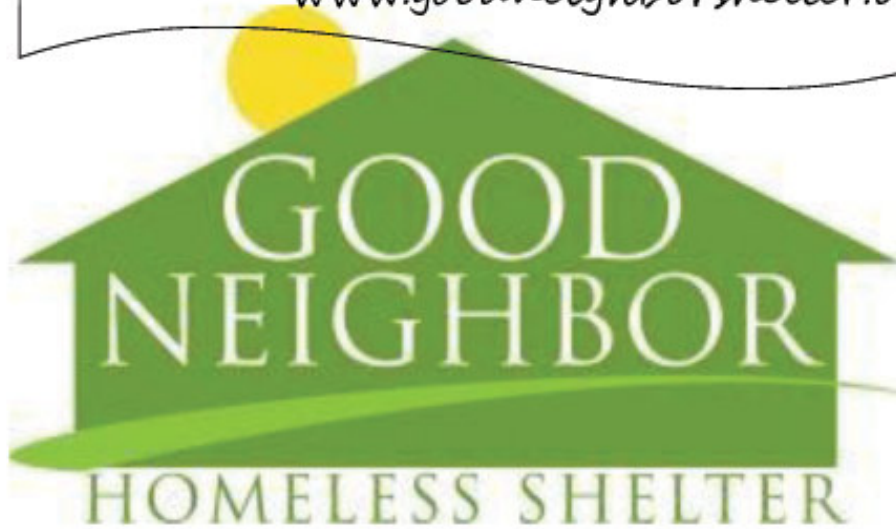


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Homeless children and families in Georgia.....

- Families, particularly single mothers with young children, become homeless for many reasons, primarily due to the lack of affordable housing, limited access to health and mental health insurance and care, experiences of violence, and lack of transportation and child care
- This year over 50,000 children in the state of Georgia will experience a period of homelessness . (You can visit <http://www.gahomeless.net> for more information)
- Our own City and County schools specifically identified 633 children during the 2010-11 school year that were experiencing homelessness
- We are helping these families, a few at a time, get back on their feet and offering them a safe and supportive place to care for their children
- Several of our families who have left the Shelter this year are still maintaining their new housing, left the Shelter with employment, and are working to become self-sufficient.



The Big Chicken Barbershop Chorus comes to Cartersville...

On Saturday, June 18th the Big Chicken Barbershop Chorus out of Marietta came to Cartersville to perform and benefit the Shelter. Over \$5,000 was raised to support the Shelter and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the chorus, the quarters that performed, and the audience "sing-a-long."

A special thanks goes out to the "Cartersville Chickens"—Frank Biscardi, Mac McKenzie, Don Jackson, and GNHS Board member Bill Devine—for making this event a huge success!!



Our community fruit & vegetable garden

This spring we planted the first fruit and vegetable garden at the Shelter. Special thanks to the Bartow Master Gardeners, led by Rolland Stokes, and the UGA Extension Office for helping us get off the ground, well really "in the ground"!! We have tomatoes, peppers, squash, zucchinis, pole beans, and pumpkins and are getting ready to harvest soon....

We need volunteers!! Want to help? E mail Jessica at director@goodneighborshelter.org



Spring 5K Challenge: April 30th 2011

Raising over \$1000 for the Shelter, the Spring 5K Challenge turned out to be a great time for runners of all ages. GNHS would like to congratulate the overall winners: Men's first place David Matherne, second place was the "Bare Foot Runner" Michael Burge, and third place J.D. Clark; women's first place Heather Akins, second place DeDe Florence, and third place Carla Hamby. GNHS would like to thank all of the Sponsors of the event: JDH Electric, Kachinsky Family Chiropractic, Etowah Family Credit Union, Floyd Home Care, Big Peach Running Company, One Day Sign, WYXC, and A New Dimension.



We would also like to thank the committee members that worked hard to make the event a success: Grady Clark (chair), Christine Smallwood, Brad Cowart, and Robert Toulon.

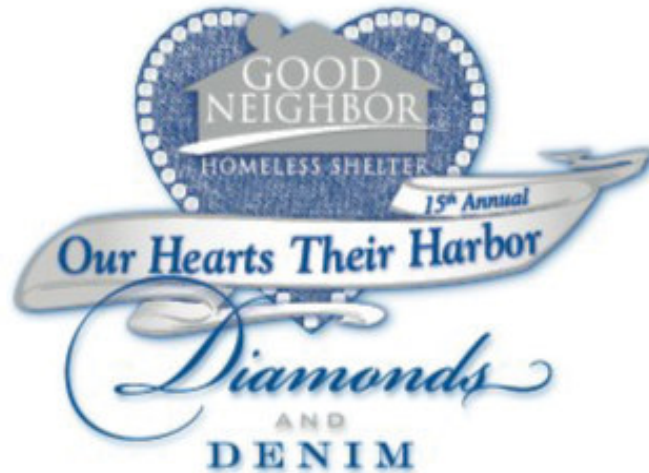
Finally, a big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the event!!

Here are some Shelter statistics for the first half of 2011:

- Prior to 2011, the Shelter had never seen a month where it was at full, 100% capacity all month long.
- Three out of the past six months the Shelter has been at 100% occupancy—in January, April, & May.
- We have served 22 kids so far this year—two 2 year olds, one 4 year old, one 5 year old, two 6 year olds, two 7 year olds, one 8 year old, three 9 year olds, two 10 year olds, four 13 year olds, one 14 year old, one 16 year old, and one 17 year old. Currently, we have an eight month old baby at the Shelter. These children represent 11 families—most of them were with their mother only.
- At the close of May, we had already served a total of 208 people this year.
- Our guests are working. We have had guests find employment in food service, maintenance and housekeeping, factory work, call centers and customer service centers, and in retail sales.
- We are making a difference in people's lives, and as one guest shared with me just recently, "this is a place where you begin to dream for the first time about what you can do with your life."



You are invited to the
15th Annual "Our Hearts, Their Harbor"



Saturday, August 13th • 7-10pm
Cartersville Country Club

Come enjoy dinner, live music and dancing,
and a Silent & Live Auction

Tickets \$50/person

Contact the Shelter at 770.607.0610
for more information or to purchase tickets
by August 5th.

Event benefitting:



How well do you know your Neighbor? The Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter, that is.....

Come get to know us a little better!!

We will be having another "Knowing Your Neighbor" open house
Wednesday, August 10th at Noon at the Shelter @ 110 Porter Street

Enjoy lunch with us, get a tour, and hear about all the exciting things going on!!

Dear friends of the Shelter,

Six months has flown by since I took the position as Executive Director here at the Shelter and more than anything I have been amazed by the generosity of our community to support the important work that is happening at the Shelter. I am a reader—in what little spare time I have—and I recently finished David Platt's new book "Radical." He does an amazing job describing the call for believers to come alongside those who are struggling. He shares the story of a wealthy man in his congregation who becomes burdened to share. He has begun liquidating his assets and belongings to invest these resources for the benefit of others. He says to David, "I wonder at some points if I'm being irresponsible or unwise. But then I realize there is never going to come a day when I stand before God and He looks at me and says, 'I wish you would have kept more for yourself.' I'm confident that God will take care of me."

The work of raising the funds to support the Shelter is hard work—Good Neighbor Homeless Shelter only receives 5% of its annual budget from any government sources and the other 95% is privately funded through the donations of individuals, churches, local businesses and foundations, and through our Special Events. Consider giving. 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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