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ReCYCLE Bike Repair Event



The bike repair event took place on June 3. It was a hot day, but the breeze and friendly people made the event enjoyable! We had 7 eager volunteers who worked endlessly to repair 34 bikes. Their knowledge, patience, and passion for humanity made the event possible. The Experience Community Church provided 38 boxes of pizza to feed the volunteers and clients. From bike seats to pedals, and handle bars to tire tubes, it was a sight to see piles of parts in waiting donated by MOAB Bike Shop. Smiles and even a few tears came from the old bikes being made new!



GET TO KNOW GREENHOUSE

Our Greenhouse spotlight this month is volunteer, **Michael Settlemyer**. Michael volunteers as a counselor. His wisdom is impressive and he acknowledges God in absolutely everything he does. Michael's heart for our clients is evident in the way he listens and treats each one with respect. Read below to get to know him more!

- 1. How long have you volunteered at Greenhouse?**
I have been volunteering for at least six years. I moved here from Florida seven years ago. I was looking to volunteer somewhere and Greenhouse actually called me for help.
- 2. What is your favorite part about working here?**
I am a very introverted person. When I came to Greenhouse, God changed that. God made me a talkative person. I get to see Him work in me. The word says He works in your weakness.
- 3. If you could stay one age forever what would it be. Why?**
Honestly, life is full of excitement. Personally, I don't know if one age is better than the other. It is constantly changing with excitement. Just like locations, each one has something that the other location does not have. It is all enlightening no matter where you have been.

THANK YOU EXPERIENCE CHURCH!



Experience Community Church held a worship night on the square this month and it was so powerful. On top of that, they did a canned food drive for us and community members donated approximately 1,051 cans and over \$80 for our food pantry. Thank you Experience Community Church and everyone else involved!

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CLIFF'S NOTES

When visiting with Sam Gannon he relayed a conversation about Community Gardens. They will never be a success without a person who will “Champion” them and take ownership. As I reflected on his statement I thought of the volunteers who come to help at Greenhouse Ministries. We have so many who have chosen to volunteer and then gravitate to a place where they use their gifting to become a champion of an area. There is no way to list all of them, but I want to mention a few that some of the staff members felt really are champions.

In the office, we have several who are peer counselors. Michael not only counsels but helps guide new volunteers who need help. Darryl has taken charge of inputting client data; Annette, Annetta, and Peggy answer the phone, take intake forms and look up client information.



It takes hundreds of volunteer hours to keep things sorted and put in the right place at the warehouse. Beth, we call our shoe pastor since she sorts, organizes, and keeps the Garden Patch stocked with just the right ones. Donna, prices everything from cookware to “what nots.” Kelly and her four children come every week to sort and stock books. Brenda keeps the birthday, anniversary, and all types of cards sorted and stocked in the Garden Patch. Barbara can be found folding and sorting linens of all kinds. Annie goes about the business of putting clothes on hangers and getting them ready to go to either the community rack or up front to sell.

David comes daily to keep donated bicycles ready for people who need them for transportation. Jessie says that Roy and Kevin are her “dream team” on Thursday that allows her to catch up in keeping the warehouse and furniture store in order for the whole week. Miss Bettie, at age 83, keeps the food pantry organized and running well along with running the coffee ministry.

Someone recently asked where Greenhouse Ministries was located and when given directions said, “oh, that is next to the little boutique on Spring Street.” The Garden Patch is kept so well most people do not think of it as a “thrift store.” The staff and volunteers are constantly upgrading to make it a wonderful place to shop. Janet and Susie not only help arrange the items but help with personal shopping. Ginger and Ava use their decorating skills to keep everything pleasing to the eye.

I know when you start mentioning names you will always leave someone out so this is just a partial list of volunteers who are true Champions not only for their areas of expertise, but serving Greenhouse and in turn the community. This is the Jesus way of serving. Working because something needs to be done and not thinking about the praise you will receive or for personal pride.

Col 3:22-23 “..work not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

 Cliff Sharp is having a book signing for his book *Cliff's Notes* on July 18, from 10-1 at the Linebaugh Public Library! Stop by to get your autographed copy of Cliff's book. This book is dedicated to telling God's stories at Greenhouse. See you there! 

DONOR APPRECIATION MONTH

July is Donor Appreciation Month! Thank you once again to all of our donors for choosing to plant hope in the lives of your community members. We could not grow without you and we hope you know how appreciated you are. If you are a donor, be on the lookout for events happening this month!

THE PAST MONTH AT A GLANCE



Please make note that for the summer months Garden Patch Thrift Shoppe will be CLOSED on Saturdays. We will also not be taking donations on Saturdays.



During the month of May, volunteers gifted 1,289 hours of their time at Greenhouse Ministries! Our volunteers keep the energy high and allow us to serve more people. Thank you volunteers!



Leadership Rutherford is in the process of establishing 10 ambassadors for Greenhouse Ministries. They will be community members who will represent us in various outlets. They will focus on increasing awareness of the services we offer as well as assist in fundraising.



The Learning Center had two clients graduate from the budgeting class. Graduating includes three weeks of consecutive attendance and hard work that is poured into improving money management skills.



Oakland cheer squad put aside a day to serve in the community! As a team they decorated meal bags, sorted in the warehouse, and organized office supplies. (Pictured left)



Some of our staff took a group of our client's children on a canoeing and camping trip along the Stones River. This trip was made possible by The Maddox Charitable Fund. (Pictured right)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

July 4:
Happy 4th of July! (Greenhouse and Garden Patch will be closed)

July 13:
Volunteer Orientation

July 15:
Mobile Food Pantry

July 18:
Cliff Sharp's Book Signing

July 25:
Donor Open House

THANK YOU!

Girl Scout Troop 353 donated money from their cookie sale. The troop had a lesson about shopping on a budget, and together bought \$350 worth of food for the pantry! Thank you for putting your new skills to use and blessing Greenhouse!

Cub Scouts Troop 197 donated food to the pantry as well! Thank you for your hard work!

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints donated 430 lbs of food! Thank you!

Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 641 for donating 219.5 lbs of peanut butter and jelly!

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

In memory of: J.C. Williams
Donated by: Pat and Dave Whitaker

GREENHOUSE NEEDS:

- Items for our food pantry including:
 - Sugar, flour, corn meal
 - Pasta dinners
- Volunteers to help with furniture pickups
- Size 32 men's jeans for our clients