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THE GREENHOUSE NEWS

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GAME DAY 2017

Game Day 2017 was a success for the 3rd year in a row, even with the crazy weather. We enjoyed sharing our future building plans with all of our guests. Thank you to all of our donors, guests, speakers, sponsors, table hosts and volunteers for making it possible. We want to extend a special thanks to World Outreach Church for welcoming us to your facilities on such short notice and to Richard Stewart, of Stewart's Special Events for helping make the transition go so smoothly.

Together we raised **\$90,275** for our new building! If you are interested in learning more about how you can partner with us on our future building, please contact Sarah Gwinn at sarah.gwinn@greenhousemin.org.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Pray.

We are a Christian nonprofit and we believe in the power of God through prayer. Day after day we see prayers answered at Greenhouse Ministries. We thank God that he continues to bless us. We ask you to join us in our thanks, and continue to ask God's grace on our clients and on Greenhouse Ministries.

Volunteer.

With 350 volunteer hours a week, we would cease to exist without our volunteers. Our volunteers meet with clients, they sort donations, they teach our classes, work in the Garden Patch and much more.

Employee Matching.

Did you know many companies offer matching funds for charitable contributions made by their employees? Check online at "Double the Donation" or talk with your HR department about your company's giving policy!

Donate.

Do you want to plant hope every month in our community? You can set up a safe and secure monthly donation through our website or through your bank account to go directly to Greenhouse Ministries. All donations are tax deductible.



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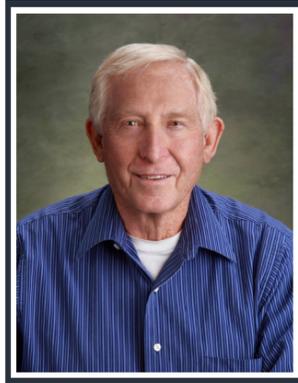
HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday - Friday:
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- Tracey Binkley
- Mark & Janet Blackwelder
- Andrae Crismon
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- Steve & Teresa Howell
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- Drew & Christy Sanford
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- Jon Troutt

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CLIFF'S NOTES

Recently Greenhouse Ministries was able to donate a car to a woman who was walking over a mile to work, one way. When I first took her to see her car she threw her hands up and hollered, "lawdy, lawdy, lawdy! Is this really mine?" With tears in her eyes she threw her arms around me and gave me a big hug saying, "thank you, thank you, thank you." I told her to thank God, He is the provider.

Let me tell you the "rest of the story." Lucy* has been a client of Greenhouse for years and she recently came to Greenhouse to get some food. When I passed by where she was waiting to see a counselor, I asked if she was still making biscuits at one of the fast food places. She told me that she was, but she was having to walk across town before daylight because the transmission in her vehicle had gone out. She was waiting until she got enough money to buy transmission fluid. She had someone who could fix the transmission if she could just provide the fluid. I told her not to buy any fluid because I had just received a call that a business was donating a skid of transmission fluid and antifreeze. She could come pick it up the following Tuesday. She was elated.

When she returned, we got her eight quarts of transmission fluid. When we asked where her vehicle was so we could load it for her, she answered, "oh, I am walking, but I brought some strong bags." We had a big laugh together at the picture of what was happening.

A couple of days later, on "Dawn in the Morning" on Moody Radio, I shared this story and explained how God had provided before the need was even known. That afternoon I received a call from a man who "happened" to be driving through Smyrna going to Atlanta when he heard the radio program. After asking some questions about what we do at Greenhouse he said he had an automobile he would like to donate to Lucy* if that would be possible. Of course!! When he brought the car to Greenhouse Ministries, it was a very clean, low mileage, Buick Century. He even donated enough money to put new shock absorbers on the car. ALL WERE BLESSED!!

To me there is nothing more exciting than seeing God work in the lives of people. At Greenhouse we get to see it happen daily. I pray that we will all become more aware of how He is always moving to bless His people. He is utterly amazing!

Look at the nations and watch and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. Habakkuk 1:5

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF

Are you interested in helping with the Hurricane Harvey Relief but aren't sure how to? We are partnering with One Generation Away, Feed America First, Team Music is Love and The Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau to give you an easy way to help. We are collecting food and flood buckets (5 gallon buckets filled with cleaning supplies). We have already collected food on **Sept. 23rd**, but we still have one more date we will be collecting the food: **Oct. 6th** from 6:30 am - 5 pm at Greenhouse Ministries. We will be sending the food to the Houston area to be distributed on **Nov. 4th**. If you are able to donate we would greatly appreciate it. Let's show some love to our neighbors in Texas! Here is a list of nonperishable items for donation:

- Pop top cans of vegetables and soups
- Dry pasta, dry rice or dry beans
- Pop top canned chicken and tuna
- Pop top canned spaghetti sauce
- Mac and Cheese
- Ramen Noodles
- Hamburger Helper
- Peanut Butter (non-glass)

THE PAST MONTH AT A GLANCE



In the past month, 15 people graduated from our budgeting course. This means they attended all three classes and learned money management skills. Congratulations to our graduates!



Garden Patch celebrated the end of summer with their annual Big Summer Blow Out Sale! If you missed it, follow them on Facebook and Instagram so you don't miss the next sale! (pictured below)



We hosted our annual Oil Change Event on Sept. 23rd where we served 24 single mothers and seniors with free oil changes. Thank you to Sub Stop for catering and to City Church and Christian Life Church for sending volunteers! And a big thank you to the Florida Brothers with Napa Auto Parts for providing the filters and oil.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

October 6, 6:30 am - 5 pm:
Food drive for hurricane relief

October 12, 10-12:
Volunteer Orientation

October 14:
Mobile Food Pantry

October 31:
Happy Halloween!

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

In memory of: Ruby Fish
Donated by: Marie and Ralph Campbell

THANK YOU:

- We want to extend a HUGE thank you to our volunteer Bill Sergent for introducing us to Hunter Industrial Fans who set up overhead fans for our warehouse. They are a huge benefit for our staff and volunteers who work in the warehouse with no air conditioning.

- UFit donated 965 lbs. of food in celebration of their Grand Re-Opening. Their clients lost 965 lbs. so they celebrated by donating 965 lbs of food to us. Thank you Rod Key and the rest of the UFit crew! (Cliff Sharp and Chris Maxey pictured left)

GREENHOUSE NEEDS:

- Volunteers to assist with our furniture pickups on Tuesdays and Thursdays
- Canned chicken
- Canned fruit