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Newsletter



"Sheltering Hearts Fundraising Banquet" Raises \$63,000

More than 220 members of the community gathered at the Wicomico Youth & Civic Center on April 18 to celebrate their support for the Christian Shelter. Our "Sheltering Hearts Fundraising Banquet" raised more than \$63,000 for the vital programs that provide care and emergency housing for the needy. The evening also featured a silent auction which contributed significantly to the fundraising proceeds.

The event featured several notable local people and program segments that included music, personal stories and praise for the Lord. Heidi Kristine, the familiar WMDT-TV local news anchor, was the evening's emcee. She led the audience through segments that were festive, often inspirational, and sometimes prayerful. The evening opened with a powerful invocation by Rev. Mark Thompson from the Emmanuel Church's Benny Street campus. Thompson is also a member of the Christian Shelter's board of directors. Musician JJ Remo performed several contemporary songs showcasing his voice and guitar skills.

The banquet's keynote speaker was Pastor Dana Stauffer, Lead Pastor of the City Church, Fruitland. She offered a rousing speech that recalled the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well (John 4), and how Christ revealed his role as the Messiah and offering "living water." She reminded those who assist the homeless today that Jesus went to places most people didn't want to go. "The hurting need to know that there is someone who will go to those places that others won't" she declared. Stauffer then bridged to Matthew 25: "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." By the time she finished her speech, the audience was jubilant and expressive in praise.

After this inspirational speech, the Shelter proudly presented awards to several volunteers. Trennee Robinson received the Volunteer Award, and Paul Ranney and Bernard Carter received recognition with Faith Leader Awards. These volunteers were recognized for their service and dedication which makes a lasting difference to the Shelter's guests.

Closing remarks were offered by Bishop Anthony Dickerson, Executive Director of the Christian Shelter, stating "This event not only raises critical funds, but also reminds us of the power of faith, community, and compassion."

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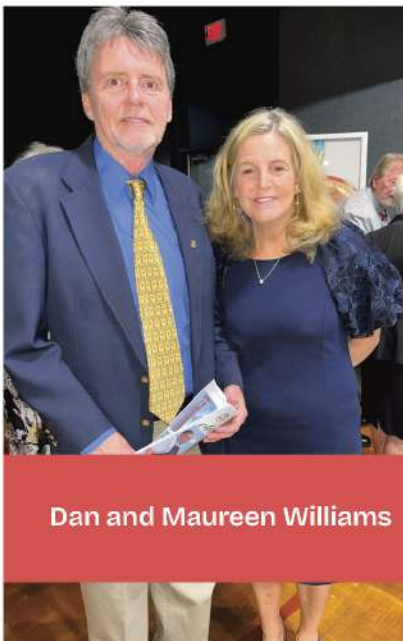
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Familiar Faces

♥ at the "Sheltering Hearts" ♥

Banquet



Smith Foundation Gifts the Shelter \$20,000

We are delighted to announce that the Jack P. and Anne R. Smith Foundation has gifted the Shelter \$20,000 for the purpose of hiring a part-time Case Manager. The Manager will listen to and counsel guests who really need a hand with getting their lives together. The Foundation, from its headquarters in Wilmington, Delaware, supports (among other causes) youth and program development charities. This generous gift brings us closer to the \$30,000 needed to fund the Case Manager position. Our focus now shifts to gathering an additional \$10,000 to close the funding gap and bring on this important professional. If you would like to contribute towards the \$10,000 balance, contact Anthony Dickerson, the Shelter's Executive Director, at 410-749-5673.

The 625 Short Street Building Renovation

With an eye to the future, the Christian Shelter just completed the exterior renovation of our two-story property at 625 Short Street (across the street from our main building). Thanks to funding from several foundations, we completed the renovation with a new roof, vinyl siding, windows, exterior doors and a new front porch! Our vision for the building is to establish a transition house for our male guests – a place where they could live safely for several months as they prepare for a return to the community under guidance and support by Christian Shelter staff. Shown are “before” and “after” photographs of the exterior renovation.



Volunteer Opportunities Available

Dedicated volunteers are the backbone of any non-profit organization. Many of our volunteers express a deep sense of fulfillment by working with us. How about you? These day-to-day opportunities await your skills and interests:

- Exterior grounds – mulching, raking, trash collection and other seasonal duties
- Office – work with us for a half-day on general office duties and mailings
- Kitchen – organize our food pantry, cardboard box breakdown, cleaning
- Cleaning – sanitize, mopping, washing, sweeping, etc.
- Offer your talents – if you prefer, tell us what interests you – or apply your own special talent or experience!

Want to join our team? Call our Volunteer Coordinator, Shanika Manuel, for more information. Dial 410-749-5673.

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During January 2026, we unveiled a new graphical design for our newsletters and annual report. The new design was made possible through the creative talent of Jake Nowell, the designer at Salisbury's Delmarva Printing & Design (DP&D). Our new design has been very well received, and we appreciate Jake's experience. DP&D prints and mails our quarterly newsletters and annual report. The Shelter is thankful for its relationship with this company through many years.



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DAILY BREAD

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.