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THE GREENHOUSE NEWS

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GROWTH AT GREENHOUSE!

At Greenhouse Ministries, our motto is “Planting Hope in the ‘Boro” and lately we have been planting and growing like crazy! Our Learning Center is about to move back into the main Greenhouse Ministries building, making all Greenhouse operations at 309 S. Spring Street. We would like to thank First Baptist Church for allowing us to use their building for so many years to host our classes. Because of this growth, we are even more excited about the new building we are fundraising for. We cannot wait to share the new plans at our 3rd annual fundraising event, Game Day. For those interested in learning more about our building campaign, call or email Sarah Gwinn at sarah.gwinn@greenhousemin.org.



Special thanks to our Game Day 2017 event sponsors (pictured below) for making this event possible.

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GARDEN PATCH NEWS

BIG SUMMER BLOW OUT SALE!

It's time again for our Big Summer Blow Out Sale! This means HUGE savings on everything in the store! The sales are:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:
50% off EVERYTHING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:
60% off EVERYTHING

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:
70% off EVERYTHING

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:
80% off EVERYTHING

NEW STORE HOURS

We are so excited to announce beginning the first week of September, we will have extended hours on Thursdays. Don't let work or other commitments during the day get in the way of shopping at Garden Patch Thrift Shoppe! The new hours will be:

Tuesday-Wednesday: 10-5
Thursday: 10-8
Friday: 10-5

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HOURS OF OPERATION





Tuesday - Friday:
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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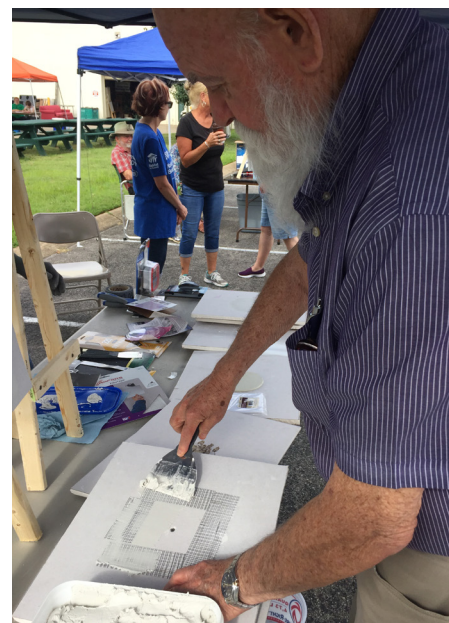
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THE PAST MONTH AT A GLANCE

-  We had a wonderful Mobile Food Pantry this month, thanks to Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee for the food and to our sponsors, Blackman United Methodist.
-  In the past month, our Thursday afternoon Legal Clinic saw 63 clients. This clinic is set up through the Rutherford/Cannon County Bar Association. The volunteer lawyers offer legal advice to anyone in need, all for free.
-  Our very own Michael Settlemyer won volunteer of the week through Volunteer Rutherford. Thank you for all of the hard work you do for our community Michael!
-  Deneen Glidwell with DreaminginColor, hosted a painting and pasta night where people brought pasta to donate to Greenhouse and spent the evening painting. Thank you all!

FIX-IT-FAIR 2017

Did you know it costs roughly \$75 each time you call a plumber to come fix your toilet? For most members of our community, that is an expense not in the monthly budget. Thanks to our partnership with Lowe's we were able to host our first annual Fix-It-Fair where we taught those who came how to save the \$75 and fix the toilet themselves! They also learned how to fix a leaky sink, dry wall patching, window caulking and even learned basic electrical safety. Thank you so much to **Lowe's** for bringing your employees and tools needed to teach these tutorials. Thank you also to **Pamela Randolph** for providing a delicious lunch for the tutorial attendees and the Lowe's employees. It was a blessed day!



CLIFF'S NOTES



Here is a great story from Mike Dugan, our director of counseling. I am always amazed at how God orchestrates situations and timing. But, we serve an amazing God.

The other day I had a sweet lady come in for food, who shared with me about her life and all that she had done—she had worked for the city, in retail, in the food industry, and she was very enthusiastic about each of those adventures.

Now she was very excited about her next endeavor—she was going to be a shift manager at a new fast food plaza right across from Nissan in Smyrna. This plaza will include Church's Chicken, Checker's Burgers, and several others fast food establishments. She was telling me that the regional director was also a pastor, and they were hiring like crazy—at all levels. When I went to go get this lady some food, this director called her. When I came back, she asked me if I wanted to talk with him—of course I did! We had a very nice conversation, and he talked about the fact that this was just the beginning, that they would soon be opening stores throughout the region, including a new stand-alone Church's in Murfreesboro. At the end of our conversation this pastor/director tells me, "if you send someone to me and they mention your name, I WILL hire them!"

Not an hour later a young man came in who had just been transitioned in his job at a temp service to a new location, he was being moved from a job here to one in Mt. Juliet. In the transition period, he was running short on resources. He was bright-eyed and bushy-tailed and really wanted to provide for his wife and two small children. He was doing warehouse work now, of necessity. He was new to the area, and I asked him if he knew how far it was to Mt. Juliet. He had not checked it out yet. He then Googled it, and was somewhat shocked and dismayed. He said he hadn't realized how far it was. I began to ask him about his work history. He said that he had cooked at several restaurants. He also said he had retail management experience! I asked him if he was a hard worker—he said absolutely. I knew he was the perfect candidate as a fast-tracker in this new restaurant chain. I gave him the information and told him to call the man hiring! He was so excited he could hardly wait to call him.

I have a feeling this is going to be a match made in heaven. In the words of B.A. Barracus in the A-Team, "I love it when a plan comes together!" I love those God appointments—God's timing is always perfect! God says, "I know the plans that I have for you...plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." This young man is now experiencing exactly what Jeremiah 29:11 is talking about!

One of the exciting things about being at Greenhouse is the ability to see God working on a daily basis. We thank you in advance for your prayers, for your time volunteering and for your financial support. Your financial support is greatly appreciated during the summer when donations are typically lower. We encourage you to partner with us, so you too can see God working at Greenhouse Ministries!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September 11, 6:30 p.m.:
Game Day Fundraiser

September 14, 10-12:
Volunteer Orientation

September 19-22:
Big Summer Blowout Sale in the
Garden Patch Thrift Shoppe

September 23, 9-12:
Oil Change Event

THANK YOU!

Lascassas Baptist Church donated 750 lbs of food, diapers, shampoo and water. We will be able to serve more clients thanks to you!

Thank you also to Bill Taylor's School of Karate for donating 623 lbs of food. You all have made a difference in the lives of our clients.

Another thank you to Northridge FCE for your kind donation of food to our food pantry!

LongHorn Steakhouse donated four containers full of meat and potatoes to give to our clients. Thank you LongHorn Steakhouse for investing in our ministry.

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

In honor of: **Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Goodman**

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GREENHOUSE NEEDS:

1. We are in desperate need of volunteers to help on Tuesday and Thursdays with food and furniture pickups.
2. We are looking for host couples for our Tuesday and Thursday evening classes.