

JACOB'S PLACE  
HOMELESS SHELTER  
301 E. MARKET STREET  
SEARCY, AR 722143

# Voice of the Homeless

“Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.”  
Psalms 127:1

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## 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.”

## A Tale Thou True of a Homeless Family

MY WIFE AN I LEFT HOME THE SAT. BEFORE [KATERINE] hit our son thought it would be like all the other storms we,d had in the past few years an said he,d just ride it out. my wife an i went to her brothers house out side off jackson ,ms. and rode out the storm that was like none other in history with 14 other familys mostly from new orleans, we spent a week there none of us knowing where our familys were if they had survied or not. finally we started to hear scraps of news the damaged was wide spread an ther were lots of dead an missing, but we also eard an awam on 35 foot waves to a two story house where with 6

others they,d hung on the roof caps for 5 an a half hours, when they seen a sail boat floting in the top off some pine trees,they swan over turned it over bailed it out an using 2by



Leo J. Griffin

4,s washed out of some lumber yard rowed there way up towards hwy. 90 tied there sailboat to a stop sign, wher

they were rescued by a fire dept form Alabama an taken to a shelter. because i was beginning to run out of medince, i only taken a few day worth ,thinking foolishly that we would go back home after a few days ,my daughter had gone back by this time an let us know that our house was gone, so we had to do some thing different,I went into jackson to the V.A. to get my meds but the storm had knocked out there computers so my wife an i packed up what little we had an went to my daughters house in arkansas an spent a couple of days...

Story continues on page 2

## Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

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Several supporters came by to buy hotdogs and other goodies courtesy of First State Bank, Kyle Reeves, Searcy Fabrications, Sexton Foods, & Carole's Copy & Print.



Rebecca Frankford talking to guests at open house.



Some of the many volunteers at one of Jacob's place fundraiser at Searcy's Rendezvous

Newsletter design and set-up courtesy of Carole's Copy & Print.

"...along the way we've meet a lot of wonderfu8l people an a lot of real friends and it all has been an experience that I have no need to repeat..."

# Speaker's Bureau

We have a small, but very efficient group who will come to your place and tell you all about Jacob's Place. Each board member is eager to share this ministry with all who are interested.

We can come one or two at a time. Some like to talk to Sunday School classes the best while others like service club work. There are several who are proficient in leading a Worship Service

including bringing the message.

Just let us know where and when by calling (501) 380-8283 or (501) 279-7512

## A Tale Thou True of a Homeless Family Continued...

...with her an her family there crowded house brfore going into searcy an checking into the national guard armoywe spent a couples weeks there before the moved us out to the best western motel just off race st.we stayed there about 3 weeks ,when we had to move again they had

all there rooms booked ahead so we packed up again an started looking for another motel an found the budget inn in bald knob i think we stayed there 3 or 4 weeks before fema told use we have to move on our son had located us a house in dougles ville ,ga. so we headed to ga. we

stayed in ga. Until the first off july the following year when we moved back to arkans, along the way we've meet a lot of wonderfu8l people an a lot of real friends and it all has been an experience that I have no need to repeat

LEO J. GRIFFIN

## Current Needs

Fence needs painting, install gates in back yard, install shelves in kitchen, 2 baby monitors, 3 baby gates for stairs, strollers, 1 baby swing, 1 handicapped shower, 2 mirrors, 2 long

mirrors, 12 under bed storage boxes, Paper towels, Toilet paper Toiletries, Laundry detergent, dish soap, bleach, vinegar, kitchen trash bags, Yard trash bags, and food

storage bags/containers.



Thanks to First State Bank for the use of their mobile grill for the fundraiser. (Board member Calvin Foster seen in photo with orange Jacob's Place shirt talking with one of the many volunteers.)



Several volunteers at one of the many the carwash fundraisers.

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Mt. Bethel Freewill Baptist Church, Rose Bud



# President's Remarks by Rebecca Frankford, President of the Board



Shaylee (girl on left) and Shaydon (boy on right) children of Erica and Leonel Toledo.

The Board and I are grateful for the support that Jacob's Place is getting from the community. It is

astounding. As we advance into summer, I am sure that new streams of assistance will develop. We are looking forward to telling you more about this ministry in person. Please invite us to come visit with you. We can come one or more at a time. You are welcome to come to our Board

meetings to hear for yourself what we are planning. We have had an addition to our Board Family. Andrea and Mark O'Connell welcomed their baby boy, Benjamin Cannon O'Connell, born April 20 weighing 9lbs and twenty and a half inches long. We have not seen him yet but know that he must be cute.

## Upcoming Events

- May 2-3 (Fri. & Sat)-Yard Sale  
Sponsored by St. Paul's Methodist Church  
2509 B.B. Capps Searcy
- May 3 (Sat) 9 am-Vehicle Wash  
Latina Imports  
509 S. Spring at B.B. Capps, Searcy
- May 12 (Mon) 1 pm-Jacob's Place Board Meeting  
Our Shepherd Lutheran Church  
2610 S. Main Street, Searcy
- May 17 (Sat) 9 am-Little Yellow Duckies down by the Red River  
Sponsored by White County Central High School's FBLA  
Start point of race will be near the VFW
- June 7 (Sat) 9 am-Vehicle Wash  
Latina Imports  
509 S. Spring at BB Capps Searcy
- June 9 (Mon) 1 pm Jacob's Place Board Meeting  
TBA
- June 12 9 am-Vehicle Wash  
Latina Imports  
509 S. Spring at BB Capps Searcy
- June 14 (Mon) 1 pm Jacob's Place Board Meeting  
TBA

# Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Continued...

Kensett Church of God, First Assembly of God, First Baptist Church, Mt. Aarratt Baptist Church, Ministerial Alliance, First United Methodist Men, St. Paul's United Methodist Women, Believers' Fellowship, First United Methodist Church (Genesis Class), Harmony United Methodist

Church, First General Baptist Church, Victory Life Church, New Birth Baptist Church, Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, Mt. Bethel Freewill Baptist, Complete In Christ, Faith Assembly of God, Sacred Vessels of Deliverance, Russell United Methodist Church, St. Mary's CME Church, Westside

Church of Christ, Downtown Church of Christ, Bald Knob United Methodist, Christian New Life Center Apostolic, Fist Baptist Church, Honey Hill Christian Union, Trinity Baptist Church, and Trinity Parish Episcopal Church, and most of all thanks to all of the volunteers.

## My gift to God is helping

Jacob's Place Homeless Mission

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I can volunteer my time by:  Praying  Working at Shelter  Public Speaking  Picking up donations

Repair/Maintenance Work  Fund-Raising Activities  Other: \_\_\_\_\_



Leo Griffin & Ed Huntly collecting money for one of the fundraisers.



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# From the Desk of Director Candace Willhite

We have two new staff members, Sherry Flowers is part time Weekend Monitor, she is certified in housing management and also works part time in the kitchen at Wilbur Mills Treatment Center in Searcy. Sherry has office experience and is eager to work with this mission for the homeless.

Christie Kling is part-time Weekend/Night Monitor. Christie is very eager to work in our mission to help break the cycle of homelessness in White county. She has worked in the area of industrial cleaning in the past and also a homemaker for her husband and children.

We are receiving several Service Calls and many are from individuals rather than families with children, and we recognize that need exists in White County, however; currently we are very space-limited. Jacob's Place hopes to be able to serve individuals as well in a couple of years or so. We do offer resources by referring individuals to other homeless shelters in the surrounding area of the state.

Our first client family entered the facility on March 14, 2008 and entered the Ladder Program. They were a family of 6, husband and wife, 17 and 12 year old sons, 13 and 9 year old daughters. They had moved back to AR from another state and were staying with a family member, but it was so very crowded for them that they were needing a place of shelter elsewhere. The husband had a job already, and the wife found a job within the two to three weeks time frame. They put a deposit down on a rent house shortly thereafter and exited Jacob's Place on April 6th!

Currently we have one client family, a mother with a 9 year old daughter and 4 year old son. She entered the program and started out with a part time job which has now progressed into a full-time job. She has been diligent in following the Ladder program.

I want to personally thank everyone who has donated food, clothing, furniture, etc... and your time to help with this mission for the homeless families in White County.

I also wish to thank all the dedicated Harding University students who have been a tremendous support and served many volunteer hours getting Jacob's Place ready to open and donating their time helping in the office since opening for clients.

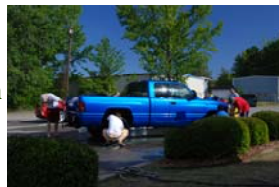


**Director Candace Whillhite (left) and Assistant Director Vickie Crutchfield (right)**



**Dorothy Warden (left) and President of the Board Rebecca Frankford (right)**

**Several volunteers washing down cars to raise funds.**



**Antique Ford Mustang and Buick parked outside in front of a fundraiser.**



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