



Build *hope* a HOME

Because hope is a must



ISAIAH 58:6-9

To loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say:

Here am I.



The explosive growth of suburban poverty

The fastest growing segment of poverty is in the suburbs. With 14,000 Georgians living in homelessness, many have given up on city resources and fled to the suburbs in hopes of more opportunity.

Unfortunately, affordable housing and transportation access are very limited in the suburbs, making poverty a difficult barrier to overcome. In addition, 38 percent have at least one disability and many experiencing homelessness are children.

So how do we help?

We MUST offer greater capacity.

Today, we provide 72 beds in the Elizabeth Inn Shelter, a far cry from filling the actual need.

Sadly, we are turning away 200-300 people a month because our beds are full and 70 percent of those we cannot serve are women and children. Our team of dedicated staff and volunteers are heartbroken daily as they have no choice but to turn away families, single moms and their children and others so desperate for help.

Facing homelessness is one of life's most difficult challenges.

"Where will my family sleep tonight? Will we survive the rain and cold? Can our children endure this tremendous loss and what imprint will it make on them? How will we keep our few belongings together? How can I work if I cannot bathe and have clean clothes? Does anyone care?"



In the midst of such an overwhelming crisis, your neighbors in need are looking for a safe, welcoming space to call home. They want a well-trained, compassionate staff to help guide the way.



And they need
peace. safety.
less fear. more hope.

WE MUST PROVIDE *hope*

The demand for services requires us to respond. We **MUST** expand our capacity to serve those in need, provide hope to a greater number of women and children and reach the most vulnerable in our community.

Our hope is to build a fully-furnished home with twice the current capacity in a living space designed for dignity, comfort and safety as a centerpiece to a unified campus.

The tailored client environment will feature areas for families, veterans, individuals, kitchen and dining hall, a playground and learning. Our experienced case managers will continue to offer guidance and support while our employment services professionals provide training and career opportunities.

In addition, we will provide a centralized campus with comprehensive support services such as a medical clinic, food pantry and thrift store near the new volunteer engagement and donation center.

"**MUST** helped us with clothing, personal products, hot meals and a place to stay while we looked for jobs. It was the next best thing to being at your mama's house," one father told us.

I must tell you my story

"**MUST** Ministries not only saved my life, but also gave me necessary tools to help me re-establish my life. The staff was not only nice, but also qualified case managers helped with things such as housing placement, job search, AA meetings and many other beneficial classes. Clients are assigned a case manager to assist with getting you back on your feet and they do a great job. I would have been out on the streets in the dead of winter with nothing if **MUST MINISTRIES** wasn't there to welcome me with caring hearts and open arms. This is truly a **GREAT** program and I **HIGHLY** recommend it! Thank you to **ALL** the staff for what you did for me! May **GOD** bless you **ALL**!"

A Grateful Client



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How to make it happen

We MUST come together to help those in desperate situations and looking for hope. We need support from individuals, faith-based organizations, companies, civic groups, foundations and neighborhoods.

When a community comes together for a new shelter and poverty services campus, thousands will benefit for years to come. More of our neighbors in need will be served. More will find jobs. More will move to stable housing. More will have a better future.

It's a big dream with a big goal. And the results? Those will be big too.