



Look Up Child 2 Hope

(A Division of Gilead Fellowship)

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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."

Dear Friends In Christ,

I love Fall, and all of the beauty it brings. All of the colors seem to say all is well. Fall brings my favorite time of year, Thanksgiving! Because of the gratitude that I feel this year, I want to share with you what is in my heart.

First, thank you for your faithfulness in providing the needed finances this past year. I have been so blessed with being allowed to serve our communities for over thirty years. I am so grateful that God has allowed me to lift up his hurting children, families, and elderly. I walked that broken road for so much of my life, and I just want to lift others out of the pain and suffering.

Because of each of you, that have made the decision to stay by my side, I am still serving. My heart is so full of love, and I enjoy every moment that I get to serve my Savior Jesus Christ through Look Up Child 2 Hope, and our Senior Care Programs. May God bless each of you.

Financially, it has been a challenging year. The recovery from Helene has caused our balances to dwindle, but we still made it. At this time, I find that Look Up Child 2 Hope is in need of **Thanksgiving Blessings, please.** What better way to show our gratitude to God, than to care for those hurting, and in need of housing. Your gift this Thanksgiving will go to provide temporary and permanent housing costs. Please think about giving a gift to honor or to remember someone special in your life.

The greatest need for our community is for hotels, (temporary housing) stays, rent, deposits, affordable housing, food, clothing, and household items, in that order. This last year, Look Up Child 2 Hope spent approximately \$25,000.00 for hotel stays alone. We spent another \$22,000.00 in rent, and deposits. In clothing, food, and school supplies another \$12,000.00. The total this year is \$59,000.00.

At this time, we are working with 12 homeless families. They are all on the waiting list for housing, and other community services. They have nowhere else to turn, and have been referred to Look Up Child 2 Hope. Most of our referrals are coming from either DCS or the school system.

We have four families coming from abusive homes. In these four families, there are 17 children! Thanks to your kindness and faithfulness these children are out of dangerous

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homes, however find themselves in need of hotel stays until we can get affordable housing. Most our clients cannot afford community housing, and must wait for public housing, and the wait can be very long. The wait for Section 8 assistance can be even longer.

I was evicted 9 times in ten years with my children, and I know the pain it causes. Housing first is real! You can't get on your feet unless you have a place to live. Your children need that stability. When I became a social worker, it was that experience that has allowed God to use me, and He has tendered my heart with understanding. I have learned to not judge, but to truly listen. Then to be there as they go on their journey.

The agencies that have had federal funds to help in these areas, now are seeing them on hold. **Look Up Child 2 Hope depends on your donations.** You have been faithful, and for that I am grateful. I look forward to hearing from you very soon as we celebrate what God will do.

*Also, you have an opportunity to give for their **Christmas.** We have 145 children at this time that are not receiving Christmas through any other means. You may give a gift of any size, however a gift of \$50.00, will fully sponsor a family.

I would love to say thank you to these wonderful people that have gone above and beyond the call of service:

***Rev. James Cambron, Dr. Frank and Ellen Johnson, and the Mountain View's Glory Bound Sunday School Class**

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***Mr. Herb Seaton (Founding Donor and Sustainer)**

***Mr. Garry Shipley (Founding Donor and Sustainer)**

***Elizabethton Elks Lodge #1847, (Cindy Duffy)**

***Lisa Lyons at Little Blessings**

***Sleep Zone (Mark Mattou)**

***Barbara Ollis (Sustainer)**

***Johnson City Elks Lodge #825**

***Jonesborough UMC**

***WHCB (Janet and Kenneth Hill), and Love FM (April)**

They have been faithful in all ways helping with our family's needs. To each and all of you, I say thank you, and I am so very grateful for your kindness. May God bless, and keep you always in His great love.

In Proverbs 19:17, we hear these words: Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will repay him for his deed.

This is not why we give, but the promise brings peace to our souls. **GOD IS WITH US!**

In Service to Others and with my love, always,



Rev. Sarah C. Wells