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FROM YOUR DIRECTOR

Psalms 61:1-4 "Hear my cry, O God; Attend to my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For You have been a shelter for me, And a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings."

The Christian Caring Center runs all of its programs during the summer but emphasis is on families and mainly children. At the last Christian Caring Center Board Meeting we had to decide which need is greater for the Back to School Baskets. This very hard decision was between \$10 gift certificates for shoes or back packs filled with supplies. They decided to purchase the back packs and supplies as donations are received if we do not receive enough donations to give both. During Easter (Resurrection Baskets) we usually get enough donations to respond to all the requests and have enough left to purchase a ten dollar gift certificate for shoes for each child. But that didn't happen this year. We were able to respond to all the households that came for Easter, but the Resurrection Baskets were not as filled with food as usual. This year, due to an increase of clients needing help during the last Thanksgiving, Christmas Baskets and Easter, donations dropping slightly. Our resources have been depleted and we are in need of donations for this current season of Back to School Backpacks filled with school supplies and \$10 gift certificates for shoes.

We also partner with the Salvation Army. We had a sign up at the Center for a week long Christian Camp for children 7 to 12 years old. We had eight more children sign up than last year and more have been contacting the field representative since that sign up. The following is a testimony from a recent newsletter at the camp: "This past summer, three sisters who were separated in the foster care system in New Jersey had the chance to enjoy a whole week together at The Salvation Army's Camp Tecumseh in New Jersey. On the first day of camp, the girls, Sonya, 12; Martina, 9; and Jessica, 7 hugged and cried because they hadn't seen each other in so long. You see, little Jessica was adopted into a loving home. But Sonya and Martina are still in foster care. Sadly, they had to be separated. And even though the girls understood, the loneliness and hurt of being apart still pulled at their hearts. But all that changed at Camp Tecumseh! At Camp, they went

everywhere together, hiked together, went swimming together,

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had Bible class together, and even stayed in the same cabin. They planned every activity so that they could all be together."

The Christian Caring Center is a soul-winning ministry in Browns Mills, NJ that presents the life-changing, Gospel message of Jesus Christ. We provide prayer, food, clothing and shelter to an average of 350-400 households each month that include needy children and adults of all races and cultures. The Christian Caring Center networks with organizations, individuals, and churches of all denominations from the area to reach the lost and help meet their basic needs. The vision of the Christian Caring Center is to see ALL hurting people come to know Christ through the Spirit led efforts of the dedicated staff, volunteers, and recently converted Christians whose lives have been dramatically changed. With God's help and guidance, our staff implements ministries that meet the needs, heal the hurts, and help as the Lord solves the problems of impoverished people, by allowing God to use us. We develop new and creative methods to communicate the Gospel message to those who would otherwise not hear it. Our Ministry staff helps people on the streets and in their homes through exciting, relevant outreaches. This vision of the Christian Caring Center can only be realized through the prayers and financial support of people like you. Only with your support can the Christian Caring Center accomplish the great task of meeting the spiritual and physical needs of all of our clients in the surrounding area. The very fact that the Christian Caring Center exists is a miracle in and of itself, and we never get used to seeing the miracles. But the majority of what keeps this work going forward comes from people who are not affluent, who have been touched by God to help, people like you and I. We express this need cautiously and reverently because souls hang in the balance and we want the children to look forward to a life of hope and opportunity. We will be distributing our Baskets on August 21 & 22, 2007 at Tabernacle of Praise Church, 271 Ridge Rd., Browns Mills NJ 08015 from 10AM to 3 PM daily. Please come out and join us if you feel lead by the Lord. Will you please pray over this and ask the Lord what He would have you do?

Abiding in Him,

Madelyn C.Mears-Sheldon,
Executive Director

EMERGENCY FOOD AND CLOTHING PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center Emergency Food and Clothing Program helped 385 families or 1,155 individuals with 11,055 meals and \$4,395 in clothing vouchers and three gave their life to Jesus in the month of June 2007. Praise the Lord!!!

COMMUNITY LUNCH/RURAL HOMELESS PROGRAM

The Lord through the Christian Caring Center in the Community Lunch/Rural Homeless Program served hot cooked lunches and continental breakfast in the month of 1,494 in June, 2007. We also go out every Wednesday and Friday to the woods to serve a hot lunch to homeless, alcoholic, addicted men, women and sometimes teens.

NEW JERSEY SHARES UTILITY

This program helps working employed households pay utility bills that are endangered of being shut off or are shut off. We were able to help three households with \$900 in the month of June, 2007.

SALVATION ARMY SERVICE UNIT

The Lord through the Salvation Army and the Christian Caring Center were able to help forty nine individuals with four prescriptions, one eye doctor visit, one surgical supplies, one shoe voucher to go to work, two utilities and eighteen nights lodging to homeless in the month of June, 2007. Campers go in August. PTL!!

Back to School Baskets

We are beginning to plan and prepare for the back to school baskets and the gift certificates for the shoes to the children. We are planning distribution on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 21st and 22nd from 10 AM to 3 PM. We will again be at the Tabernacle of Praise Church, Browns Mills. This is a great opportunity for you and your children, your church, your Sunday School Class, your business, your civic group, etc. to give to others in the community as part of the body of Christ. If you would like to help us--*we need you more than ever!* We usually have enough donations from Christmas and Easter to purchase the gift certificates for the shoes but donations did not come in this year. So, if necessary, we will have to make a decision for back packs only or just limit the number of children we can help. You can have us come to speak to you about the Christian Caring Center, you can collect back packs, school supplies or shoe certificates for \$10, hygiene items and/or you can come volunteer. You can donate financially--we estimate each Back to School Basket to cost about \$35 each. Please mark all checks made out to the Christian Caring Center, "baskets". Thanks for all your support.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR BASKETS

BACK PACKS, PAPER, HIGHLIGHTERS, ERASERS, RULERS, STICK GLUES, PENCIL HOLDERS OR PENCILBOXES, PENS, COMPASS, PENCILS, CRAYONS, MARKERS, SCISSORS, NOTEBOOKS, BINDERS, FOLDERS, INDEX CARDS, SOAP, INDEXES FOR BINDERS, CALCULATOR, BOOK COVERS, STAPLER, HAIRSPRAY, MOUTHWASH, HAIR GEL, SHAMPOO, TOOTH BRUSH, TOOTHPASTE, DEODORANT, SHAVERS FOR OLDER KIDS, CALCULATORS \$10 GIFT CARDS FROM WALMART \$10 GIFT CARD PAYLESS SHOES.

CORRECTION--IT'S A BUFFET DINNER NOT A BRUNCH

We were originally going to have a breakfast buffet. The Fundraiser will be a Buffet Dinner on Saturday, September 29, 2007 from 6 to 8 PM. The cost is \$25 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the Christian Caring Center, through the mail or at the door-but we need to know to tell the restaurant how many to prepare for.

JACK STELLE MEN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER PROGRAM

Our Men's Shelter renovation project is half completed. The roof, windows and siding have been replaced. The addition to the back bedroom is all framed out and a new A framed roof was added. This will allow us to add an additional bed. We will now operate a five bed Men's Shelter. However, when the contractor started to take down the siding, he found extensive termite damage to all outer walls. We had to replace all outer walls down to the studs and even the dry wall inside. We will now have to ask our grant funder to switch all the new appliances and furniture money into renovation override costs. Homeowners insurance does not cover this damage. We ask you to pray and seed any donations for single beds, new mattresses and box springs, refrigerator, stackable washer and dryer, bureaus, night stands, lamps, bar stools (there is a built in breakfast bar in the kitchen). Thank you.