

MISSION STATEMENT

“To show compassion and offer hope in the Name of Jesus Christ by providing temporary housing for the homeless and assisting them to obtain spiritual and physical stability.”

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Sally Neadsah Home

This is the story of Sally Neadsah. Miss Neadsah was born about 30 years ago to James and Mary Neadsah of Pine Bluff. She left high school to marry Michael Home who was working for the oil industry at the time. She was 18. He was 20. They settled in to married life with ease. Michael was doing so well with his promotion that they bought a modest 2 bed room, 2 bath, brick house in Western Hills in Searcy. The owner financed it himself so that made it easy for them. She went back to school and got her G.E.D. They were happy.

Then one night on the way home, Michael was in a terrible auto accident. He was southbound on #16 when a northbound pickup ran him off the road. His car turned over twice and hit a tree. He had forgotten to put on his seatbelt. The two months in intensive care seemed longer. Then he died. As you can imagine the hospital bills were enormous. He had good medical insurance from the oil company which took care of those bills but not the payment on the house as they had gotten, as you remember, from an individual. No insurance for it.

Sally had not been feeling well lately. She just thought it was all the worry about Michael and the stress of seeing him so ill. Several days after the funeral, she finally went to the doctor herself to get something for sleep and stress. Another surprise. She was six weeks pregnant.

She had not managed the family budget so she was overcome with this new responsibility. Sally had no income. She had to go to work immediately. So, she signed on quickly at a fast food place. Even with this income there seemed to be more month than money so she took a second job throwing newspapers in the morning. Two months later the house had to be returned to its previous owner. And, Sally began to sleep/live in her car. She parked it first at the fast food place and then in a park. She moved about so that no one would realize that she only had her car. Sally was not sleeping well at all.

After two more months, because she had missed payments on her car, it was taken back by the used car lot where they had bought it. She began sleeping where ever she could. Sometimes, it was on a park bench in the park. Sometimes, it was at the bus station. Even, from time to time it was in the cemetery.

Two weeks ago, she overheard two of her customers at the fast food place talking about Jacob's Place, the homeless shelter in Searcy. She made sure that she got the phone number so she could find out more about it. When break time came at 9 a.m. she made the call to 380-8283. She explained her situation and made an appointment for an interview. At lunch time, she met with the Manager of Jacob's Place Homeless Mission. Good news. She was accepted. When she gets off work she will take her stuff and begin a new life at her new home. Lucky for her it is not too far from the fast food place so she can walk to work.

(This could be a true story because many of its elements come from various stories of the homeless, but it is not. It was presented in Dacaroma style at the Business Expo.

CALENDAR

STATS

MAY

Service Requests

Single men (4)

Single women (3)

Families (7)

Housed

Persons (4)

#Families (1)

JUNE

Service requests

Single men (6)

Single women (13)

Families (7)

Housed

persons (5)

families (2)

JULY

Service requests

Single men (5)

Single women (5)

Families (7)

Housed

persons (16)

families (4)

Three Month's Total

Office hours Requests

(46)

Non office hours

(33)

Housed

(31)

AUGUST 23 7 a.m.— ?? Great American yard sale.

First United Methodist Church, South Campus (102 S. Main) Searcy

Do your fall house cleaning early or spring house cleaning late.

Some kids will probably still need school clothes.

Baby clothes and toys are always needed.

Sofas, beds, bedding, house wares, etc. etc. Everything will be sold.

Call 279-7512 for an appointment to bring your stuff.

REMEMBER, Saturday, August 23.

September 8— County Fair Parade; 9—13 Fair.

We need ideas for the float. We have a vehicle and a trailer. We need folks.

We will have a space in the Education Building. We want our story to be told.

September 26-27 Get Down—Downtown, Searcy

We will have a booth to promote our mission and our activities.

We will be accepting entries for the Motorcycle Show.

We will be selling our awesome T-Shirts. We can special order 4X if necessary.

We also have beautiful coffee mugs. You certainly will need several of these.

October 4 - MOTORCYCLE SHOW AND SHINE

Register 8a.m.-10a.m. , Show 10 a.m.—1 p.m.

Berryhill Park, Searcy

Special live remote broadcast with KWCK 99's "Big Daddy" Randy Alan 10-1.

Vintage, Modern Stock, Rat, Trike and Custom & Children's tricycles and bicycles.

Silent Auction, Fun Run, 50/50 drawing, Door Prizes and much more.

The judging is by People Choice which should produce some surprises.

Visit our Website for Entrance Form.

November ?? Parade of Lights

We have the vehicle and trailer. We need ideas for decorations and folks to ride.

Wrestling Event. Date and place yet to be decided, perhaps November.

Three Little Cameras

Landon McCord, of McCord's CVC is seen installing three (3) cameras at Jacob' House. The images from the cameras are shown on a TV near the Manager's desk. Persons at the front door are clearly seen, as well as persons at the top of the fire escape (if anyone goes up there, - day or night). Traffic is observed on Locust Street.



by a generous grant given by the White County Community Foundation (WCCF).

This has greatly increased security around the house. Funds were provided for the cameras

WCCF is an affiliate of Arkansas Community Foundation (ARCF). This group has awarded grants in White County since 2004. Many schools, organizations and groups have benefited from the work that White County Community Foundation is doing.

THANKS, WCCF.

NEEDS LIST is on our website. Please visit often.



Other numbers:
501-380-8283
Jacobs-place@hotmail.com

PRESIDENT'S REQUEST

An attempt was made to send the Voice issues by email. It failed. Many could not bring it up on their computers.

Our Plan B is to send an email to our e-mailing list when each Issue is posted on our Website www.jacobplace.org. This way our friends can not only get the latest news but review other info. If you want to be included on this list send your email address to: Jacobs-place@hotmail.com

(Top to bottom) Sally sleeping in her car in front of the Fast Food store. Sally sleeping on the park bench. Sally sleeping in cemetery. Sally finds Jacob's Place.

Sally Needsah Home Her pictures.



Thanks to the Klassic Kars folks for letting us grill stuff at their show. Here is a picture of one, I like cars older than I am. (above)



THANKS

Thanks to St. James United Methodist Church Youth group from Little Rock for cleaning the garage and other things. (below)

Officers of the FBLA at White Co. Central High School (right)



HU Honors Symposium students making Sally Needsah Home dolls to be used as a fundraiser in the fall . (right)



FROM DIRECTOR'S/MANAGER'S DESK

Duties Required for Volunteering for Jacob's Place

Follow the General Policies and Rules.

Monitor phone calls and record calls in the regular phone log and/or on the service call form.

Record information for other volunteers and staff in the staff report log.

Take messages for client calls.

Record important interaction and/or incidents in the client file.

Monitor client adherence to policies and household rules, and notify staff of any problems.

If client participation allows: You may have devotional times with them and/ or discuss spiritual issues with them.

Volunteers are asked to call the staff on duty or the Director/Manager in the event you cannot make your scheduled volunteer time.

Volunteer applications are located on our website at: jacobsplace.org

You may send an application via e-mail at: Jacobs-place@hotmail.com or bring it by the office located at 301 E Market St. in Searcy between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00pm Monday through Friday.

Your volunteer consideration is deeply appreciated!

Candace Willhite-Director/Manager

380-8283

Unless the Lord
builds the house
The builders
labor in vain.

Psalm 127:1

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Two Prayer
Partners are
requested for
each worker
both
those in the
house and
those doing
fund raising.