

CHRISTIAN
SHELTER
Salisbury, Maryland

Newsletter

WINTER '26



Conversations on a Bench



It was a blustery day in October. A cold front passed through Salisbury the previous day, but it didn't dissuade the conversation from beginning. The wind and temperature set a fitting framework to discuss being hungry, cold and alone.

"Conversations on a Bench" was a national, 24-hour event where ministries shared real stories about homelessness, addiction and mental health. On October 9, the Shelter's Executive Director, Anthony Dickerson, bundled up for the outdoor weather and a 24-hour stint when he talked with local elected officials, nonprofit heads and leaders from the local faith community. The entire event was live-streamed on the Shelter's Facebook page, where everyone could follow conversations with 13 featured guests, including Salisbury mayor Randy Taylor, city councilwoman April Jackson, NAACP local president Monica Brooks and Maryland state delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes.

The event's reach and influence were impressive: during the 48-hour period which included the event, we saw more than 11,000 new page views on Facebook. There were hundreds of community engagements on our page which included comments, shares and reactions. Thirty new people became Facebook "followers." Other viewers responded with financial donations or commitments to join our "Covenant Partners" monthly donation program.

Nationwide, hundreds of events led to a better understanding of the problem and encouraged broader community involvement and support for local rescue missions. As is the case with most noble endeavors, God's work requires many hands.

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Short Takes on Uplifting Achievements

A New Year, A New Look

We're kicking off the new year with a new graphic design for our quarterly newsletters! The new layout is intended to improve our engagement with you, by making it more visually appealing, easier to scan, and easier to read by using a larger type-size. We've been a faith-filled ministry for 45 years, and we're pursuing ways to strengthen what marketers call our "brand impression." We welcome your feedback as we continue to evolve with this fresher, more vibrant way to convey our message.

Annual Magi Concert

November's annual Magi Fund Christmas Concert attracted nearly 2,000 people from near and far! For the past 32 years this concert has dazzled the Shore with inspiring Christmas music to kick off the season. Powerful performances by The National Christian Choir and the Salisbury Children's Choir thrilled attendees at Emmanuel Church in Salisbury. This year's concert was especially exciting as one of our own local alumni, Richard Thomas, sang as the featured soloist. A graduate of Holly Grove Christian School, Richard now performs at the world-famous Sight & Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The Magi Fund, Inc. was founded for the sole purpose of raising funds for the Christian Shelter and the Joseph House Center. The concert proceeds will be shared in equal part to both.



Jessica Schlegel

Faith & Artistry

A beautiful example of faith-filled art now graces a wall within the Shelter's "Respite Room." Local artist Jessica Schlegel offered her artistic talents by painting "Christ's Promise to the Children," an inspiring rendition of youth united in faith. Schlegel, who holds a master's degree in teaching, has been doing commission artwork for clients for six years. She's also painted public art in Ocean City and was voted "Best Artist" in Coastal Style magazine two years in a row. When she was a teacher at Beaver Run Elementary School, two co-workers (other teachers) suggested contacting the Shelter about painting a Jesus and children concept within our building. It has become a wonderful gift to us and a testament to her talent. To learn more, visit Schlegel's website at jlschlegelart.com.



Avis Bailey



Terrance Rice



Cassandra Bailey

Meet our new staff members

Dedicated employees are the backbone of any organization. That's why we're pleased to introduce three new hires for the Shelter's night crew. Romona "Avis" Bailey learned about us from a friend at her church. Avis moved to Salisbury from South Carolina last August. Terrance Rice hails from Chester, Pennsylvania and now lives in Salisbury. He learned about our job opening on Facebook. Cassandra Bailey and a team of church friends recently prepared and served a meal in our dining room. After dinner, she "just knew" that she wanted to work here! Cassandra is an elder at her church, and she enjoys reading and taking walks during her spare time. We welcome all three with open arms!



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A Shout-out for Shore Distributors

As a local HVAC and plumbing equipment distributor, Shore Distributors, Inc. has been a generous supporter of local charities. We're happy to report that the Shelter is now the proud recipient of equipment that replaces a 26-year-old system that serves our busy kitchen. Board member Jeffrey Downes coordinated with David Morris to accept a new furnace, cooling coil, condensing unit, and thermostat valued at \$8,500. This equipment gift will keep our kitchen cool and warm for years to come. We are blessed!

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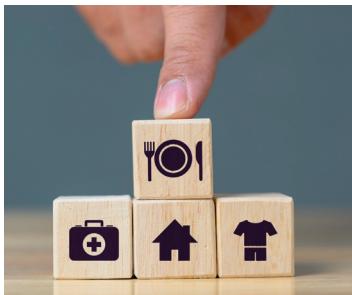
Saturday, April 18, 2026:

"Sheltering Hearts" fundraising banquet at the
Wicomico Youth & Civic Center



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DAILY NEEDS

TOP 12 ITEMS NEEDED

1. Breakfast meats (bacon, scrapple, ham, turkey, hot dogs).
Breakfast cereals in large box sizes.
2. Toilet Paper + Paper Towels.
3. Cold, Flu, Sore throat, Heartburn, and Headache remedies.
4. Bottled Waters (small & large sizes).
5. Small juices for kids lunches, sliced or unsliced lunch meats.
6. Bleach, Laundry Detergents, Dryer Sheets and Fabric Softeners.
7. Sliced Cheeses, Grated cheeses (for spaghetti meals).
8. Lysol Disinfecting Sprays/Wipes.
9. Non-Styrofoam, Paper Plates, Cups.
10. Baby care items: Wipes, Pampers, Skin care items.
11. Heavy cord (to tie up bundles of waste cardboard for recycling).
12. Cheese, Sliced Sandwich Meats.