

# Homelessness

## **Barnabas Network**

[www.thebarnabasnetwork.org](http://www.thebarnabasnetwork.org)

**The Barnabas Network (BN)** truly appreciates all that First Lutheran does to help needy residents establish their homes once they have been approved for assistance. **BN will contact us periodically to update their most urgent shortages. They still need twin XL sheets and now need a few King size as well. Bath, hand and face towels are also requested.** If you are able to help with new or gently used items you can drop them off in the Mission Depot box marked BN. THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR FAITHFUL GENEROSITY. If there are any questions please call or email [Ruth Zeemer](mailto:Ruth.Zeemer@flc.org).

The Barnabas Network is a nonprofit organization supported by local faith communities that offers encouragement, furniture, job training, and transportation to families taking steps toward self-sufficiency. Families & Individuals Served Include: victims of fires, families moving from homelessness, mothers and children fleeing domestic violence, families and individuals recovering from a major setback.

Our furniture is donated by individuals in the community and is then redistributed to our clients. Our philosophy of reuse, recycle, and refurbish benefits the entire community by providing furnishings to those in need and keeping these items out of the landfill.

## **Community Housing Solutions**

<http://chshousing.org/>

Community Housing Solutions' mission is to provide decent, safe and affordable housing to low-income households in Guilford County, NC . We are restoring hope and dignity to our neighbors and neighborhoods by working towards the elimination of substandard housing.

## **Disaster Relief / Mission Trips**

[www.ldr.org](http://www.ldr.org)

First Lutheran Church has sent members to Costa Rica and the Mississippi Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina in association with Lutheran Disaster Response. We have also had numerous members go to Honduras with Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro in 2013, 2014 and 2015. In 2016 we had a group participate in a Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity trip to Nicaragua.

## **Family Shelter at the YWCA**

1807 East Wendover Avenue, Greensboro NC 27405

Website: <http://ywcagsonc.org/> Under header "What we do" - select Family shelter

The YWCA Greensboro Family Shelter program provides shelter, food, case management and holistic support for families experiencing homelessness. Each family develops a plan to achieve educational goals, optimal health, financial stability, pay off debts and save money to move into permanent housing. Shelter residents benefit from interaction with staff and community volunteers, who model effective parenting skills and assist parents as needed in looking up resources, thinking through decisions and problem solving.

## **Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro**

[www.Habitatgreensboro.org](http://www.Habitatgreensboro.org)

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Greensboro is a Christian ministry that brings together people of all faiths to build quality, affordable homes and thriving neighborhoods where families can build better lives.

If you would like to help us participate in the next Building on Faith house, please make checks out to First Lutheran Church and put "Habitat" on the memo line. Thank you.

**If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Laura Shearin Feimster - [leshearin@gmail.com](mailto:leshearin@gmail.com) or 252-531-3417 - to sign up or for more information on how you can be part of this very important ministr**

### **We support Habitat in the following ways:**

- Thanks to Endowment grants for the past 3 years, we have been able to join 30+ other congregations in this endeavor.
- We provided monetary support and workers.
- We also work with Habitat on an as needed basis throughout the year.
- We also have a team that provides lunches for the work crews approximately 4 times a year.
- For more information on our lunch ministry, please contact Jean Reitzel [sheshell46@yahoo.com](mailto:sheshell46@yahoo.com)
- We sell Habitat Honor cards during the holidays.

## **Homerun 4 Homelessness**

[www.partnersendinghomelessness.org/homerun](http://www.partnersendinghomelessness.org/homerun).

Home run for Homelessness is a community celebration designed to commemorate the implementation of Guilford County's Ten Year Plan to end chronic homelessness. The event will help to promote public awareness of the *Partners Ending Homelessness* and increase Guilford County citizens' overall knowledge about homelessness in our community.

## **Honor Cards**

During the Christmas holiday season we help support the following agencies through the sale of their organizations Honor Cards:

- Greensboro Urban Ministry
- Habitat for Humanity
- Interactive Resource Center
- Out of the Garden Project / Operation Backpack

## **HUGS (Hats, Underwear, Gloves and Socks)**

During the Fall/Winter season we collect these items to be shared with organizations working with the local homeless population.

## **Interactive Resource Center (IRC)**

[www.gsodaycenter.org](http://www.gsodaycenter.org)

The Interactive Resource Center assists people who are homeless, recently homeless or facing homelessness reconnect with their own lives and with the community at large. We offer showers, laundry facilities, computers, phone, resume writing and much more.

We assist the IRC through monetary donations, donations of personal care items i.e.: shampoo, soap, shaving cream, razors, laundry soap and other personal care items. Several members of our church also volunteer their time and talents at the IRC including members serving on the board.

## **Partners Ending Homelessness**

[partnersendinghomelessness.org](http://partnersendinghomelessness.org)

Partners Ending Homelessness encourages public understanding of the causes and conditions of homelessness and leads a strong and stable system of care for individuals and families to reduce homelessness in Guilford County. Partners Ending Homelessness serves as the planning and coordinating organization for homeless service delivery in Guilford County. The Partnership is responsible for actively implementing, evaluating and updating Guilford County's Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and serves as the lead agency for Guilford County's federally designated Continuum of Care. The organization is a groundbreaking, collaborative partnership that includes over 200 community partners that work to generate housing, strengthen prevention and supportive service efforts, and increase coordination, collaboration and access through the continuum of care in our community.

## **Winter Emergency Shelter – MEN: Mid December – end of March**

Due to COVID19, information about this ministry has changed. Check back for more information.

**Always needed:** It takes about \$50 for the men to wash clothes on Monday nights. Please put quarters, if possible, or spare change, in a container in the front office.

## **Winter Emergency Shelters – Women**

Due to COVID19, information about this ministry has changed. Check back for more information.