Look Up Child 2 Hope



**Jeremiah 29:11**

11 For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

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Dear Friends,

It is so good to be able to come to you again to let you know what has been accomplished so far this year. It is with your help that we have been able to be God’s hands extended to our neighbors in need. I am most grateful that you have heard the cry of the needy in our own communities, and answered God’s call.

Christmas is quickly approaching, and I again ask for your help to meet the needs of the children and families that we are actively serving. It has been a challenging year for everyone in our world, however the poor feel it even greater. Just getting food to feed their families is a nightmare. Earlier this year Food Stamps were cut to families, and since that time the need for food has grown.

Another, serious issue is the cost of rent has gone totally out of range of most low-income people. Many are facing eviction, and there is little help on the horizon.

\*I want to tell you the story of a sweet mother and her two children. The mother was living in a nearby city. After being abandoned by her husband, she could not get affordable housing, she lost her car, and then her job due to not having transportation. She spent three months in shelters with an 18-month-old, and a newborn. We were able to get her into affordable housing by paying the rent and deposits. She was given furniture, and household items to get started. Then we gave her a baby bed, double stroller, clothes, diapers, and food. She is on the waiting list for childcare, and has a job when she has a place for the children. We are praying for a donation of a car for her so she can better provide for herself, and children.

I am so very grateful to each of you for your prayers and financial help. I now ask you to pray, and consider a gift to help provide Christmas gifts, and food for our families. We have 80 children that need to have 1 toy, clothes, a coat, shoes, and a food basket. **The total need for Christmas is $6,400.00.**

Our benevolence is depleted at the present, and need your help to continue to help with rent, rent and utility deposits, Food, and clothes. We are in need of donations of children’s warm clothes, and shoes at the present. I am so excited to praise God that a donor has already provided for the Thanksgiving Food Baskets!! God is so very good. Thank you for hearing, praying, and answering the call to serve those that need our help so much.

In Christ’s Service,



Rev. Sarah C. Wells

**Who is Look Up Child 2 Hope?**

We are a non-profit, 501 © 3, Christian ministry, that serves low-income and homeless families with children, teens, and children in need of Christian counseling. Our services are at no charge to families who desire to have Christian counseling.

**Where Do Our Referrals Come From?**

We receive our referrals from the Department of Children’s Services, Churches, hospice agencies, local community agencies, and parents seeking help.

**Who are the Staff?**

We are blessed with volunteers that are retired social workers, teachers, and ministers. **\*There are no salaries for anyone, we are all volunteers.**

**How are we funded?**

We receive grants from businesses, donations from individuals, churches, and through fundraising.

**What are our expenses?**

We pay only $350.00 per month for our physical office located in the Colonial Center in Johnson City, TN. That is a total of $4,200.00, per year.

**Where does the balance of the donations go?**

Everything else that is donated goes to care for the families, and children’s need of rent, rent deposits, utilities, food, clothes, and school supplies. We do have two special programs that provide Resurrection Baskets for Easter with each child receiving a Bible in their basket, and the Back 2 School Program that provides school supplies, backpacks, clothing, and shoes.

**Statistics for January-October 15, 2023**

\*8 homeless teens/young adults were assisted with counseling, rent, rent and utility deposits, introduction to church families, furniture, and household goods.

\*24 families with rent, rent and utility deposits.

\*200 children were assisted at Easter, and again through the Back 2 School Program.

\*2,580 families with food through our community outreach events.

\*2,500 were given clothing through community “free clothing events”.

\*4,861 referrals to local agencies.