

SERVING OUR COMMUNITY

Proverbs 31:8-9

This verse says, "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy"

The Bible is clear here and Proverbs is the book of wisdom. September is Hunger Action Month. What's that? Hunger Action Month is a nationwide campaign that brings communities together to take action in the fight to end hunger — whether it's by volunteering, advocating for our neighbors facing hunger or donating. It is also back to school month for millions of children and college students of all ages. Our Food Bank of South Jersey said, "When New Jersey's 1.4 million K-12 students return for the new public school year in September, 60,000 more of them will qualify for free or reduced-price meals as a new state law kicks in, representing a new front in the State's efforts to curb food insecurity."



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That is a result of advocacy, thank you! In the 2022-23 school year, some 340,000 New Jersey students had free or reduced-price breakfast at school on an average day, according to the Food Research and Action Center, a national advocacy group. About 628,000 had free or reduced-price lunch at school during that period. This news can't come soon enough for working and struggling families. We all go to the grocery store and know how expensive it is. That is why the emergency food pantry is critical to these families and critical to God, who speaks often on taking care of the poor. The Church was the Christian Caring Center's first partner and remains one of the strongest supporters with food drives, donations and special needs like clothing, cleaning supplies, hygiene drives, Holiday drives, coat/sweatshirt drives, etc.

All these wrap around services mean so much to each child, struggling parents, senior citizens and homeless individuals. As we invest in our future leaders at whatever grade or age they are in, we recognize their importance in the kingdom of God.

We send a huge thank you for your continued support. We can never do any of these programs without God and without God prompting your hearts to give. Thank you for being a part in building up the kingdom with us.

Madelyn Sutton Executive Director



A Journey of Faith and Service: The Testimony of Wynn & Christine L. Faulkner

Wynn and Christine Faulkner are shining examples of what it means to live a life of faith, service, and generosity. As long-time supporters of the Christian Caring Center, their story is one of deep-rooted commitment to helping others and spreading the love of Christ.

Wynn's journey of faith began at an early age as the son of a minister. After college, he was invited by a church planter to move to Passaic, New Jersey, to assist with a newly established church. He found a job and devoted himself to the ministry, embracing the opportunity to serve in various capacities.

Christine, on the other hand, grew up in a nominal Catholic home and, by her teenage years, had drifted away from the church. However, her story took a pivotal turn when her sister became involved in a Bible study outreach at the very same church where Wynn served. Encouraged by her sister to seek spiritual answers, Christine began attending Bible studies, which ultimately led her to give her life to Christ. It was through these gatherings that Wynn and Christine met, and as they say, the rest is history.

The couple was married in 1979, and a few years later, they embarked on a new adventure, spending several years in Japan as English teachers and missionaries. Throughout their time in the Passaic area, they continued to serve faithfully at the church where they had first met. (continued)

Their lives have been marked by a dedication to ministry, and even in retirement, their commitment remains strong. Now residents of Jackson, NJ, Wynn and Christine attend a local church and lead an online Bible study. Additionally, they have opened their home for Bible studies in their retirement community, continuing to share the Gospel and their faith with others.

Upon moving to their retirement community, the Faulkners were struck by the number of people struggling with life's basic necessities, which strengthened their resolve to help. As Wynn puts it, "God has blessed us, and that means we should bless others." They have been consistently impressed with the work of the Christian Caring Center and are always glad to contribute both financially and spiritually to support its mission.

Their story is not just about giving; it's about standing in the gap for Christ and living out the call to serve others. Wynn and Christine's dedication to sharing the Gospel and their resources has been an inspiration to us all. The Christian Caring Center is honored to call them not just supporters, but also friends, fellow workers in the Kingdom, and true allies in our mission to serve those in need. We are deeply grateful for their ongoing support, and we thank them for sharing their incredible journey in Christ.



Backpack Outreach

Our 2024 Backpack Outreach was a huge success—praise the Lord! We were able to distribute 168 backpacks to children in need, providing them with essential school supplies. It's a blessing to be part of such a meaningful initiative, and we are grateful for everyone's support in making this possible—PTL!

Gideon's Army

Gideon—More than ever we need warriors chosen by God to help us walk in victory against overwhelming odds. All the children are need us, each supporter of our cause becomes a vital part of our Army, fighting against the invaders of hunger, homelessness, and the challenges faced by the vulnerable in our community. Your commitment to supporting us isn't just a donation; it's an enlistment in this noble battle, where every dollar becomes a weapon against despair and hopelessness. With your help, we provide not only the essentials like food and shelter but also the guidance and resources necessary for individuals to reclaim their lives. Whether it's preventing eviction, securing employment or offering a warm coat in the winter, your contribution becomes a lifeline for those in need. We invite you to prayerfully consider joining our ranks as committed supporters, pledging \$35 per month to be a beacon of hope for those facing darkness. Together, we can be instruments of change, bringing light to the lives of the marginalized and disadvantaged in our midst. Thanks!



What we do



Men's Emergency Shelter

Jack Stelle Men's Emergency Shelter: We have 3 men in the shelter right now. QJ, RG and RM. QJ is working at Dollar Tree. RM just started a new job and RG is working at the Christian Caring Center. RM is working on the documentation process to get into The Roosevelt senior apartments. XT found a room to rent and graduated. PTL! All are looking for a room or affordable apartment to rent. We are asking for your prayers for all the men.

Holman House: Is temporarily closed to residents right now as we are going through renovations of adding a bathroom and bedroom for isolation room.

Marion House: We have a new family mom, dad and 1 teenager-PTL!! Mom is just starting new work. Please pray for them as they look for permanent housing.

Volunteerism



As we are open 5 days per week, we greatly need volunteers. We only have 9 regular staff (4 full time and 5 part time staff) to run 11 programs. We have opportunities to fit your schedule: weekly, monthly, virtual, project oriented like holiday baskets, food pickups, food or basket shopping, events such as our Corn Hole or Sleep Out fundraisers, etc. Randy Holston is our Development Coordinator and he is eager to work with your group, church and volunteers to further our ministry and minister to our growing needs. If your workplace, group, or church are looking for opportunities to serve the community, Randy would love to talk to you. We can all come into agreement in prayer and serve. Drop us an email at christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com or call him at 609-793-3917.

Eden Village @ CCC



We are currently in Phase 1 of raising \$20,000 for our licensing. PTL we are almost there with \$18,500! We have also met with township officials and they love the project. Next step is Pinelands Commission. Please keep us in your prayers

Emergency Food

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center helped **341** families or **1,301** individuals with **23,418** meals in the month of August, 2024-PTL!!!

Community Lunch/Rural Homeless Program

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center served **966** hot cooked lunches and continental breakfasts in the month of August, 2024. We also go out to streets/woods on Wednesday and Friday to deliver **40** lunches and outreach to the homeless, alcoholic, addicted or mentally challenged men and women in 2 area motels. The Red Carpet is shut down for repairs and all guests are being relocated currently. Please continue to pray for the people still out there homeless and struggling as well as the staff and volunteers.

Salvation Army Service Units & Grants

The Christian Caring Center serves as a volunteer service unit for the Salvation Army and 3 other grants. Households with **28** individuals were helped with rent and **23** individuals were helped with security deposits. **59** nights of lodging were provided to **28** individuals and help with utilities was provided to **6** households with **10** individuals in August, 2024.



Bridge of Hope

We have our new moms: One who has 2 children and found an apartment in Edgewater Park. Our mom has 5 children and found a rental in Willingboro. Thank you for all your support and prayers.

The opportunity



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Volunteer

7 Most Wanted Volunteer Positions

1. Interviewers/to pray with the people receiving food.
2. Sleep Out Fundraiser (participants, supporters/sponsors, food, etc.)
3. Corn Hole Fundraiser (participants, sponsors)
4. Volunteers to work with homeless clients locating housing & jobs.
5. Volunteers for making gift baskets for auction at our fundraising events.
6. Volunteers to sort our clothing and shed for our Baskets
7. Volunteers to work with our jewelry fundraiser.



Sleep Out

On October 5, 2024 at the Medford Methodist Church, 2 Hartford Road, Medford from 7:30 pm to 7 am. Did you know that nationwide there are 1.2 million homeless children and in New Jersey there are more 34,700 under the age of 25. The Christian Caring Center and Family Promise are teaming together to raise funds specifically for our Bridge of Hope Program and Family Promise's programs. Both of these programs reach homeless families not eligible for government assistance and are sleeping on the streets, in the woods and in cars. We need to get them in shelter and fast as we approach winter and school time. You can support them by coming to this event, donating or sponsoring me, Randy or Sam as sleepers. Thank you again for supporting these children and parents. The Christian Caring Center also receives YOUGIVEGOODS.COM, you can purchase items and they will ship them to us.

Basket Outreach

Get ready for our upcoming Basket Outreach Events for the Holidays in November and December. It's all about blessing our community's children, families, seniors and homeless individuals! We're gearing up to provide a holiday meal filled with essentials and turkeys and ensuring every child has gift. Here's how you can get involved: 'Volunteer your time, 'Donate toys, board games or gift cards, 'Organize a food drive and/or donate your free turkey or ham that you are not using. 'Have your Church, Sunday School class, Bible study group, civic group, school or school club or business, etc. start a food or gift drive, write encouraging notes, Christmas cards, Gospel tracks to tuck into the food boxes. These personal touches can mean the world to a child or senior with a little extra support and encouragement. 'Donate a stuffed stocking for a senior citizen filled with candy, socks, hygiene items, crossword puzzles, Gospel tracks, devotionals, socks, etc.

If you're interested in participating or learning more, drop us an email at christiancaringcenter@yahoo.com. Your involvement can make a big difference in the lives of children and families in our community, and we'd be thrilled to have you on board!

Needed Items

FOOD PANTRY CLOTHING

Jelly (we received Peanut butter from the F/B
Hamburgers/Hotdogs and buns
Cereal, Breakfast bars, Nutra grain bars
Juice, shelf milk, Water bottles, Gatorade, Juice Boxes
Tuna fish
Adult underwear & Hygiene items
Sneakers
Sweat Shirts/hoodies
Jeans of all sizes, but especially 32-36, belts

SHELTERS

Twin Sheets for our 3 shelters
New comforters for our 3 shelters
Gently used or new pots and pans
Cleaning supplies (Dawn, bathroom cleaner, etc.)
Gently used or new towels and wash cloths
Zippered plastic sheet protectors for twin beds

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