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THE GREENHOUSE NEWS

Save the Date for Game Day 2017!

We are so excited to announce our annual Game Day fundraiser event this year is on [September 11](#) beginning at [6:30 p.m.](#) We want you to be a part of it, either by simply attending or being one of our table hosts where you can invite your friends and family to learn more about Greenhouse Ministries' future plans. If you are interested in attending or being a sponsor, please reach out to Rachel Young at [615.494.0499](#) or rachel.young@greenhousemin.org. Check out the pictures below to see some highlights of Game Day 2016.



GET TO KNOW GREENHOUSE

Our Greenhouse spotlight this month is volunteer, **Sheila Washam**. Sheila volunteers as a peer counselor. Sheila is a new volunteer but we can already tell she has found her home. She is caring and compassionate with our clients and all of the other volunteers and staff love being around her. Read below to get to know her more!

1. How long have you volunteered at Greenhouse?

I have been volunteering since April of this year. My church listed ways to get involved in the community and through that I found my way to Greenhouse Ministries.

2. What is your favorite part about volunteering here?

My favorite part about volunteering is to be able to help others. It is a gift to be able to serve and I am so blessed.

3. What are some of your favorite hobbies?

My hobbies include any homestead activity. I love to garden and I enjoy canning to make jellies. I also raise chickens. When we have extra eggs I love donating them to Greenhouse!

GARDEN PATCH NEWS

WEEKLY SALES

AUG. 1-4:

25% off glassware, kitchen items, dishes and linens

AUG. 8-11:

25% off clothes and shoes

AUG. 15-18:

25% off decorative items, frames, framed pictures and collectibles

AUG. 22-25:

25% off purses, belts, scarves, jewelry, crafts and toys

AUG. 29-SEPT. 1:

25% off EVERYTHING

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HOURS OF OPERATION

Tuesday - Friday:
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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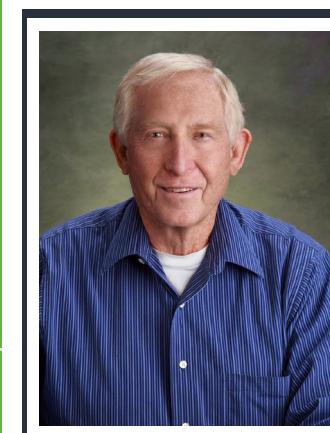
Rosland Rhyne

Drew & Christy Sanford

Cliff & Jane Sharp

Jon Troutt

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CLIFF'S NOTES

One of our Wellspring guys came by to bring a bill for doing air conditioning repair on one of the duplexes we rent. He also informed me that he had changed his major at MTSU to Religious Studies. We had two sets of commentaries on a shelf that were being used for decoration. He asked where he could get a good set of them. I said, "right there from that shelf!" He gave me a big hug and big tears were rolling down his cheeks. Here is his story.

Jack* is a veteran that started drinking heavily and ended up losing his wife, child and his HVAC business and became homeless. After the divorce was final he packed up his clothes and drove to Birmingham and then to Kentucky making just enough money to stay high. He said that he eventually reached the point of despair and started praying. He said that God told him to go back home and he would give him a blessing. "Trust Me."

When he got back to Tennessee he met an old Army friend that introduced him to Greenhouse Ministries. He was able to get into the Wellspring Program. There he had a place to live, food, some structure and people who cared about him. After volunteering for a while and working some odd jobs he said he would like to start a business. We were able to get him a job so he could save up enough money to buy some A/C equipment. He then started working doing maintenance at a motel and got his business off the ground. Jack* was able to move into an apartment of his own and reestablish a relationship with his daughter. Today he runs a business and is attending MTSU.

Jack* said that being at Greenhouse Ministries inspired him to go back to school and study Social Work. He is also getting a degree in Religious Studies.

"The blessing was the people at Greenhouse Ministries," he says. "Spiritually, Greenhouse was the best thing that ever happened to me. I always knew they loved me even when I did not think anyone cared about or loved me."

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know we have an email version of our newsletter? If you are interested in switching to our email newsletter, instead of receiving the mail newsletter, please contact Rachel Young at 615.494.0499 or rachel.young@greenhousemin.org. Thanks!



THE PAST MONTH AT A GLANCE



Juice Bar - Murfreesboro gave a \$500 check after hosting a community weekend where they donated a portion of their proceeds to Greenhouse Ministries. Thank you for serving healthy and delicious drinks while also investing in the lives of our clients!



We had a wonderful 1st annual Donor Appreciation Month saying thank you to everything our donors do to make Greenhouse possible. Thank you again, we love you!



Bank of America gave us a \$15,000 grant to go to our Pathways for Career Success program! This program equips job seekers with the tools that will help them obtain and maintain meaningful employment that can lead to financial security.



Cliff Sharp had another book signing for his book, *Cliff's Notes*, at the Linebaugh Public Library. If you are interested in purchasing a book, call Greenhouse Ministries to reserve your copy!



Donatos Pizza recently opened in Murfreesboro, and for their ribbon cutting they presented a check for \$500 to Greenhouse Ministries! They are already wonderful models of what it means to be true community members. Not to mention their pizza is yummy!



We had a wonderful Mobile Food Pantry this month, thanks to Second Harvest of Middle Tennessee for the food and to our sponsors, Shawn and Jennifer Kaplan with The Coffee Drop Project. We even had employees from Khol's come and volunteer and send us a \$500 check as part of the Khol's Cares program. 220 families were served with prayer and left with a grocery cart full of food. (pictured above)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 10, 10-12:
Volunteer Orientation

August 19, 9-12:
Fix-It-Fair

August 26:
Mobile Food Pantry

THANK YOU!

Stewart's Creek High School's HOSA donated 178.5 lbs of dental products for our Nursing Clinic. Thank you so much for investing in our clients health and well being!

Thank you also to Dawn White and Delta Dental for donating 60 toothbrushes to our Community Rack. These toothbrushes will provide access to dental hygiene to clients who might not have any other place to go.

The 1687 Foundation graciously donated five boxes full of Bibles and educational books to give to our clients. Thank you 1687 Foundation!

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

In memory of: Joyce M. Benedict
Donated by:

- Bonnie Booth
- Ann Hagerman
- Brad & Karen Hornsby
- Cynthia McCashin
- Military Officer's Association of America (Stones River Chapter)
- Trinity Presbyterian Church

GREENHOUSE NEEDS:

1. Items for our food pantry including:
 - Canned spaghetti or ravioli
 - Cereal
 - Jelly
2. Size 32 men's jeans for our clients
3. Items for our community rack including:
 - Men's socks and underwear
 - Women's socks