

GASTONIA STREET MINISTRY SUPPORT PERFORMANCE

The Family FOCCUS Initiative

Future Observers Creating Change Unified in Service

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The **Family FOCCUS Initiative** is a nonprofit organization focus on making the maximum "**pay it forward**" efforts for our at-risk communities.

On a given night in America, more than 200,000 people sleep outside, in cars, or in other places not meant for human habitation such as abandoned buildings. These people, who are enduring unsheltered homelessness, are approximately 1 in 3 of the people experiencing homelessness overall. In 2019, individuals experiencing chronic homelessness, unaccompanied young people, and veterans were more likely to be unsheltered than people experiencing homelessness in families with children.

Each year hundreds of people in Cleveland, Gaston, and Lincoln counties face homelessness. **In 2019, 324 people surveyed self-reported as being homeless in the three counties. Among them were 31 households with at least one child, 55 people were chronically homeless, 32 came from households with domestic violence and six were veterans, according to information from HUD.**

Gastonia Street Ministry Support

People experiencing homelessness are just that: people. GSM identified poor hygiene as a significant cause of health problems with the unsheltered homeless. During 2021, FFI provided **408 hygiene items** (soap, toothbrushes, feminine pads, deodorant, and socks) to meet their essential needs.

Gladys and Daniel Moore in camaraderie with Joyce Gibby, Minister Joan Williams, and Kimberly Cobb.



Sebastian Jones

FFI Youth Ambassador delivering supplies

Toothbrushes, feminine pads, and Cushion Socks



Deodorant and Disposable wash Cloths and Soap.



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