

CHRISTIAN SHELTER UPDATE

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A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE CHRISTIAN SHELTER IN SALISBURY, MARYLAND

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HALLELUJAH!!



**“WHY DO YOU LOOK FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD?
HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN!”** (Luke 24:4)

Ms. P came out of a broken home, where there was much tension and conflict with a very controlling mother. As a young girl she left her home and was raised by her Grandmother. She dropped out of school in the 11th grade, got married and had a daughter and a son. With no support or assistance from her husband, she continued to live with her Grandmother in Crisfield. Ms. P's Grandmother helped her with child care and household expenses, while she worked at whatever jobs were available. Her Son was diagnosed with autism, requiring special care, which added an additional burden for Ms. P and her Grandmother. "I had a very stable life," she explained, "until my Grandmother had a stroke and everything fell apart. My Grandmother was in the hospital, then in a nursing home. I couldn't keep up the rent, so I lost my job and home around the same time."

For a while Ms. P and her children doubled up with a cousin first and then with her Father. During this time Ms. P's Mother began causing problems for her, accusing her of neglecting her children, and reporting her to Child Protective Services, while Ms. P was struggling to care for her children and work full time to provide for them. When Ms. P was staying with her cousin, her Mother called the Housing Authority complaining about her. As a result she was forced to leave her cousin's apartment. A Child Protective Services investigation found no problem with Ms. P's parenting. Meanwhile she and the children could no longer stay in an overcrowded living situation with her Father and had to move to the HALO Shelter in Salisbury.

After 7 months at HALO, Ms. P's time ran out, and she came to Christian Shelter. She has been looking for work, but has been turned down thus far due to pregnancy. Her very limited income (Food Stamps and a small and irregular child support check) makes it difficult for her to find affordable rental housing. She has applied for transitional housing with the Village of Hope, and we are praying for an opening for her soon. Please pray that God in His mercy will make a way for Ms. P. "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you." (Psalm 32:8)

YEA STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS!!!

It's amazing! Christian Shelter provides safe shelter, nutritious meals, practical and spiritual guidance and ministry to 40 to 60 homeless men, women and children 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, year-round.

This vital ministry all takes place in a 20,000 square foot, 70+ year old factory building that must be kept in good repair, clean and comfortable, warm in the winter and cool in the summer.

The accomplishment of all this requires people – people who love the Lord Jesus and are competent and committed to serve Him at Christian Shelter. These people must be recruited, trained, encouraged and managed. By God's grace all this is being accomplished remarkably by a paid staff of

- One, full-time Administrator
- One full-time Cook
- Three part-time administrative support staff
- One part-time Assistant Cook
- One part-time Custodial worker
- Five part-time Night Staff (5 PM to 8 AM)

As you might well imagine, Christian Shelter would not be able to keep its doors open without a currently active, dedicated corps of 75 Volunteers, who:

- Supervise the Shelter Office relieving regular staff on Saturdays and Sundays;
- Lead Shelter Devotions 7 evenings a week and on Sundays;
- Lead children's program during evening Devotions
- Prepare and serve dinner Saturday and Sunday evenings;
- Many tasks related to keeping this ancient building clean and in good repair;
- Assist in the Shelter Office with numerous clerical tasks;
- Assist in kitchen cleaning and organizing food storage areas;
- Assist Cook in prepping for meals;
- Grass cutting and grounds maintenance



Rosemont College Volunteer



Children's Program Leader



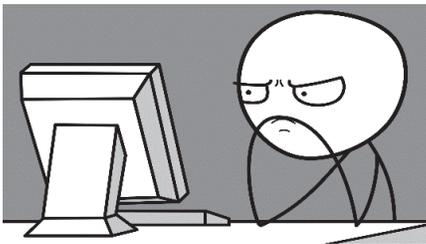
Shelter Head Cook

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SHELTER NEWSLETTER GOING ELECTRONIC



We are getting ready to send your bi-monthly Christian Shelter Update to your computer email instead of having it delivered to your mail box. Sending out the newsletter by email rather than the present postal mailing system is one way we can be better stewards of God's provision. In short, it will cost the Shelter a whole lot less. Of course, we don't want to lose any readers in the process. So, we are asking all our readers to use the enclosed envelope to send us your email address as soon as possible, OR let us know if email won't work for you, and you want to continue to receive the newsletter by regular mail. Please know that God loves you and so do we at Christian Shelter. We wish you Joy in Jesus!

MOST URGENT NEEDS

SUPPLIES

Laundry detergent
Bleach
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Bar towels for kitchen cleaning
Spray cleaners (bleach, pine)
Cold & flu meds
Wet/dry vac
Floor polisher/buffer

FOODS

Sugar
Butter/margarine
Lunch & breakfast meats
Cheese (sliced, grated)
Ground beef
Salt, spices
Italian seasonings
Coffee, tea
Cooking oil

**PLEASE CONSIDER A FINANCIAL GIFT
TO CHRISTIAN SHELTER.**