



Greenville Community Shelters, Inc

A Non- Profit Organization

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Holiday Greetings”

As the year draws to a close the staff at Greenville Community Shelters (GCS) extends our wishes to you and yours for a happy holiday season!!

Let us also focus on blessings received this year. *More residents received permanent housing assistance than in all previous years, thanks to hard work on the part of local housing providers, including GCS, who secured housing funds and vouchers. Among those receiving vouchers were 5 veterans who qualified for VASH vouchers from the Veterans Administration. Altogether GCS provided shelter and support services to 32 veterans during the last operating year. Thank you veterans for your sacrifices!*

Despite the success in securing permanent housing resources, GCS has experienced historically high occupancy at a time when donation income has been low. As GCS struggles to manage a growing budget deficit, your monetary donation support during the holiday season is appreciated, needed more than ever, AND is tax deductible. Whether its by giving Honor Cards to special people (see inside), or by a direct gift, please know that your support is needed, appreciated, and will be used to help our resident population address the challenges of homelessness. Mass shelter costs \$12.50 per person each night. Purchasing 6 honor cards for \$25 or making a donation in the same amount provides 2 nights of shelter. So please consider sharing the spirit of the season with those less fortunate. Visit our new website at: www.greenvillecommunityshelter.org to make your gift on-line, or mail it to us at P.O. Box 687 Greenville, NC 27835. Either way your gift will help us continue providing shelter and support services 365 days per year!

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Bobby Green's Success

Bobby Green came to the Greenville Community Shelter on his most recent occasion on November 1, 2007. This was his third time being a resident in the program. It was on this particular stay in the shelter that Bobby made a commitment to himself to change his life situation. Bobby began going to Pitt Community College to study heating, air conditioning and refrigeration. It was during this time that Bobby applied for an opening in Transitional Housing. He was accepted to the program on February 2, 2008. While a resident in the Transitional Housing program Bobby established himself as a leader and positive influence to others in the program. He frequently helped others with homework for school and assisted with difficult situations involving individuals who sought help through Narcotics Anonymous. During his residency, Bobby was an integral part of the interview process to determine the sincerity and drive of candidates being considered for admission to the Transitional Housing program.

Bobby continued his transformation by studying hard and focusing on school. While attending Pitt Community College Bobby became a member of the Sigma Alpha Pi honor society; he was placed on the Dean's List for the school; and he graduated with honors with a 3.5 Grade Point Average. He obtained his Associates Degree in May of 2010 in HVAC.

Today Bobby volunteers with the York Memorial AME Zion church as a Sunday school teacher for the young adult class. He is a member of the Trustee's Board and a regular participant when his church serves dinner for residents of Greenville Community Shelters. In addition to church work, Bobby is employed with PAS in Washington, NC as an assembler of washer and dryer heads for Bosche appliances.

Because Bobby served in the military he was recently awarded permanent housing through VASH vouchers that were made available to qualifying veterans on July 2, 2010. Bobby's road to freedom from homelessness has been a long one but it's one that I am sure he will tell you has been worth the wait. His contributions to the shelter are a great influence and example of hard work and determination for all of the residents.

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 11 a.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 11 a.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!

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.greenvillecommunityshelter.org

You can also send donations to Greenville Community Shelter P.O. Box 687 Greenville, NC 27835-0687.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to everyone in the community who supported us by participating in Homeless Awareness Week. We also would like to thank: The Oakwood School for the Pennies for Paper drive; HIS Radio FM 95.9 for hosting the Blanket Bundles drive and for all of their listeners that donated to the cause; NC Annual Conference donation of supplies, courtesy of York Memorial Church, Rent-A-Center for the supply drive; Great Outdoor Provision Company for the donation of 216 coats; Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority for hosting the Sleep- Out and supply drive...

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	Tote bags/ Knapsacks
Hand Sanitizer	Playing Cards
Razors/ Shaving Cream	Stationary
Lotion/lip balm	Pens
Toothpaste/toothbrushes	Pocket Calendars
Toiletries	Personal Size Kleenex

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. Clothing items should be new.



It's Income Tax Time

As the tax year draws to a close, please remember that GCS, Inc. is a charitable nonprofit. 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!!

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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.



Community Partner

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.