



## HAND UP FOR NEW HOPE



Greenhouse is excited about our newest program, Hand Up for New Hope! This program is designed to bring struggling families or individuals of Rutherford County into a partnership with Greenhouse and a compassionate and generous local church. With this partnership, Greenhouse offers on going evaluations and goal setting with our occupational therapy interns, which allows us, with God's leading, to assist these struggling families/ individuals to find their purpose and talents. The partnering church offers Godly fellowship, discipleship, and temporary financial support. Our hope is that these families/ individuals will grow into taking a more holistic and Godly approach to life choices and become self-sufficient community members.



“The first client to go through and complete the Hand Up for New Hope program was an amazing success story. Within 11 months this single mom went from being homeless to financially independent and living in a home with her five children. On top of that, all of her children were making A's in school by the end of the program! All of these accomplishments could not be done without the love and support of the local churches involved.”  
- Laura Minchey, Volunteer Director of Hand Up for New Hope

### GET TO KNOW GREENHOUSE

Our Greenhouse spotlight this month is staff member, Kylie Forte. Kylie is our inventory manager, she processes and sorts items and also works in the Garden Patch Thrift Shoppe. Kylie is one of the hardest workers and you can depend on her to get the job done, and get it done correctly. Read below to get to know her more!

1. How long have you worked at Greenhouse?  
I started volunteering July 2015, started working part time in the fall of 2015, and started working full time in May 2016.
2. What is your favorite part about working here?  
My favorite part is the relationships that I form with the customers in the store and all of my coworkers.
3. If you could be any superhero who would you be and why?  
I would be Iron Man because he can fly. That would come in handy on long road trips...no more driving!

### GARDEN PATCH NEWS

#### WINTER BLOWOUT SALE

**MARCH 14:**  
50% off EVERYTHING

**MARCH 15:**  
60% off EVERYTHING

**MARCH 16:**  
70% off EVERYTHING

**MARCH 17:**  
75% off EVERYTHING

**March 18:**  
80% off EVERYTHING

EVERYTHING means EVERYTHING!  
Clothes, shoes, furniture, household items, anything in the store!

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### HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday - Friday:  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mark & Janet Blackwelder  
Philip & Melissa Dodd  
Steve & Teressa Howell  
Gale Peacock  
Rosland Rhyne  
Drew & Christy Sanford  
Cliff & Jane Sharp

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## THE PAST MONTH AT A GLANCE



We had our first Mobile Food Pantry of the year thanks to Second Harvest Food Bank and our sponsor!



Greenhouse welcomed 10 occupational therapy interns, 3 occupational therapy residents, 3 social work interns and 1 public health intern. We have a full house!



Cliff Sharp had a book signing at Christian Publisher's Outlet to celebrate the release of his book, Cliff's Notes."



Our volunteer, Andy Pounds, won "Volunteer of the Week" courtesy of Volunteer Rutherford. Go Andy!



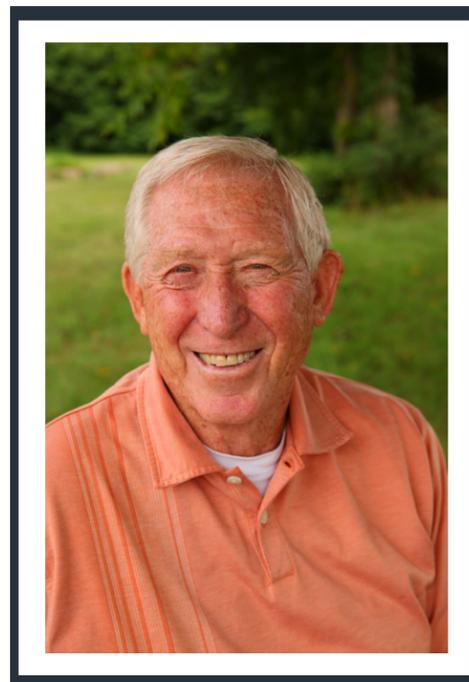
We welcomed new teachers in our budgeting and computer classes. These classes will give our clients the ability to become independent.



We received our new box truck courtesy of Publix Supermarket Charities!



Greenhouse attended Middle Tennessee Oral and Implant Surgery's Dental Day. They provided free dental care to members of our community. What an awesome service!



Greenhouse has copies of Cliff Sharp's book "Cliff's Notes" available for purchase. The cost for the book is \$11.99 plus shipping. If you are interested in purchasing a book, you can stop by Greenhouse or contact Rachel Young at [rachel.young@greenhousemin.org](mailto:rachel.young@greenhousemin.org). You can also call Greenhouse Ministries at 615.494.0499.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

### Gifts donated in memory of Alice Fox:

- James & Roberta Craig
- Porter King
- Diane Simmons
- Kia Scott & Orange County Public Schools
- Cliff and Jane Sharp

### Gifts donated in memory of Gloria Jean Farris:

- John & Joann Kavanaugh
- Dempsey, Vantrese & Follis

### Gifts donated in memory of Amber Douglas:

- Angela McVey

### Gifts donated in memory of Joyce Benedict:

- Ruth Prather

### Gifts donated in memory of Peggy Morgan:

- National Health Investors

### Gifts donated in honor of Nathan Leavitt:

- Peggy Lew

### Gifts donated in memory of Austin Troutt:

- Janet Odom

## CLIFF'S NOTES

At Greenhouse Ministries, we believe all contacts with people are "divine appointments." God allows paths to cross and there are opportunities for Him to work. Our place is to be aware that He is present and see what He wants to show us. I will give you a couple of "Divine Appointments" that happened this month.

Brian and Debbie serve at Greenhouse doing Marriage Mentoring. This is done in a one-on-one setting. Recently they started a class with a young couple. The first session went very well and they were looking forward to the second meeting. The couple was a "no show" for the next meeting. Calls and texts were sent but no reply.

Brian also helps on Wednesday to counsel or keep food boxes ready for the clients. He was about to leave when one of the other counselors asked if he could stay a little longer because the waiting room was full of clients. He stayed over an hour and was about to leave when he heard a woman's voice he recognized. It was the wife of the couple they had been meeting with. She was very glad to see him. Their phone had been out and they had not received the calls or texts. Brian was able to visit with her and get an assurance that they would be at the next meeting. God needed him to stay around so he could meet with the young wife.

Andy, one of our many talented volunteers, came to Greenhouse early to meet workers who were coming to repair a leak in the roof. A man was in a pickup truck with tools so Andy assumed he was one of the roofers. It turned out he had a construction business and he was supposed to meet an employee to go to Franklin. Andy started talking to him about Greenhouse and even took him on a tour. As they went through the building Andy showed him where we needed a wall built. He said "let me get a tape measure and if you will get the materials I will build it. No cost."

I believe that any person God brings across our path is there for a reason if we are aware of it. Let me encourage you over the next few days to look at every person you meet as a "divine appointment" and see what God is wanting to tell you. It may be someone who needs encouragement or it may be someone who will encourage you. I know that you will be amazed!!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 14-18:  
Garden Patch Winter  
Blowout Sale!

March 25:  
Mobile Food Pantry

March 27:  
Spring Sneak Peak for  
Garden Patch

Good Friday:  
Greenhouse CLOSED

## THANK YOU!

We want to extend a thank you to Bethel United Methodist Church for gathering food each month in 2016. Because of you, the lives of individuals in our community will be deeply impacted.

Another huge thank you to the Jennings and Rebecca Jones Foundation for their grant for IT support. This extremely generous grant has allowed us to better serve our clients.

Yet another thank you to Southeast Baptist Church for collecting soup cans on "Souper Bowl Sunday." Your collection will serve many families!

## GREENHOUSE NEEDS

1. Diapers size 4,5 and 6
2. Baby supplies
3. Steel toed boots
4. Mentors for clients
5. Volunteers
6. Volunteers to teach:
  - Computer Basics
  - Microsoft Office
  - Nutrition
  - Spanish