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# New Beginnings

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## *2009 Honor Card The Main Holiday Fundraiser*



### “Moving On”

Message from Artist William Mangum

**“We have all met people whose past is worn on their faces. I have met many people who fear that their past will return to haunt them. At times this fear paralyses them and they feel trapped in their current circumstances. We are not always freed from our past mistakes but our past need not cripple our future”.**

This poignant message is the inspiration for the 2009 Honor Card, the **MAJOR** holiday fundraiser for Greenville Community Shelters, Inc. This message expresses what GCS staff often face when interacting with residents. Being able to provide services and supports that help people “move on” is the cornerstone of what we do. BUT, we cannot do it without your support. Please consider making Honor Cards part of your holiday gift list this year for family, friends, co-workers, and others. The gift of this lovely Honor Card will let them know you remembered them in a special way, while helping us continue to help the homeless in our community. **See enclosed order form for pricing information.**

***Inside this issue: Plans for Christmas Buffet and much more....***

## Christmas Buffet A Holiday Tradition

Calling all volunteers!! Once again the Shelter plans to offer a Christmas buffet to residents on December 25th at 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to provide food, layout and serve the buffet, and clean up afterward. We ask that food volunteers bring food between 11a.m. and 1 p.m. ready to serve on Christmas day. We ask that serving volunteers be able to make a 2-hour commitment (either 11a.m.—1 p.m.; 12 p.m.—2 p.m.; OR 1 p.m.—3 p.m. Please contact Nicole in the Shelter office with questions, OR to sign-up to participate. Thanks for helping make Christmas a special day for our residents!



It is with regret that we say goodbye to Housing Services Coordinator Cortesia Finklea. Cortesia interned with us in 2008/2009 prior to joining our staff. We wish Cortesia the best as she expands her career horizons.



## Hooray we have a new website

We have finally gone live with a new website. This new website will allow supporters like you to make donations on-line and also help spread the word about this organization to your friends and family.

[www.greenvillecommunityshelters.bbnw.org](http://www.greenvillecommunityshelters.bbnw.org)

You can also send donations to Greenville Community Shelter P.O Box 687 Greenville, NC 27835

## Shelter facility Care Needs

There is an urgent need at this time for the following:

**Toilet Paper**  
**Bath towels**  
**Paper Towels**  
**Laundry Detergent**  
**Styrofoam Plates**  
**Plastic forks**  
**Cups**  
**Bleach**  
**Windex**  
**Napkins**



## Fact Corner

GCS provided over 2,000 bed nights of service during the months of Sept.—Nov., averaging 67 people per night, for an 86% occupancy rate. Numbers are expected to rise even more with the onset of winter.

**It's Income Tax Time**

As the tax year draws to a close, please remember that GCS, Inc. is a charitable non-profit. This means that financial contributions to this agency are tax exempt to the extent allowable by the Internal Revenue Service. Please consider making an end-of-the-year gift that will benefit hundreds of homeless and nearly homeless people in our community.

You may also be able to make a pledged contribution through a workplace campaign as follows: United Way of Pitt County, State Employees Combined Campaign, or Federal Employees Campaign. Each of these fundraising campaigns have issued charity codes. For your information the charity codes for our agency are:

**6016: United Way of Pitt County Campaign Code**

**1437-021: State Employees Campaign Code**

**70669: Federal Employees Campaign Code**

The need is GREAT especially in a 24-hour operation during these economic times. Thank you for your support!! Contact Lynne with questions/requests.

**Holiday Wish List**

Gift Bags will be presented to each adult resident for Christmas. Items for children will be combined with our Club Rudolph initiative to ensure that each child has a special holiday. We ask that you consider providing the items listed below for the holiday. Any extra items received will be used for the residents throughout the year.

**Personal Care Needs**

- Deodorant
- Hand Sanitizer
- Razors/ Shaving Cream
- Lotion/lip balm
- Toothpaste/toothbrushes
- Trial Size Toiletries
- Personal Size Kleenex
- Knapsacks/ Tote bags
- Pocket Calendars
- Stationary/pens
- Bibles
- Pocket Calendars
- Playing Cards

**Clothing Needs**

All the following are needed for: men, women and children  
 Hats, gloves, scarves, winter coats, underwear, socks, bedroom slippers, sweatshirts, shower shoes and robes.



**Success Corner**

**As another year of service to the homeless in our community closes please enjoy this success story.**

NB is a proud resident in the Solid Ground permanent housing program. Having struggled with mental illness, she has finally found the right formula —keeping busy! She recently completed her GED to the delight of herself and her daughters. Encouraged by the completion of this goal, she will begin degree classes at PCC in January. In addition, she works part-time and participates in programming to maintain a healthy attitude while managing her mental health. “I am so proud of what I have accomplished. It has given me confidence and the desire to keep improving”.

Contact GCS for more information about our permanent housing program for homeless people with disabilities.

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*The mission of the Greenville Community Shelters is to serve the poor and homeless in a continuum of care from basic shelter to prevention that empowers clients to achieve and maintain lives of self-sufficiency.*



Happy Holiday  
 From Greenville  
 Community Shelter  
 Staff.....

Emergency Assistance Ministry  
 P.O. Box 687  
 Greenville, NC 27835  
 252.551.9112

Operating Hours:  
 10am-1:00pm - Mon-Thurs.  
 10am-12pm - Friday



*The mission of the Emergency Assistance Ministry (EAM) of the Greenville Community Shelters is to show compassion by assisting in providing for the basic human needs of Pitt County residents in emergency situations. Recipients are expected to participate in programs which promote disciplined, responsible living.*