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A NEW ROOF FOR GOD'S HOUSE!

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During 2017 we began to experience membrane roof leaks with greater frequency. The PVC-membrane roofing material was only 15 years old, but that particular type of single-ply roof membrane has a typical life of only 15 years. We knew that a roof replacement project would be very expensive, so we began to pray and remind God that His hurting, homeless and hungry Poor need a dry shelter. We asked God for His favor for a new roof.

In addition to seeking the Lord's favor, we prayed over the funding necessary to accomplish such a big, bold and critical need. Three years later, in year 2020, we had collected the funding needed for a complete roof replacement. With the help of several local foundations and individuals, we finally reached our goal of \$250,000! The final funding arrived just in time, because the leaks had become a major challenge!

With a task this big, installing a new roof is not as simple as tearing off an old membrane and installing a new one. The old membrane was installed on the flat roof without insulation. Complicating the job even more were the 13 HVAC condensing units on the roof – along with other roof-mounted equipment. The HVAC units were simply resting on old, wooden 4 X 4 timbers that were rotting in place. A roof-mounted electrical panel fed this rooftop equipment, meaning that we had electrical conduit running across the roof surface.

The electrical conduit was a PVC type which doesn't fare well in sunlight. The conduit was also resting on rotted timbers. In addition, we needed to install energy-saving insulation, which meant that all the roof mounted equipment had to be elevated 8-10 inches, so that insulation could be placed beneath it. To top it off, we needed to place the condensing units back on the new roof membrane. That required a suitable mounting mechanism that could lift the heavy HVAC equipment.

The Christian Shelter assembled a terrific team of experts to accomplish this project. The team included:

Gipe Associates, a mechanical engineering firm located in Easton, Maryland. They were hired to document the existing conditions on the roof and make recommendations for handling the mechanical and electrical needs of the existing equipment once the new roof was installed. The company's engineers worked with Tecta America, our roofing contractor, to develop a plan to both elevate the condensing units, and efficiently handle the electrical conduit and refrigerant piping.

Tecta America, our roofing contractor, installed a series of long, elevated aluminum rails to support the condensing units. This allowed the new roof to be installed below the units, and make future equipment servicing easier and more efficient. Tecta America also installed a series of large "vaults," strategically located between multiple HVAC condensing units, to serve as a pathway for refrigerant piping and electrical conduits.

Triple J Electric installed a new 200-ampere electrical panel on the second floor of the Christian Shelter building and installed conduits to feed the thirteen condensing units on the roof. These conduits exited second floor space through the ceiling and led into the new vaults. Once at roof equipment level the electrical conduits came out of the roof vaults horizontally, in a watertight fashion, to connect with each of the condensing units.

Real HVAC Services served us well by relocating the roof's refrigerant pipes from the rooftop to interior space beneath the second floor's ceiling. The refrigerant pipes rose through the new vaults on the roof level and then routed horizontally to the condensing units in a watertight fashion. Real HVAC Services also installed non-penetrating pipe supports for both the refrigerant pipes and the electrical conduits at the few locations where it was necessary. Servicing HVAC equipment in the future will be greatly enhanced by this new arrangement.

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We are blessed to have this new roof which carries a 25-year warranty on materials and labor. The new R-30 insulation will also pay dividends to the Shelter for years to come by reducing our energy bills. We want to thank the following foundations and individual donors who made this roof replacement possible through their financial contributions:

Individual donors:

- Kimberly Ha
- Ed Wilgus
- Susan Wilgus Murphy
- Several Anonymous Donors

Foundations:

- The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore
- The Henson Foundation
- The Humphreys Foundation
- The Perdue Foundation
- Mustard Seed Foundation
- A foundation which wishes to remain anonymous

Below are photographs of the construction process as well as the finished roof. Thanks be to God for His work through the companies, foundations and individuals which made the new roof possible. We are blessed. A generation of poor, hurting, hungry and homeless families will have a shelter that is dry and safe. What a blessing! Our God is faithful.



2017 aerial roof photo from NE



2021 july aerial new roof from NE



Chris Walls (Real HVAC Services) and Justin Jarboe (Triple J Electric)



Glenn Wood Supervising (Tecta America)



Mark Travers (Real HVAC Services) & Justin Jarboe (Triple J Electric)



Vault and rails at center. Brandon Morris (Tecta America)



FINANCIAL LITERACY CLASS OFFERED AT CHRISTIAN SHELTER

The people who find themselves homeless today face multiple challenges as they seek, and strive to maintain, stable housing. At the Christian Shelter, this journey begins with an interview with our staff to allow us to develop references to other service organizations whose focus is helping the homeless. By the time most people arrive at our doors for assistance, their financial resources have been depleted. Sometimes they need to obtain identification cards, medicine prescriptions, transportation for a job interview, housing referrals or financial counseling.

In the photograph, volunteer Barbara Emory teaches a financial literacy class to guests staying at the Christian Shelter. Emory, a retired high school economics teacher, developed a curriculum which she uses to teach her students. The class covers several key life competencies: making good choices; assessing your marketable talents; establishing life goals; and prioritizing personal needs and wants.

The Christian Shelter offers many services that empower guests to make practical decisions regarding their housing. Everything that a guest experiences during their housing search improves their confidence and feeling of self-worth, as they are guided toward attaining a permanent place to live. We are most grateful to Barbara Emory's desire to volunteer and serve those in urgent need.



Barbara Emory teaching class



CHARITABLE GIVING MADE SIMPLE. LEAVE A LEGACY

We want our donor community to be aware of their options when making contributions to the Christian Shelter through the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore (CFES). Consider your many choices:

- Donate by cash, check or credit card at cfes.org/Christian Shelter Endowment Fund
- Appreciated stock, bonds or real estate can be transferred to cfes.org. Designate the transfer to benefit the "Christian Shelter Endowment Fund"

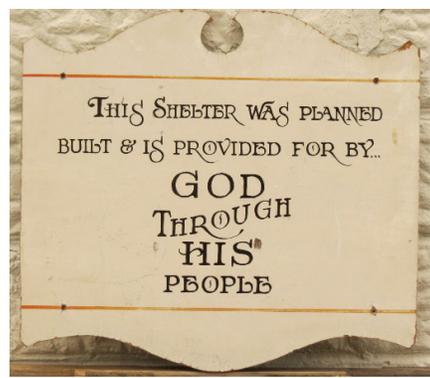
- Direct all or some of your Required Minimum Distributions (RMD's) from Traditional IRA or 401(k) accounts to cfes.org/Christian Shelter Endowment Fund. This option allows the donor to avoid paying state and federal taxes on their RMD's.
- Have you considered including the Christian Shelter in your estate planning? In addition to supporting a worthwhile cause, there could also be tax advantages for your estate.
- Designate the Christian Shelter as your beneficiary or remainder beneficiary in your Will, trust or life insurance policy. You can specify either a dollar amount or a percentage. Check with your attorney for instructions regarding proper wording in your Will.



CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF SERVING PEOPLE IN CRISIS

Never one to shy away from a challenge, Christian Shelter, Inc. is researching and writing a book about its 40-year history. This ambitious project is becoming a reality as you read this!

"Christian Shelter: Serving People in Crisis for 40 Years" goes to the printer next month. The soft-back book will feature historic stories, colorful pictures, insightful interviews and interesting facts about the Shelter's life. Our promise: the reader will be left with more information than they ever knew about the Shelter. It will be available for sale (as a fundraiser) and will be promoted through local media, social media, this newsletter and on our website: christianshelter.org



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SHOUT OUT TO ONE OF OUR OWN

On June 24, 2021, chairman of the board Bryan Murfree was recognized as the recipient of the 2020-2021 Rotary of Salisbury “Four-Way-Test Award.” This prestigious award, presented annually to a non-Rotarian, recognizes the recipient’s dedicated community service while embracing the principles of the Four-Way-Test:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and better FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Congratulations, Bryan Murfree!

CURRENT NEEDS

SUPPLIES

Laundry Detergent & Bleach
Toilet & Paper Towels
Bar Towels (Kitchen Cleaning)
Disinfectant Cleaning Spray (Pine Sol, Bleach, etc.)
Cold & Flu Meds for Adults & Children
Dryer Sheets
Sandwich Bags
Deodorant
Lysol Spray/Lysol Wipes
Wash clothes
Pillows

FOODS

Cheese (Sliced or Grated)
Sugar Packets
Creamer Packets
Butter/Margarine
Breakfast & Lunch Meats
Cooking Oil & Spices
Coffee, & Tea
Bottled Water

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