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**FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK**

**Michele Knapp**

For many of us, the summer months are for vacations, hanging out by the pool or lake, and fun family gatherings and cookouts. But as the summer temperatures increase, the need for our services increases as well. It is a common misconception that we serve more people during the winter months, but in fact the summer months are the busiest time of year for us. This time of year, when the weather is nice and school lets out for the summer, many people relocate in hopes of finding better employment, housing or just to start fresh in a new environment. With the rising housing costs and lack of affordable housing options, many run out of money as they search for housing or a new job, leaving them homeless and in need of assistance.

This year marks our 24th Christmas in July celebration, our largest fundraiser of the year. The purpose of this fundraiser is to bring awareness of our increased needs during the summer season and to recreate the giving spirit of the holidays, when our need is the greatest. I invite you to celebrate "Christmas" with us on July 16th as we host a delicious drive through lunch and an online auction. The funds raised from this event will allow us to restock our supplies and support our programs during the lean summer months. As always, we thank you for your ongoing support and we hope that you will continue to support us as we work to address the barriers facing those that are homeless, because everyone deserves the basic necessity of safe, affordable housing.

**2023 "CHRISTMAS IN JULY" FUNDRAISER**

**DRIVE-THRU LUNCH - \$15 PLATE**

**SUNDAY, JULY 16TH FROM 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM**

**BAKE SALE/ONLINE AUCTION BEGINS SATURDAY, JULY 8TH AT 12 PM AND ENDS**

**TUESDAY, JULY 18TH AT 9 PM**

**SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE**

**PURCHASE TICKETS BY CALLING OUR OFFICE OR AVAILABLE ONLINE:**

**[HTTPS://WWW.FIFTHSTREETMINISTRIES.COM/EVENTS/2023-CHRISTMAS-IN-JULY/](https://www.fifthstreetministries.com/events/2023-christmas-in-july/)**



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Every time you shop on [Walmart.com](http://Walmart.com), you can round up your change and donate it to Fifth Street Ministries.

Learn how small acts can lead to big impact at

[#WalmartSparkGood](https://www.walmart.com/registry/registryforgood)

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## PURPLE HEART TINY HOMES UPDATE

Fifth Street Ministries, Purple Heart Homes, and the Piedmont Veterans Assistance Council (PVAC) partnered to place two tiny homes behind Fifth Street's main shelter. The two tiny homes house two homeless veterans.

This program is a one-year program, and the veterans pay a percentage of their income to live there. The program provides: continued intensive case management, meals in the Community Kitchen, counseling, transportation, and needed nurse visits. Residents volunteer in the kitchen and maintain socialization. We are in the process of expanding this project with the hopes of adding more tiny homes in the future.

We are thankful for our Veterans!



## COMMUNITY KITCHEN ONGOING NEEDS LIST

Dry goods

Egg noodles

Spaghetti

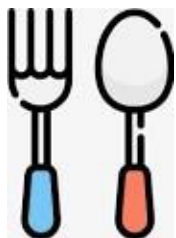
Macaroni

Rice

Sugar

Coffee

Creamers



## NURSE CLINIC ONGOING NEEDS LIST

Tylenol

Ibuprofen

Allergy relief

Daytime cold/cough

cough drops

Kleenex

Orajel toothache

individual weekly/daily medicine planners

neosporin/triple antibiotic ointment

Hydrocortisone cream

sunscreen





**CELEBRATING SUCCESS  
DARRELL WOODS'  
JOURNEY TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY**

**FIFTH  
STREET  
MINISTRIES**

**SHELTER  
SERVICES**

In 2019, Darrell Woods lost his wife and found himself living with a roommate. On December 26, 2022, Darrell discovered himself homeless and hungry after his roommate kicked him out. He was residing on the streets with nowhere to turn. He then made his way to Fifth Street Ministries. When he arrived on campus, his first thought was "I don't want to be here." Given the stress and anger held toward his situation, he had turned to drinking excessively, but soon realized that there was no future in this behavior.

At this point, he knew he had to find the strength and courage to look within and get help with his drinking habit. With the assistance of his Case Manager, Rebecca, and Benefits Coordinator, Heather, he was helped with getting the needed documents and applying for benefits. He volunteered to participate in the Daymark detoxification program which is a 7-day program. Through this process, he moved to 30 days with no alcohol. During this time, he also started working in the kitchen part-time.

After making progress toward his case management goals, he could move to Fifth Street Ministries' Step-up Unit where he was granted additional privileges allowed by the program. While at Fifth Street Ministries, he was assisted with meals, clothing, transportation to appointments, getting his birth certificate, social security card and locating an apartment. He states that what kept him motivated was "he liked working with the staff." Looking back, "If I had not found Fifth Street Ministries, I would probably be dead, there were some really cold days."



Through the assistance of Fifth Street Ministries' services, Darrell has moved to his own apartment. He continues to work part-time in the kitchen. His Case Manager, Rebecca, helped him develop a step-by-step plan to get his life back on track and move to self-sufficiency. He calls the staff at Fifth Street Ministries, the "good guys." His Case Manager, Rebecca said "I enjoyed working with Darrell, he was very self-motivated and asked if he could go to the detox program. I will continue to be available to him as a resource."

## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS!

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Join us in serving others!

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[www.fifthstreetministries.com/needs-volunteer/](http://www.fifthstreetministries.com/needs-volunteer/)



### WE NEED HELP WITH

Community Food Boxes

To be part of this volunteer  
opportunity contact:

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