

# CHRISTIAN SHELTER

Salisbury, Maryland



2022

## ANNUAL REPORT

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### YEAR 2022 TOUTS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS AFTER SLOW START

**G**reetings and Happy New Year to everyone! On behalf of the Christian Shelter's board, staff, volunteers and guests, we thank you for your support and prayers for our Christ-driven mission. During the year 2022, the Christian Shelter quietly emerged from the Covid-19 pandemic. Last year we experienced an increase in the number of guests-under-shelter, and we completed several facility projects that needed our attention.

During the previous two years – while crippled by the pandemic – the Shelter's daily guests numbered only in the teens (we screen all potential guests for Covid to ensure a virus-free space). Because the Shelter was not crowded as a result, we were able to direct some of our energy and gifts towards some much-overdue maintenance projects. We would rather direct our financial gifts we receive towards supporting our guests, but the unusual circumstance presented the opportunity to undertake renovations and maintenance activities with minimal disruptions to our small number of guests.

With kudos to some hardworking volunteers and the Rotary Club of Salisbury, we planned, funded and put labor into a major office renovation. This project was long overdue, and it afforded many benefits including a more comfortable, spacious and welcoming atmosphere for both employees and visitors. The crumbling sub-floor was replaced as was the flooring and office furniture. The walls and trim were repainted by volunteers. We give a hearty shout-out to two Salisbury companies which donated time and materials to this overhaul: Value Carpet One for the new flooring, and Telewire, Inc., which re-wired the security camera system. The entire renovation was made possible by 310 hours of volunteer labor provided by the Rotary Club of Salisbury.

During the middle of the summer, a large HVAC unit decided it was time to quit. This type of unexpected repair is inevitable

when dealing with a building as old and large as our facility. Later, we renovated the bathrooms and showers in several of our guest rooms. This work updates and modernizes the efficiency and comfort that we want our guests to enjoy while they address their troubled lives. We can't overstate the importance of support from local organizations, service groups, churches and businesses. As the Lord has blessed you, many of you are blessing others by supporting the Christian Shelter.

As 2022 came to a close, the total number of guests in-house rebounded to the 40-50 range. With the return of our client population came a similar rebound in operations and services. Looking forward to 2023, we are excited to announce a new partnership with The Wellness Center, a Salisbury behavioral health agency which provides behavioral health treatment for individuals in need. The introduction of these services later this month is encouraging because The Wellness Center specializes in treating individuals from marginalized communities. Homelessness, at its roots, is an issue of brokenness. By extending our services to include behavioral health, the Shelter will add another dimension of care to our list of services for the disadvantaged.

Also slated for 2023 is the replacement of the walk-in refrigerator and freezer units in the kitchen. This project will be a major undertaking since the floor beneath the units is deteriorating and must be completely re-laid. Thus far, this \$165,000 project has drawn strong support by Perdue Farms. It would be a blessing to receive your financial support for this vital project. Call the Shelter for how you can help.

Your prayers, of course, are also welcomed! Thank you all who have supported the Christian Shelter. It is a blessing to do God's work!

Bryan Murfree  
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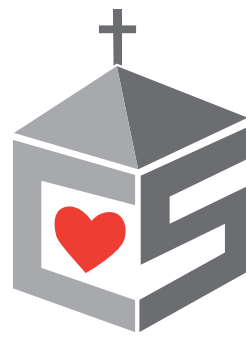


This shelter  
was planned, built &  
is provided for by...  
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# WHY WE EXIST



**CHRISTIAN  
SHELTER**  
Salisbury, Maryland



## WHO ARE WE?

Christian Shelter Inc., located in Salisbury MD, is a temporary Emergency shelter providing safe shelter, nutritious meals, Practical and spiritual direction, and the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ to people in crisis.

*"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of GOD be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue, but actions and in truth."*

1 John 3:15.

## MISSION:

The mission of the Christian Shelter is to minister to the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of people in crisis through the provision of safe shelter, nutritious meals, practical and spiritual direction and the life changing good news of Jesus Christ.

## OUR PROVISION:

Christian Shelter, Inc. is a tax-exempt, charitable organization, provided for through the generosity of God's people. While not affiliated with any particular denomination, it receives a large portion of its support from local churches and Christian groups and individuals. Businesses and civic organizations also provide significant support.







## 2022 MAJOR PROJECTS LIST

- Front Office Renovation
- Insulate 2nd Floor Roof Drain Basins
- Shingle Roof Repairs Dining Room
- New 3.5 Ton HVAC System #10
- New Receptacle Circuits Office/Kitchen
- New Double Wide Refrigerator for Kitchen
- 225-amp Main Breaker Replacement
- Renovate Utility Room #2
- Insulate Compressor Units on Roof for Cooler/Freezer
- New Ice Machine for Kitchen



## 2022 CHRISTIAN SHELTER STAFF MEMBERS

**Anthony Dickerson** – Executive Dir

**Mary Williams** – Administrator

**Daniel Bacon** – Business Manager

**Dwayne Ballard** – Night Staff

**Lionel Gale** – Night Staff

**Shanika Manuel** – Night/Support Staff

**Ellen Perry** – Night Staff

**Lottie Harmon** – Shelter Aide-Laundry

**Paula Williams** – Night Staff

**Kelshia Hinmon** – Night Staff

**Casey Flanagan** – Youth Mentor

**Stacey Townsend** – Youth Mentor Aide

**Akela Moales** – Youth Mentor Aide



*Sister Ellen Perry, Night Staff.*



## SERVICES PROVIDED TO GUESTS

- 3 Meals Per Day
- Daily Devotions
- Food Nutrition Classes
- Financial Literacy
- Smoking Cessation
- Parenting Classes
- Mental Health Classes
- Computer Lab
- Financial Savings
- Movie Nights
- After School Tutoring
- Youth Mentoring
- One on One Counseling
- Clothing Ministry
- Prescription Referrals
- Employment Referrals
- Housing Assistance
- Life Skills Training
- Veterans Job Service
- Emergency Transportation



*Casey Flanagan, Youth Mentor.*



*In 2022 Mayor Jake Day renamed the sign in front of the Christian Shelter to “Christian Shelter Way”.  
Left to Right: Mayor Jake Day, Gus Lebois, Mark Thompson, Ed Wilgus (Original Founder), Jane Hoy, Bryan Murfree, Ted Evans, Anthony Dickerson.*



*New Ice Machine  
for the Kitchen.*



*New Double Door Refrigerator*





*Volunteer Amanda Johnson  
at the Clothing Ministry.*

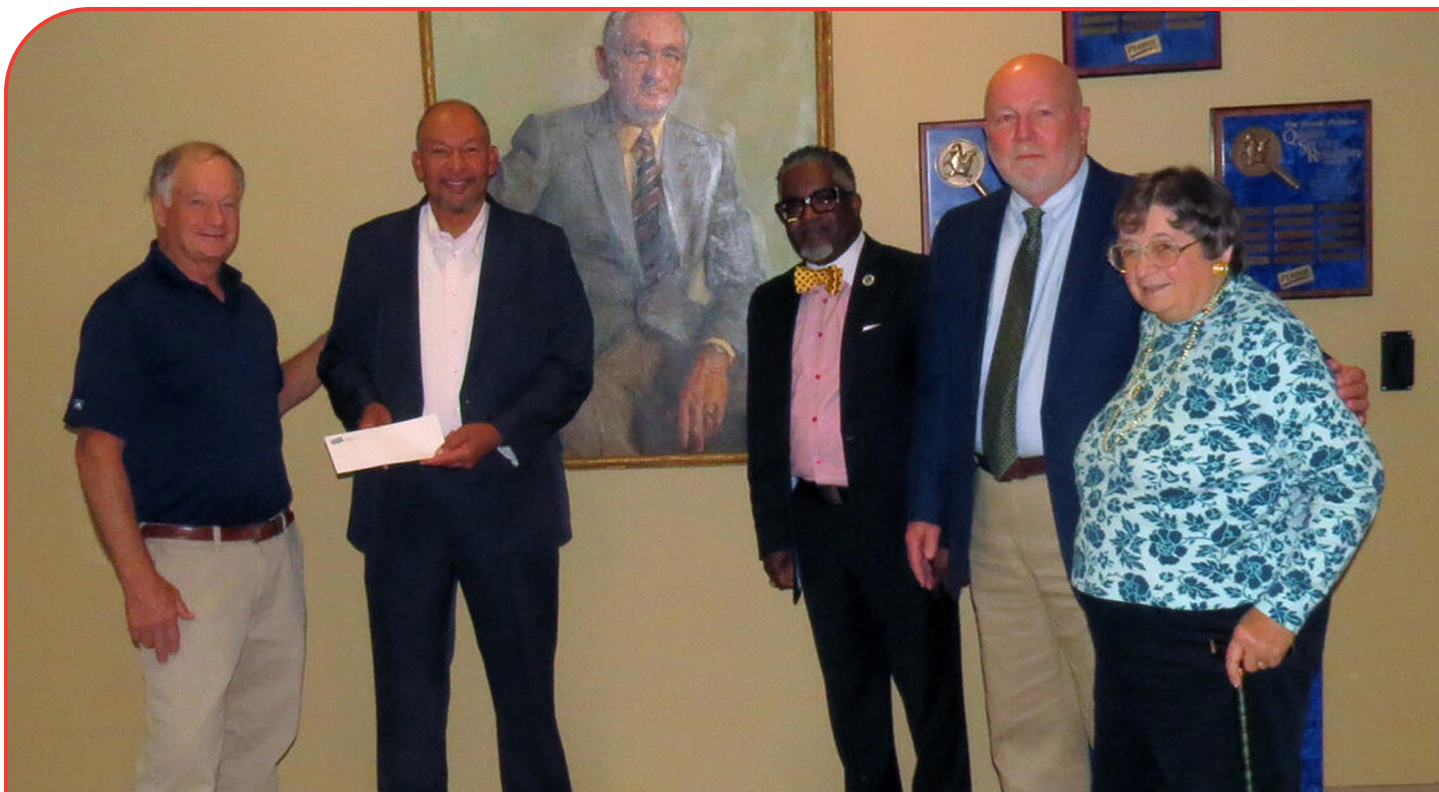


*New Seagull Century Team Rider  
Anthony Dickerson.*



*2022 Seagull Century Bike Ride Team  
Left to Right: Anthony Dickerson, Gus Lebois, Maureen Williams, Elizabeth Burke, David Downes, Dan Williams.*





The Franklin P. & Arthur W. Perdue Foundation presents a check for replacing the original Walk-In Freezer and Cooler that Perdue installed over 20 years ago.  
Left - Right: Jim Perdue, Bryan Murfree, Anthony Dickerson, David Downes, Sandy Spedden.



On its last legs this Old Cooler needs to be replaced in 2023.



On its last legs this Old Freezer needs to be replaced in 2023.



*The Rotary Renovation Dumpster Team.  
Left to Right: Terry Greenwood, Ford Waggoner,  
Cynthia Williams, Phil Whitman, Gus Lebois.*



*Office Renovation Assembly Team.  
Left to Right: Terry Greenwood, Bobby Malone,  
Jay Pearce, Phil Whitman.*

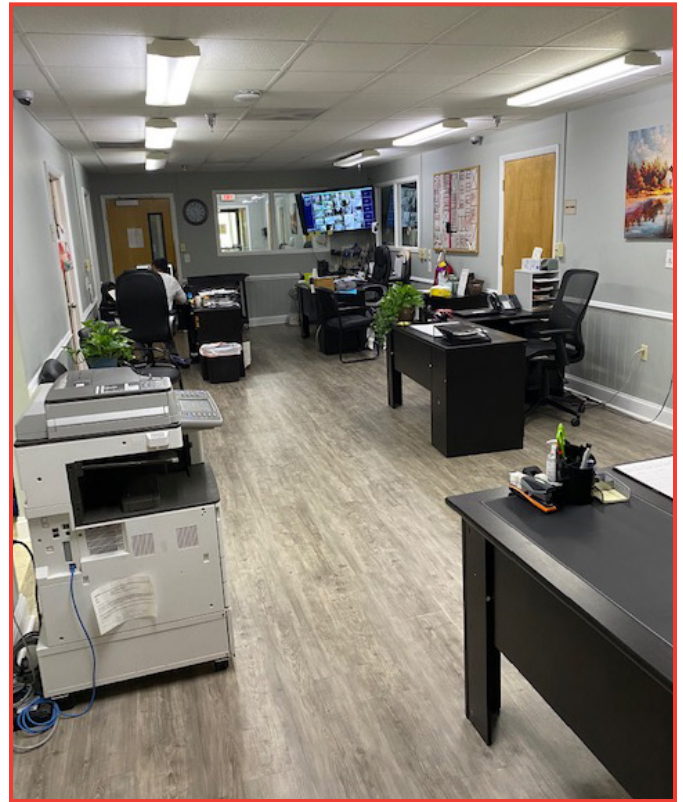


*Rotary Club of Salisbury Office Renovation Project Work Team.  
Left to Right: Greg Ferrier, Bobby Malone, Jay Pearce, Gus Lebois, Carole Krueger, Terry Greenwood, Ford Waggoner.*





*Office Space before renovation.*



*Office Space after renovation.*



*Executive Office after renovation.*



*Rotary Club Salisbury plaque presentation.  
Left to Right: Gus Lebois, Anthony Dickerson, Ford Waggoner*



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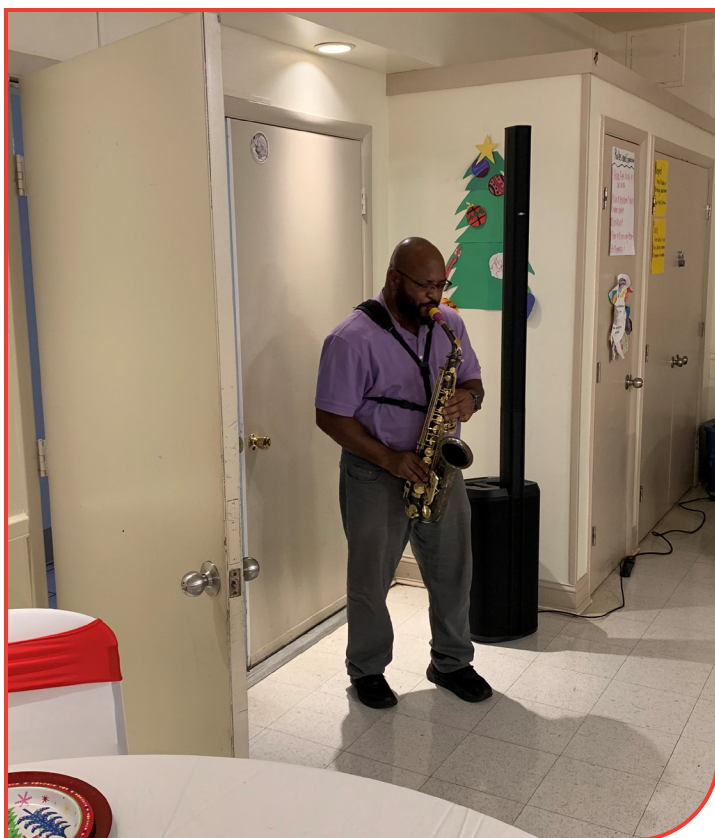




2022 Christmas Party. Left to Right: Paula Cephas, Annette Dickerson, Ellene Smith, Precious Smith, Ellen Perry.

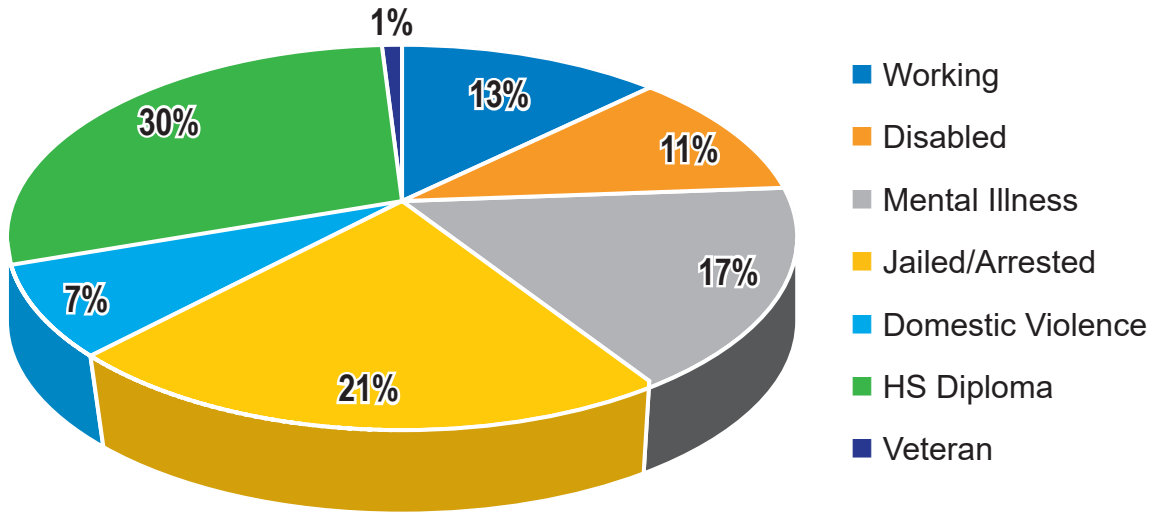


2022 Christmas celebration Dining Room setup.



Sax player Tim Deal at 2022 Christmas celebration.

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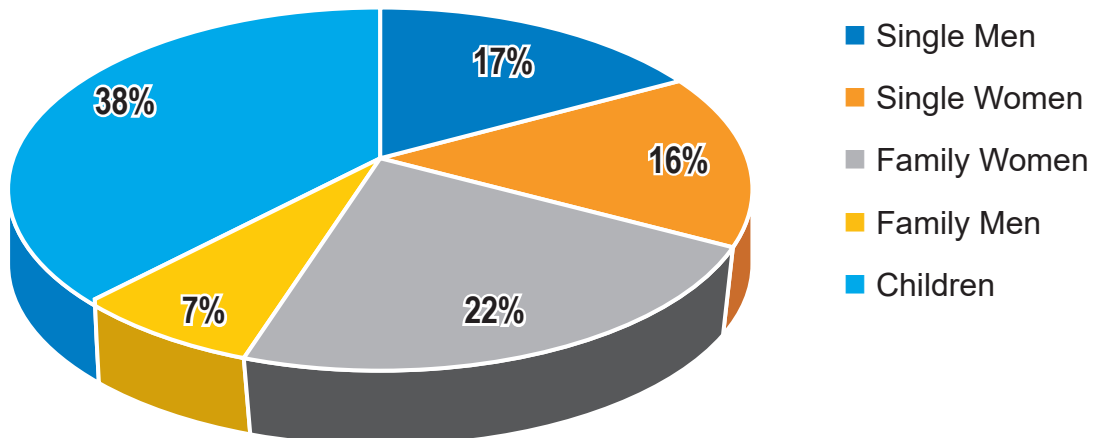
### 2022 BY THE NUMBERS

Number of Guests: .....	695
Number of Children: .....	263 (38%)
Number of Turn-a-ways: .....	719
Number of Meals: .....	24,502
Number of Bed Nights: .....	14,182
Volunteer Hours: .....	2,537

### WHERE DO OUR GUESTS COME FROM %

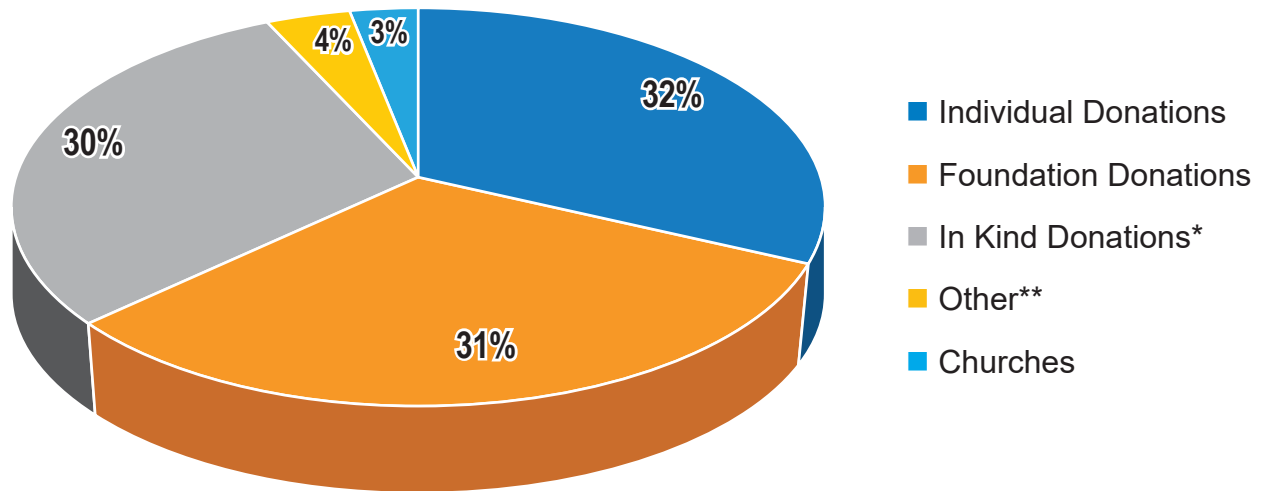
Wicomico County	43
Worcester County	13
Somerset County	13
Dorchester County	10
Delaware	10
Other States	7
Other Maryland Cities	4

## 2022 CENSUS DATA





**2022 TOTAL INCOME \$949,768.00**

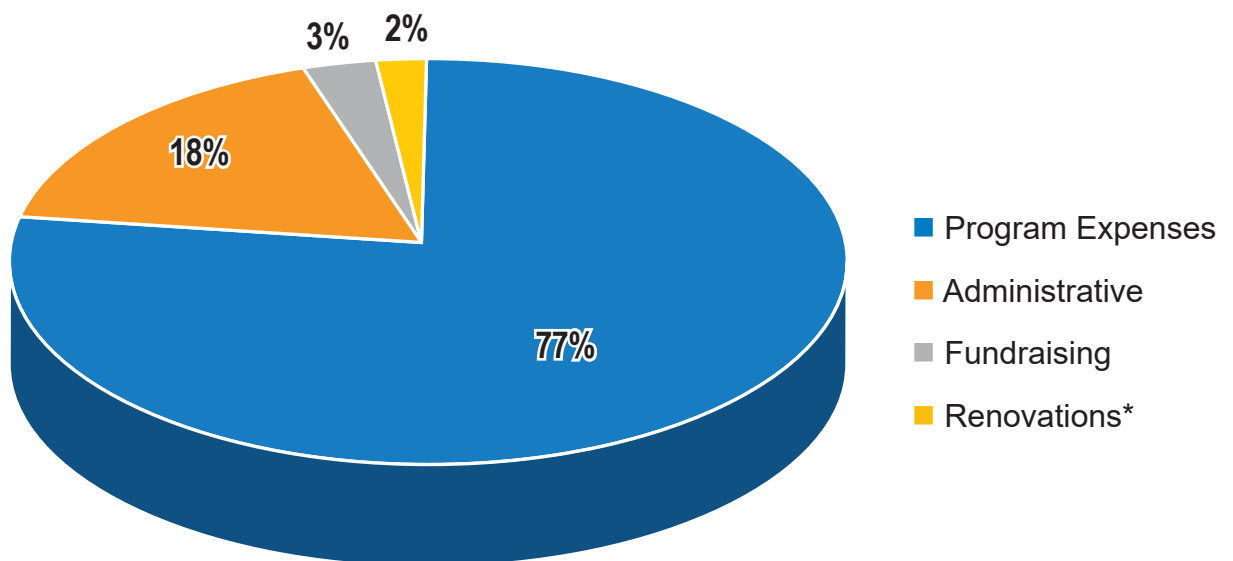


\* Food, Volunteer Hours, Software.

\*\* Other includes Corporate, Interest, Rental, Estate, Civic.

Note: Total Income is Higher Than Total Expenses Due to the Value of In-Kind Donations

**2022 TOTAL EXPENSES \$933,850.00**



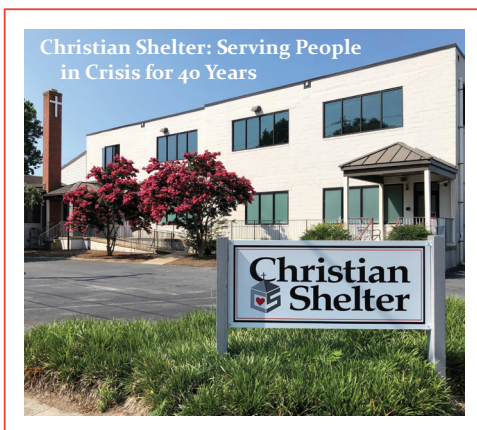
\* Renovations included Office Space, Day Room, and Several Family Restrooms.

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**SUPPLIES**

Laundry Detergent & Bleach  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Fabric Softener  
Bar Towels (Kitchen Cleaning)  
Cold & Flu Meds Adults & Children  
Wet/Dry Vac  
Floor Buffer/Polisher  
Power Washer  
XL Twin Sheets

**FOODS**

Cheese (Sliced or Grated)  
Sugar  
Butter/Margarine  
Breakfast & Lunch Meats  
Ground Beef  
Salt, Black Pepper, Spices  
Italian Seasonings

Note: Financial gifts needed all year round as bills must be paid every month for utilities, maintenance, supplies, staff, repairs, insurance. PLEASE consider a financial gift!  
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