



SHARINGS

President's Corner

by: **Linda Chappelle**



Dear Supporter:

Please help your community by supporting the Christian Service Center and by participating in the 2020 Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Your contribution, along with those of other sponsors, will help the Christian Service Center continue to provide emergency services to local families in need. The Center helps every day with items like food, but they are also ready to help when catastrophe strikes. We are seeing a growing need for emergency assistance due to serious illness leaving people unable to meet their rent or utility bills

NINETY-ONE CENTS (91 cents) of every dollar received is put back into the community giving those in need a "hand up". This high rate of return on your gift is due to the Center being operated by an *all-volunteer* staff (which means there are *no wages* paid). Sponsors like you and your organization enable the Center to continue helping those in need in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Fort Morgan.

Since the Christian Service Center opened in 1991:

32,009 clients have been seen;
38,603 children have been served;
Over 1,903,952 meals have been provided.

This year's Spaghetti Dinner will be held Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church, Building B-Auditorium, 1720 Gulf Shores Parkway. Join us in bringing the community together for the Christian Service Center!

Your help is greatly appreciated!

Linda T. Chappelle, President

Christian Service Center

Presenting Sponsor: Holy Spirit Thrift Shop

Spaghetti DINNER

Tuesday, February 18th

Serving 4:30 to 7:00 pm

Gulf Shores United Methodist Church

Building B - Auditorium

1720 Gulf Shores Parkway

(located in the Winn Dixie Shopping Center)

Join in the fun!

Ticket: \$10

Dine in! —or— Drive through!

**Advance tickets are available at the
Christian Service Center.**

9am-Noon, Monday-Friday



Make plans to join us!



many thanks

For the sixth year in a row, the Church of God, a Worldwide Association met at the Orange Beach Events Center. The group desires to bless the communities where they meet, and again chose the Christian Service Center as the recipient of their

outreach. Each day of their meeting, the group collected food, household supplies, personal hygiene items, baby supplies, and cash donations for the CSC.

The CSC volunteers call the group the Visiting Angels. The gift from the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, is the single largest contribution to our food pantry – for the sixth year in a row. The group contributed 2,800 pounds of food and supplies, and their generous \$9,000 cash donation will allow the CSC to purchase more than 60,000 pounds of food from the area food bank! This contribution will be used to aid families in need in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Fort Morgan and will provide hundreds of meals.

Six years ago, when the Visiting Angels held their first meeting here, they were pointed towards the CSC by a city official. We are grateful for the generosity of everyone in the group meeting here and we are also grateful to our community officials for supporting us.

The Christian Service Center is a “Hand Up” rather than a “Hand Out” agency. Clients are given immediate emergency aid as well as guidance on finding solutions to their problems. The CSC is a 100% volunteer agency funded by the churches of Pleasure Island, various community organizations, including the United Way of Baldwin County, and interested individuals. For more information please call the CSC at 251-968-5256 or visit www.cscqgs.com.

Pictured Above: Phil Sandilands, Festival Coordinator, Ina McLemore, Dept. Head, Lisa Dickey, Dept. Assistant, Tom Dickey, Auditorium Dept. Head



A whole lot of “littles” put together can make a “BIG” impact!!

A good example of this is when an unattended slow dripping faucet can, over time, significantly increase the water bill. Those “little” consistent drips are hardly any water at all, but over time, they can really add up.

In mid-August, the Christian Service Center initiated a fund-raising project based on this concept. Stop by the CSC, and we will provide small glass jars for you to take home. Each day, consistently drip loose pocket and purse change into the jar. Over time, when the jars fill, just dump the coins in a plastic bag, and start over again. Bring the coins to the CSC or to a participating church, and the church will see that it gets to the CSC. You won’t miss the small change, yet those pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters, consistently dripped over time, will add up and truly help others in need.

Participating churches are in Gulf Shores, Fort Morgan, and Orange Beach. Jars have also been placed at the check-out counters of several commercial businesses in the area.

The CSC jar slogan is:

YOUR CHANGE CAN MAKE A CHANGE IN SOMEONE’S LIFE!

Pictured Above: David Saunders



GREEK NIGHT CELEBRATION FOR THE CSC

St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church, Gulf Shores, held a festive Greek Night at the Orange Beach Event Center on Saturday, November 16. Everyone enjoyed a delicious Greek meal and joyful dancing which included both adults and children. A portion of the proceeds were given to CSC. The Center is thankful for the blessing which will be used to assist local families in need.

Pictured left: Father Sasa Turkic and Rod Chappelle

I AM.....

I am a Hospice Care social worker who came to the Christian Service Center on behalf of a 54-year-old woman who is suffering with terminal cancer and is unable to come in to be seen. She and her teenage daughter are the only two in the household. I came to the Center because she is in need of all kinds of assistance.

I discussed her financial needs with a caseworker who was able to help in several ways. The CSC helped with her rent this month, as well as the power bill. They gave food for a week and offered to give food, as needed, in the coming weeks. They also gave a Walmart gift card for purchasing personal hygiene items.

What a blessing the Christian Service Center is to this lady and her daughter in such a difficult time.

Gifts to the Christian Service Center

In Memory of Billy Harland

By

W. R. & Hope Becklund

R. L. & Linda T. Chappelle

Cheryl & Mark Downing

Sam W. & Rosemarie Garrett

Lelia L. Haas

Forrest O. & Susanna Lax

Stan & Janice Moss

Sandra Kay Palmer

In Memory of Carl Schuchardt

By

Wayne Villadsen, Jr.

In Memory of Kay Reese

By

R. L. & Linda T. Chappelle

Antionette & Phillip Turner

In Honor of
Christian Service Center

By

Elizabeth D. Covey



The Christian Service Center is grateful for the community support for the 7th annual "Toys for Kids" event presented by **Wildflowers Boutique owners, Terri Long and Candice Duncan**. We want to express a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who contributed and participated in this fabulous night of fun at the gorgeous Perdido Beach Resort venue. **Over \$40,000 was raised!** The Center will be able to provide Christmas gifts for the children of income qualified families in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Ft. Morgan. Our

thanks to PBR for sponsoring this event. We appreciate the contributions from our community and businesses that made the silent and live auctions so successful. Thank you to all the Mardi Gras Krewes who donated auction baskets. Thank you, also, to Future Astronauts Co. for the LED screens, and to Pensacola Photo Booth as well. Table sponsors were: G&L Research and Weight Loss; Fedok Plastic Surgery; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Charter Landing, Inc; Aircraft Sales Group; McCarron Insurance Group; Zeke's Landing Marina; Sandshaker at the Wharf; Greg Kennedy, Inc; Michael Dejusto; Ricky Dale & LaSharon; Southern Rapid Care; Mostly Mattresses; Donna Stump; Advanced Carpet Cleaning & Restoration; Latham Architects; Perdido Beach Resort; and Meagan Hoven.



7th annual "Toys for Kids"

hosted by

Wildflowers Boutique

Pictured: Chef Brody Olive, Executive Chef Perdido Beach Resort; Debbie Stillion, Wildflowers; Terri Long and Candice Duncan, Wildflowers owners; Janice Moss, Sherry Dusko, and Marinda Barbaree, Christian Service Center

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Cool Change Charter fishing trip a huge success!

Captain Joe and Cindy Nash, of Cool Change Charters in Orange Beach, hosted their annual Gulf fishing trip as a fundraiser for the Christian Service Center. All proceeds for the day were given to the Center to assist families in need. It was a great day of fellowship and fishing for red snapper. In addition to Captain Nash hosting the trip, Zekes Marina donated the fuel for the day, J&M Tackle donated the bait, and Clean Boats donated cleaning service for the boat.

The Christian Service Center is busy interviewing families and the elves are busy preparing Toyland for Christmas Cheer.

In 2019, gifts were provided to 178 families with 460 children.

Christmas food boxes were provided to 199 families, including 384 children and 793 individuals.

Pictured below: Kathy and John Henderson, Mary Ann Bousquet, and Don Kincaid



Pictured above is Kathy Inman, CSC volunteer, interviewing a Christmas Cheer client.

Calendar

January

1-4 Closed

6 Open

13 Board Meeting-Noon

20 Closed — Inservice

February

10 Board Meeting-Noon

15 Grace Lutheran Pancake Breakfast

18 Spaghetti Dinner

25 Closed — Mardi Gras

March

9 Board Meeting — Noon

April

10 Closed — Good Friday

13 Board Meeting — Noon

May

11 Monday Board Meeting — Noon

25 Closed — Memorial Day

June

8 Board Meeting — Noon

Thanks!
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