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Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter
(Cartersville, GA)



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"I am Thankful for my Home" banks

Starting on Monday, October 17th we will be carrying green coin banks (like the one at left) into the community to begin collecting loose change for the Shelter. We are so excited to have Harley Davidson of Cartersville as the sponsor for this project!!

Want a bank to collect money because you are thankful for your home? Come by the Shelter & get one or e mail director@goodneighborshelter and we will bring one to you.

Homeless Awareness Week 2012

November 13th–19th

GNHS has celebrated the nationwide Homeless Awareness Week for many years, and we are excited to let you all know about some of the activities for this year's observance:

Tuesday, November 15th

- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch @ Noon at the Shelter

Wednesday, November 16th

- "Knowing Your Neighbor" Open House & Lunch @ Noon at the Shelter
- "I am Thankful for my Home" banks returned to the Shelter all day

Thursday, November 17th

- RadioThon on WBHF 1450 from 7:00 to 10:00am—
call in & give a pledge!!
- "I am Thankful for my Home" banks returned to WBHF during RadioThon

Thursday, November 17th & Friday, November 18th

- Dine & Donate days at Ruby Tuesday—
20% of your purchase supports the Shelter



A special thank you to [green4all energy solutions](http://green4allenergy.com)!!

Thanks to GNHS Board member David Munisteri and Territory Manager Meredith Bruce who were able to get an "H2 minus O money saving water valve" donated to improve water usage at the Shelter and hopefully save us some money on our monthly water bill (she says it may even go down 25%). Contact David at munisteri@comcast.net to get more information on saving some money on your monthly water bill!!



The 15th Annual "Our Hearts, Their Harbor"

On August 13th the Shelter celebrated the 15th Annual "Our Hearts, Their Harbor" Live and Silent Auction event at the Cartersville Country Club. The event was a huge success, raising over \$32,000 to support the work of the Shelter. Thank you to all the sponsors of the event, all who donated auction items, those of you who came out and attended the event, and to the committee, Board of Directors, and other individuals and groups who volunteered to make the event so successful.

We hope you will mark your calendars and plan to join us next year for the 16th Annual "Our Hearts, Their Harbor" on August 18th, 2012.

WHAT OUR GUESTS HAVE TO SAY ABOUT THE GOOD NEIGHBOR HOMELESS SHELTER...
****all comments from guests present at the Shelter on September 22nd**

"We've been in shelters before, this is one of the best we've been in because we have freedom up to a point but there is also structure that helps—they are also very good at meeting our needs."



"The Good Neighbor Shelter has helped me to get my life together when I needed emergency help. I was laid off from my job and didn't have money to get a place of my own. Good Neighbor has helped me to get on my feet..."

"Good Neighbor is a home away from home filled with hope where for some there was none. It has provided a safe, clean, welcoming environment...providing me with the necessities in life to concentrate on rediscovery of who I truly am and I thank God for those who inspire and support this wonderful place."

"I had really hit bottom when I found Good Neighbor. I wasn't even sure there was any hope for me anymore. Then I walked through that front door, holding my breath because I was too scared to breathe. A gentle, welcoming voice greeted me...a mere two weeks later, I'm well on the road to being back on my feet again. The staff are wonderful, supportive and strong when they need to be and when you need it...I'm blessed for having been here, and for having time to spend with [this staff]."

"When I first realized I would be staying at the shelter, my first thoughts were fear and sadness. From the time I stepped in to the Good Neighbor House, I was engulfed with care and hope. The neverending kindness and help shown by the entire staff is completely unsurpassed...each one is tireless in their effort to listen and console with positive, honest affirmation. I will remain forever grateful for this place which has become my home for a time. I will leave happy, joyous, and FREE!"



“Run for the Shelter,” the Downtown 5K benefitting the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter

Calling all runners to come “Run for the Shelter.” Race will begin in the parking lot of Tabernacle Baptist Church and run to the Shelter and back. Race day registration starts at 6:45 am, race starts at 8:00am. To register, you can print a copy of our Registration Form from the website, www.goodneighborshelter.org. Questions? Contact Grady Clark at grady@andprinting.com or call the Shelter at 770.607.0610.



Participating in the “Ring the Bell” campaign with the Cartersville-Bartow County Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director Jessica Mitcham is pictured at left with a recent new employee and a guest who also had just started a new job in Bartow County.

While not all of our guests actually go “Ring the Bell,” the vast majority of them are able to find employment during their stay at the Shelter.

Helping our guests find employment is at the heart of our program at the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter.

Thank you to all of our employers locally who give our guests an opportunity to get back to work. Some of you know when you hire a guest and are extending this opportunity—others of you do it without knowing.

Finding a new job and beginning work changes the lives of our guests!!

Dear friends of the Shelter,

By the time this reaches your mailboxes, cool weather will be on its way, bringing the holidays with it. The “holiday season” seems to be “high season” for the Shelter—our own building is brimming with activity as the cold brings more people in for help, and our community gives more. The colder weather and sense of thankfulness during the holidays compel us to make sure others have what they need.... We hope many of you will take this opportunity to get involved in our work and help support the important work that happens here through bringing a meal, giving a financial donation, or coming and volunteering. We hope that as you watch your family celebrate this holiday season you will give so that others can have a happier holiday as well. We hope that you will consider giving to the Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter. Consider giving as an expression of gratitude for all you have, that others might come to the Shelter, receive help to find employment, make goals for the future, and begin saving to find a new place to call home.

Blessings, Jessica Mitcham



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