE! (update)

"And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and Man." - Luke 2:52

Since our founding in 1999, Greenhouse Ministries has seen an outpouring of support from the community who share our desires to serve the underserved. We have also seen exponential need for our services as our county and city have experienced unprecedented population growth. The Lord has been so faithful to grow our mission and organization just as the need has grown in our community. In 2014, we found ourselves at a precipice, challenged by the Lord to trust in Him even deeper than before and take

a huge leap of faith. That leap of faith is to take the dreams and visions for the future of Greenhouse Ministries and bring that future into the present.

Our future plans consist of building a new building to better run all of our operations. Our future will also consist of establishing an endowment that will insure the future financial stability of Greenhouse Ministries so that we can continue in our service in the community to Help, Educate and Connect.

On September 12, 2016, we put action with faith and

held our second annual Game Day fundraiser. Leading up to this day, as we did the year before, we prayed for 40 days for our country, our state, our local government, for our community and for our future; and the Lord heard our prayers.

As of now, we have raised \$610,406 towards our campaign! We have already begun our future building plans by purchasing the lot behind our current building. Our campaign is on an amazing journey, but we still have a long way to go.

We are thankful for your generosity and believe that your continued partnership will be the key to bringing the vision for Greenhouse Ministries into reality.









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