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Director's Corner:



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We have had an eventful winter so far at Williamsburg House of Mercy, and we are looking forward to spring! Thanks to the generosity of those who contributed to our Coat Drive, we were able to provide warm coats, hats, gloves, and scarves to 187 people. A special thank you to the kids at Veritas Preparatory School for lending a hand with the distribution!

Our Mobile Food Pantries continue to have a significant impact for the food insecure in our community. The first Friday distribution at Williamsburg House of Mercy feeds 700 people, and the distribution at Stone House Presbyterian (the "Upper County distribution") is the Monday that follows. The Upper County distribution is not yet at capacity. If you know of someone who might be interested contact the WHOM main office at 757-253-0664 for more information.

We are excited to announce that for the first time ever we are going to launch an Easter basket sign-up for needy families in our community. We were blessed to be the recipients of a very large candy donation. We will be requesting donations of small chocolate bunnies or crosses, jelly beans, and Peeps. We will likely purchase the grass and baskets. Stay tuned for more information as we put our heads together for planning!

Finally, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Becki Wildenberger, our new Housing Based Case Manager. Becki replaces Sam O'Neil who recently took a job closer to his home in Norfolk. Becki comes to us with a warm heart and lots of experience working with the needy in the Williamsburg community. The position of Housing Based Case Manager is essential to our Housing Program. Becki will continue to engage the homeless who utilize our day center, as well as field inquiries from homeless in the community. The Housing Based Case Manager works with the client to locate housing, and navigate community services like health care, mental health care, and budget counseling. When housing is located the case manager works closely with the client to ensure a successful transition from homeless to housed, and stability beyond!

Upcoming Events:

- The Williamsburg House of Mercy Mobile Food Pantry is **March 3rd**.
- The Upper County Mobile Food Pantry at Stone House Presbyterian is **March 6th**.
- An Easter basket drive is being planned. Stay tuned for more!

Hope Pregnancy Center

Hope Pregnancy Center is expecting triplets! Keep mom and babies (and Mary Ellen!) in your prayers. Beginning this month Hope is going to start posting photos of our new babies on our Facebook page. Be sure to like Hope Pregnancy Care and Williamsburg House of Mercy on Facebook to stay up to date with the latest information.

The Harbor

12 area churches provided 318 volunteer hours to make the Harbor happen in the month of January. The Harbor has served 190 unique individuals since it opened in October 2015.

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