



The Good News



Giovanni Reid, ofm

New Things in Store for Christian Service in 2008

Thank You to all loyal members who stuck by us in our year of transition. We could not have done it without your help. I want to announce some changes we have made for the upcoming year.

In order to improve the effectiveness of our work, the Christian Service Program has hired two special people whose qualifications match the remedy for the services needed of our clients. We are proud to have them on board with us and I want to introduce them to you, our members. We feel both will be an asset and a good fit for what we have plan in the year 2008. I encourage you to get to know them at our shelter's Open House this year.

Emmanuel McIntyre, PH.D.
Christian Counseling, Doctor of Philosophy, Louisiana Baptist Master of Theology, United Theological Seminary Shreveport, LA

Cathy Knighton, M.A., LAC
Licensed Addiction Counselor M.A. Industrial/Organizational Psychology, Louisiana Tech Univ.



Emmanuel McIntyre,
Director of Housing

Cathy Knighton,
Mother Stewart House
Supervisor

Christian Service has several new initiatives and a few old ones that address specific issues that are still plaguing us on a community level. Many of these issues have been identified through the client-base that we currently serve. Some of the issues come from an internal need to help us better serve our clients.

- **Affordable housing** is still a very serious issue in Caddo Parish: We are concerned with affordable housing for the single parent with children, for persons with special needs and lastly for our senior citizens
- **Literacy:** Staggering numbers of adults still do not have reading and writing comprehension we want to implement positive change and identify and then attack the barriers to adult learning
- **Technology Literacy:** Computers are a gateway to information. Although we will still have books, we are living in a digital age, therefore we endeavor to make technology learning fun not fearful
- **Senior Employment:** employment for supplemental wage earners on fixed incomes to improve the dignity of independent living for senior citizens
- **Service Learning:** Student mentoring opportunities for Christian Service future wage earners
- **Life Skills Training:** Safety and Health Education, HIV, TB, CPR

We undertake other special initiatives that are meant to develop or explore an area that is important to the clients in need of rehabilitation to good citizenship for our community now and in the future. We ask for your support in these endeavors.

2007 Annual Meeting Schedule November 18th

We invite you to join in with us in our official Annual Meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, the 18th of November, during the *Poor Man's Supper*, in the Hunter Activities Building at First Methodist Church, Texas and Common Avenue, downtown Shreveport. We would like your assistance in promoting this special gathering amongst your friends, neighbors, working associates, and Church community.

The *Poor Man's Supper*, initiated by the late beloved Sister Margaret McCaffrey to call attention to the needs of the hungry and homeless, was an annual event to the 1970's—until we began to celebrate it again six years ago. We were heartened by the great turnout the past six years, and hope to continue with a wonderful celebration again this year. The message of the *Poor Man's Supper* is just as timely today. There is still a need to raise critical funds, renew old ties, and make the community aware of the continuing ministry of Christian Services to the hungry and homeless of our area.

The meal will consist of a bowl of soup, bread and water, and will depict what it is like to go to bed hungry. Participants will be asked not to eat anything else for the rest of the evening. What could be more appropriate an occasion to recognize the on-going challenge of hunger and homelessness in our area. As we express our gratitude for the blessings we have in sharing with those who have not.



Fr. Andre' McGrath
Chairman,
Christian Service
Board of Directors

Andre McGrath ofm

Thank You to the Vain & Fish Foundation . . . Forming Lasting Partnerships for their contribution!



Future Home of the Christian Service "Ledbetter Heights" Learning Center

The Vain and Fish Foundation is responsible for the new technology we have at the Christian Service, soon to be open, Learning Center. About three months ago I got a call from Allen Katzoff who explained that he is friends with our dearest and longtime Partner, The Ziv Tzedakah Foundation of Milburn, NJ. Allen explained that he had visited our website and was intrigued with what he read about our programs and wanted to know if he could get more information about our agency. Well, we did just that and needless to say, the rest is history.



Allen Katzoff

We now look forward to a great partnership with the Vain and Fish group. Thanks again for coming through just in the nick of time.

C. Service Board of Directors

Yes, YOU Can Help \$\$

Our work is not possible without your continued support and you can make a difference like you done so many times in the past! Your tax-deductible donation can help us continue to foster the homeless, to feed the hungry and to meet so many other needs. We offer our services with hope and with love and we ask you, please join in with us while we tread new waters. Call us and offer your support to our new program, Christian Services' Learning Center (ASCAL) "A Second Chance at Learning".

Contact Christian Service 318-221-4857 to see how you can help

Bro. Gio



Bro. Giovanni studying over some of the finishing details as he prepares for the opening of the Learning Center

Eagle Scouts Partner with the Hospitality House Christian Service hires seniors to help out at the Hospitality House



John-Anna Fuller, 73 our back up cook comes to us in 2007 with all her talents in the kitchen. John-Anna once own a restaurant on the east side of town. She has retired now, but after the death of her husband she needed something to do everyday. We are glad to have her Welcome John-Anna

Julia Austin, 77 our Head Cook brings more than 40 years of formal cooking experience to the table. Julia prides herself in the fact that she has outlived every cooking job she has worked. Welcome Julia.

A Word of Appreciation . .

Holiday Season has always been the busiest time of the year for the Hospitality House and the hardest time for the homeless. Over the years we have enjoyed the help of many agencies and organization in the Shreveport Bossier area sharing the love of Christ while sharing a meal at the dinner table. We appreciate your help, your donations and your prayers and we look forward to the coming year with much success and prosperity.

Telesa Mitchell, Director



Boys Scouts of America

Christian Services' Hospitality House wishes to make give a special THANKS out to the **Eagle Scouts of Shreveport** and the **Boy Scouts of America, Elizabeth Ann Seaton** for their generous contributions in 2007

Become a Hospitality House Partner.

Contact us at 425-7147

Weekday Hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 – 4:00
Weekend Hours: Sat – Sun 8:00 – 2:00



Emmanuel McIntyre,
Director of Housing

From the Director's Desk . . .

Hello, my name is Emmanuel McIntyre and I'm also referred to as "Rev". I am the Director of Housing and am new to the Christian Service Team. I have heard of Christian Service but never in my wildest dreams ever imagined a program with such dynamics. I am enjoying every minute of the challenges of my job and my resident family. I feel that I have the greatest opportunity of my career, I'm not in it for the money but the reward of my vocation is certainly being satisfied. I thank Bro. Giovanni for this chance to make a difference and I want to do my best for Christian Service. Please come and see me during our Transitional Shelter's Open House, November 23rd. God Bless

EMcIntyre

Anyone interested in providing financial support to these programs should *contact the Christian Service office at (318) 221-4857.*



At Christian Service all are encouraged to be proactive in keeping their surroundings in pristine condition

THIS IS OUR HOUSE AND, THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY



Freddie Thibodeaux shares in gardening responsibilities while living in one of Christian Service's Samaritan Homes. Freddie transitioned from Herbert House to independent living in 2006. You see Freddie here utilizing his handyman skills with a new coat of paint, he says he wants to keep his new home looking fresh. Freddie also purchased transportation, at a very minimum cost of course, from Christian Service. We often get vehicles donated to our program and we make them available to residents who have completed their program with us.

**OPEN HOUSE
CELEBRATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF
THE HERBERT HOUSE & THE
MOTHER STEWART HOUSE
NOVEMBER 23, 2007**

Mother Stewart House – Current number of residents 14

Our transitional home for single homeless women opened in 1988 and accommodates 15 women in small private rooms while we work with them toward their personal goals. *I live-in Staff Resident Supervisor*

Herbert House – Current number of residents 14

Our transitional home for single homeless men opened in 1988 and accommodates 15 men in small private rooms while we work with them toward their personal goals. *I live-in Staff Resident Supervisor*

The purpose of these facilities is to provide temporary shelter while each resident is encouraged and guided to pursue goals which might involve employment, independent living, schooling, job training, or personal adjustment counseling.



ANNUAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE TELETHON DECEMBER 9TH ON THE SHREVEPORT CHANNEL (CABLE CHANNEL 6) SPONSORED BY COMCAST CABLE

Please contact Al Moore, Production Coordinator at (221-4181) if you or your organization is interested in participating this year



Archive photos from Telethon 2003

Share in the Ministry of Love

I would like to share in Christian Service's ministry by pledging _____ on a monthly basis.

I would like my money to be used for: Mother Stewart House _____ Hospitality House _____:

Herbert House _____: Samaritan Homes _____: Direct Service to families _____.

I cannot give money at this time, but I will support the ministry with prayers _____.

Name _____

Address _____

Fill out and mail to Christian Service, Post Office Box 21, Shreveport, LA 71161-0021

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You can help Christian Service in many ways with your support.

Leave a Legacy, through your will, life insurance, retirement plan charitable reminder trust, and other vehicles.

Gifts of stocks, bonds and mutual funds that have increased in value are good gifts. You can deduct the entire value from your taxable income to avoid capital gains tax.

Gifts in cash or by check are the most popular ways of making charitable gifts.

Movable property; a car or truck to help a family in need of transportation.

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