

THANKSGIVING IN THEIR NEW HOME THIS YEAR

Kellie grew up without a father, which had a huge impact on her life. She started making bad choices at a young age which got her in trouble with the law and with addiction issues. While she would have time of sober living, her trauma would catch up with her and drag her back down.

It is at this point that Kellie reached out to Lighthouse, where your compassion and support made it possible for us to offer Rescue & Recovery to Kellie and her children.

"When I first walked in the door, I had peace that I had somewhere safe to sleep and a good meal." For the first time ever, Kellie realized she could have a new life. "I got saved and that was the moment I started to believe."

After 2 years, Kellie successfully



Kellie and her family outside of their new home.

completed the Life-Learning Program. She has been able to rebuild family relationships and has a full-time position with Lighthouse, where she is doing a fantastic job of running our Kitchen.

Kellie is applying what she has learned during her time at Lighthouse in order to make wise decisions. This year her family will be celebrating Thanksgiving in their new home that she recently was able to purchase. This is one more example of how your generosity offers dignity and a better quality of life through the power of the Gospel.

"I have faith in God because He saved me from the hell I was in and forgave me and loved me. I've got my little family back and I give Him all the glory."

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Mark is one of our program residents. He has been setting up a chair upstairs during intake and offering to clip the overnight guests toenails. There have been many men who have sat in the chair over the past two or three days to take Mark up on his offer.

Mark shared that one of the most amazing moments that took place during this service was when a man who was standing and watching was

moved to tears as he witnessed this taking place. It is such a blessing to see God work in the hearts of men.

Thank you Mark for your willingness to do this. May the Lord continue to bless you with heart change and a even greater desire to be more like Him. Another example of how your compassion gives opportunities and allows Christ to change lives through living out the Gospel.



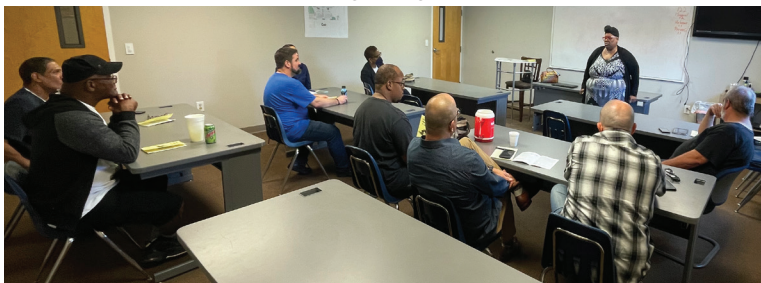
FLORIDA RURAL LEGAL SERVICES CLINIC

Often the people we serve have legal barriers in their backgrounds that need to be overcome. This is why we were excited to facilitate a Law Clinic at our Lakeland campus. Attorneys Sharon Bundrage and Andrea Mosley, and Marketing Director Sueanna Jones from Florida Rural Legal Services, delivered a presentation on Homelessness prevention and eviction to some of our residents and overnight guests.

Florida Rural is working together with the City of

Lakeland Community Development on an initiative to prevent homelessness through education and free legal representation (if qualified). After the presentation, the attorneys met individually with residents that needed legal advice in other civil areas.

Opportunities like this help our residents and guests to overcome the barriers of their past in order to move forward and find dignity and a better quality of life through the power of the Gospel.



MEET JOHN & JOHN – OUR NEWEST INTERNS



John grew up with an absentee father and a mother who was not always there for him, so when he got married he wanted to always be there for his family. Unfortunately his struggles with depression led him to out of control addictions. This led to a loss of his wife and children. When Covid took

his mother he hit rock bottom. He wrecked his car and lost his job and home.

John came to Lighthouse Ministries and is making the most of the recovery services offered to him. While he still struggles with his mother's death he is working through his issues by reading the Word daily. He is excited to be able to help our overnight guests and is looking forward to volunteering at his church.

Having finished the Education phase John is now working as an intern and is looking forward to rebuilding his relationship with his children.

"The atmosphere allows me to stay clean and positive

and give glory to the Lord. Through Jesus I am getting a deeper understanding about life and the way of love."



Trapped in his addictions, John number two had not cared about his life for a long time. He feels it is a miracle that he is alive and came to Lighthouse for help so that he can be a father to his son.

John is so thankful for your generosity that allowed him the opportunity to experience Rescue & Recovery, to come to know Christ, and continue to grow in him. He has found support from the staff, the other men in the program and his church.

John is also now working as a Resident intern. He is looking forward to strengthening his relationships with his family and being a godly example to his son.

"God gives me certain peace of mind that no one else can. I am saved now and I look forward to full recovery."

HOLIDAY FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION

WE ARE PREPARING NOW!

During the Holiday Season last year, our generous supporters made it possible to supply over **114,000** meals, including almost **2,600** food boxes to the poor and at risk population of West Central Florida.



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT OUR THRIFT STORE LOCATIONS OR YOU CAN SCAN THE CODE WITH YOUR DEVICE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION TO BE TURNED IN.

HOLIDAY FOOD BOXES & CHRISTMAS TOY APPLICATIONS

Thanksgiving

FOOD BOX APPLICATIONS

Applications Accepted
THROUGH OCTOBER 28, 2022

Christmas

FOOD BOX & TOY APPLICATIONS

Applications Accepted
THROUGH – NOVEMBER 18, 2022

Applicants will be notified of acceptance the same day as completed application is turned in and will receive an appointment card for pick-up.



Fill out one application to apply for both Holidays!



But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16

CELEBRATING THE IMPACT – Thanks to you!

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2022

148,670

Nutritious Meals Provided

456

Homeless Sheltered (Non-Duplicate)

4,886

Individuals Served

2,204

Gospel Communications

34,106

Nights of Shelter

105

Life Learning Residents Served

115

Community Homeless Housed or Stabilized

109

Faith Decisions



For more information on the ministries of Lighthouse go to

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Your generosity creates Rescue and Recovery environments for at-risk people where they can experience dignity and a better quality of life through the power of the Gospel!