

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUSING FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

Providing HOPE by making home possible.

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**“CHRISTMAS IS MOST TRULY
CHRISTMAS WHEN WE CELEBRATE IT
BY GIVING THE LIGHT OF LOVE TO
THOSE WHO NEED IT THE MOST.”**

~ RUTH CARTER STAPLETON



Dear Supporters,

Thank you so much for being a part of the Good Shepherd Housing Foundation community. We would not be able to continue in our mission without your hope, faith, and support.

The past year marked three decades of providing affordable housing options for those dealing with financial uncertainty and those who struggle with mental illness. It was another very fortunate year for GSHF! 13 of our 15 homes received upgrades and much needed repairs, thanks to a generous grant from the Hylton Foundation.

That meant six properties received new windows and doors, four properties got roof replacements, and much more. We started down a new path, providing "Bridge Housing" to local civil servants facing ever increasing housing costs. And one of our group homes, Shepherd House 1" became a female only house, increasing our ability to serve our area.

As we set out our 31st year in 2020, we hope you'll continue to be a part of our mission in the community.

Valerie Meale
President GSHF

Thanks to all our friends who have supported us in our mission; past, present, and future!

GSHF is a 501 © 3 Non-profit organization dedicated to creating affordable housing opportunities throughout Prince William County for low income single parents families, and the seriously mentally ill.

All donations are tax deductible.



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Behind the scenes at

Good Shepherd Housing Foundation

OUR MISSION

Good Shepherd Housing Foundation's mission is to provide housing options for individuals and families with low income and those who struggle with mental illness.

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Good Shepherd Housing Foundation
is a

Community Housing Development
Organization (CHDO)

On September 27th Good Shepherd Housing Foundation (GSHF) Celebrated it's 30th Anniversary at the Old Hickory Golf Club. Thank you to all our Board of Directors, staff and supporters who made this event possible, we couldn't have done it without your love and support!





GOOD SHEPHERD CELEBRATED 30TH ANNIVERSARY
Providing HOPE by making home Possible.

Good Shepherd Housing Foundation and friends celebrated 30 years of providing housing and services to the individuals and families often left out of the abundance in our community. Pictured at the anniversary event are supporters and friends who have labored over the years to remember men and women with serious mental illness, and families with very low income.

Because of a mother's concern for her adult son, with mental illness, and where he would live when his parents passed away, Good Shepherd Housing Foundation was born. 1989 saw the first group home, Shepherd I, come into being. And with the growing need in the community for more housing for people with mental illness, the Shepherds 2 and Shepherd 3 group homes were opened in the nineties.

All three benefit from the partnership with PWC community Services that provides the case management and full range of mental services to the clients in the three group homes. PWC Community still provides these critical services to the clients in our programs at no cost to Good Shepherd.

As the years passed, GSHF felt the need to further their housing efforts for another group of people in the community that needed an advocate, families needing affordable rental housing. Seeing the gap, Good Shepherd purchased 11 townhomes and one condo to house families in need.

4 of the families in the townhomes receive case management thru the GSHF Housing Partnership Program. PWC Dept of Social Services has given a contribution toward case management and support services.

In 2008, The Shepherd Leasing Program was begun with Good Shepherd leasing several units in scattered apartment complexes for individuals. In 2015 GSHF broaden their support to families with an adult member struggling with mental illness. This program continues to provide stability and permanency for people who can maintain independently in the community with support from PWC Community Services and the Foundation.

A new housing program, The Bridge House, will be introduced in December for service community personnel. We hope this will be the beginning of a new effort to support our military, teachers, police and nurses who assist us every day.

We also want to thank our anniversary sponsors: David and Janice Carr, Ted and Kathy Bean, Herb and Mary Pryor, Southern Builders, Bath Fitters, William Olson, our raffle volunteer Robyn Johanson and all our raffle basket donors.

The thirty years has only served to strengthen the commitment of Good Shepherd to continue in its mission to provide housing options to people in their efforts to build strong futures in our community!

GOOD SHEPHERD HOUSING FOUNDATION CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING WITH SHEPHERD HOMES RESIDENTS

Pictured here are four residents of Shepherd 3 with their box of Thanksgiving dinners, and desserts. Donna Dalpezzo, finance administrator at GSHF ordered and delivered these turkey boxes for each Shepherd Home, Thanksgiving morning.

The residents in these group homes either cook their own meal with everything provided for their meal, if they wish too, or they receive fully prepared dinners provided from funds from the Foundation. Many residents do not have families, but Thanksgiving shared with their roommates is a tradition that is very special to them.



REMEMBERING OUR RESIDENTS AT CHRISTMAS

Each year the Local and Global Community Outreach Group of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Blackburn Road remembers our families with clothes and toys for the children in our programs. We are truly grateful for their support and giving.

Now we are asking others to remember our adult single individuals with mental illness living in our group homes and apartments. So many of our residents do not have families that can help them. A \$25.00 gift card from Walmart or Target would mean so much to someone who is alone at Christmas. Quite often that gift card helps them with groceries or clothing.

Another gift idea is a year's gift of \$120 that can help some of our residents take exercise classes that are beneficial to their health, since Diabetes, high blood pressure and poor health often accompany their mental illness two gyms, near our resident's apartments, offer memberships at \$10.00 a month.

And finally, a gift bag containing socks, a sweatshirt and a bath towel is a wonderful present to people who don't often have enough money to buy these essentials.

You can drop off your gifts at our office on 13190 Centerpointe Way on Tuesdays through Thursdays between 9 and 4 these next few weeks or simply mail a check with your intention noted on the memo line. We will acknowledge your donation before the end of the year. Thank you for continuing support of our programs and we wish you the happiest of holidays!

THANK YOU TO CECIL AND IRENE HYLTON FOUNDATION!

HYLTON GRANT

The year 2019 brought a wonderful gift to Good Shepherd homes in the form of a Preservation and Critical Needs Grant from Cecil and Irene Hylton Foundation. The Foundation gives primarily to hospitals, education, human services, performing arts center and the Boys and Girls club. In 2015, Hylton also gave a grant to Good Shepherd to renovate the Shepherd 3 Group Homes. The Hylton Foundation is a strong supporter of maintaining and improving affordable housing that benefits both residents and the community in general.

The current grant has allowed Good Shepherd to make the following renovations and repairs to houses including windows, exterior work, roofing, vent cleaning for all houses, electrical panel work, new appliances, painting and flooring.

Because of these funds, families can live in safe, attractive settings that encourage children to continue in the same schools, invite their friends over, allow parents to pursue better paying employment and more education if needed or desired.

We are extremely grateful to the Hyltons for their generosity toward Good Shepherd as well as to the Prince William community!

Giving is not just about making a donation

It's about

Making a difference.

-Kathy Calvin



Work In Progress



NEW PROGRAM !!!!

Bridge House is the first house in a new Affordable Rentals Program. The house has been made available to the community's service workers such as military, teacher, nurse, police officer. While still being offered to families in the low to moderate income range, the 30% rent limit will be observed. As an example: a family of 4 in the 60% of area media income would normally pay \$1550 a month for rent, under Good Shepherd's income limit, for a 3 bedroom-townhome, a utility allowance of \$100 a month would lower the rent to \$1450 a month.

While much of Good Shepherd's housing programs have been directed toward a lower income range, it is apparent that many of our service providers are having a difficult time finding housing that is attractive, safe, and affordable in this community where they work. For that reason, Good Shepherd is recognizing the need to support these families in Prince William County.

We hope to be able to provide a second Bridge home in the next year expand our commitment to provide housing options to families and individuals in our community.

IS GOOD SHEPHERD IN YOUR FUTURE?

Do you know anyone with mental health issues? Families with low income? People needing housing and services to become independent?

Are you community involved, business oriented, and willing to put your passions and knowledge into action? If so, consider becoming a Board or Committee member in Good Shepherd's Mission to provide hope by making home possible.

Board members are asked to contribute their special skills and expertise to decisions and actions in policies that help the least fortunate, to provide fiscal oversight to the Missions' efforts and to take an active part in fund raising.

Committee member are asked for short term commitments to fundraising, finance, business development.

Please call or email Pat Johanson Executive Director gshf_execdir@goodshepherdhousing.org to set a time to have a conversation about how we can work together to make this a better community encompassing housing for those in need.

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1. Ask for one of our pledge cards and decide how much you would like to donate and how often.
2. Use our secure on-line donation website, VANCO. Which allows you to make one or recurring payments securely online.
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