

SPRING 2024

DOING *WITH*, NOT *FOR*: THE KEY TO *Lasting Transformation*

A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CRAIG MORRISON

As we embark on another year of service and compassion, it's crucial to pause and reflect on an essential truth: ***Too much of a good thing can become toxic.*** At Inasmuch, we have long championed the cause of aiding homeless men, striving to provide them with the support and resources they need to rebuild their lives. However, in our humble pursuits, we must remain vigilant against unintended consequences that may arise. After all, we all know where the road to good intentions leads.

While there's no mistaking that "relief" is an important part of helping our Family, we have become increasingly intentional that we move beyond simply "relief." Why?

If we were to be a shelter, our staff and funding would be focused on ensuring the shelter itself is adequate in size and fully resourced for the immediate needs of its residents. Then, the reality unfolds that we aren't able to move beyond meeting the basic need of sheltered housing. While relief organizations are necessary - and we have many

great ones in Fayetteville - our paradigm and focus has shifted toward recovery and restoration of hope. We recognize the nuanced complexities of poverty and homelessness and seek to address the systemic issues that exist.

What does that look like at Inasmuch? Men at the Lodge are engaged in The Living Hope Program. While moving through the four phases, they set realistic goals, attend life skills classes, take part in therapeutic activities, and participate in work call. While they are provided the basic necessities, like housing and meals, they are also challenged to take action to improve their own lives.

Sustainable change demands more than just material provisions; it necessitates empowerment, education, and holistic support.

These men need ownership and agency over their lives, as the ultimate goal is that they become self-reliant. We are committed to striking the delicate balance between generosity and prudence, ensuring that our assistance uplifts without inadvertent harm. Keep reading to learn about the the strategies we have been working to employ as we navigate this fine line. →

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Look for what God is already doing in a person's life before we show up. Provide material resources in such a way that builds upon the use of gifts, abilities, and resources.



DIGNITY IS ELEVATED THROUGH WORK

Incorporating goal setting, work requirements, and other forms of challenge acknowledges the worth and potential of individuals as moral agents created in the image of God. In so doing, we transform our view of the poor from passive recipients to neighbors with something to offer.



EDUCATION AND SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Equip individuals with the tools they need to break the cycle of homelessness, building resilience and self-sufficiency. If you have a heart for the homeless this might be a great place to start. You could easily volunteer to lead one of our life skill classes and share some of your knowledge and wisdom with our friends at Inasmuch.



COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

Collaboration leverages our collective expertise and resources, enhances our impact, and minimizes duplication of efforts. We can't be all things to all people, which is why we need to all do our little bit well. If your church, business, or organization has a food pantry, clothing closet, provides a shuttle service, or wants to provide part-time employment, please let us know.

As we navigate the complex terrain of philanthropy, let us remember that our ultimate goal is not merely to provide temporary relief but to foster lasting transformation. Together, let's strive to create a world where every individual can thrive with dignity and purpose regardless of their circumstances.

Thank you for your unwavering prayers and support in this journey towards a brighter tomorrow.

Craig

PS - I highly recommend a video called *Empowering Expectations* by True Charity (trucharity.us) for anyone who want to grow in this area. Scan the QR code to watch the short video:



GIVING TUESDAY 2023

A big THANK YOU to the **175 donors** who gave to us on Giving Tuesday!!! This year, with the help of the Cumberland Community Foundation's organized amplification (Will Gillis, Elizabeth "Beth" Keeney, Carol and Sammy Short, Daphne and Ray Manning, Fayetteville New Car Dealers Association, Healy Wholesale, and three generous anonymous donors), Inasmuch received **\$171,870.12** in donations!

These funds will be used for the general operating support of our many programs for the homeless and struggling in Cumberland County.

We are very grateful for our many financial partners who support us faithfully!

Members of Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, Mt. Sinai Missionary Baptist Church, Resurrection Church, Calvary Baptist Church, First Baptist Church Anderson St., and NC A&T State University - Fayetteville Alumni spent Saturday, March 16th cleaning up two new properties newly acquired by Inasmuch. ***It was so much more than just a clean-up day!***

Clearing these properties is the first step toward our vision, which includes housing for the most vulnerable members of our community, meeting their basic needs as they work to move forward in their lives.



MEET DESTINI BISHOP-JAMES MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

Destini is an incoming member of the Inasmuch team, beginning in April. She is a graduate of both the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Western Governors University, holding a Master of Social Work with a focus in Strategic Planning and Organizational Management and a Master of Business Administration, respectively. She is also a certified financial social worker. She will do mental health assessments, write treatment plans, and Destini brings her expertise in quality financial coaching and literacy, which is a huge asset for our Family. Her dream is to introduce good, healthy financial information and practical application to all people and see freedom from financial trauma, triggers, and unhealthy emotional and mental states. **Welcome, Destini!**

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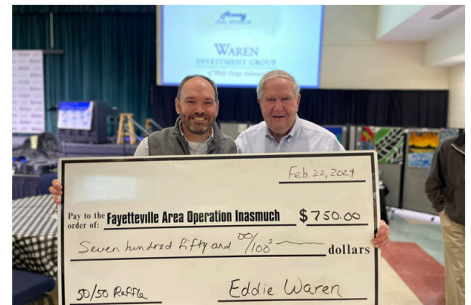


It's hard to believe that our 17th Bread 'n Bowls has come and gone. We had the best time and hope that you did too! While the event is a large undertaking, the *many* generous hands who help us along the way contributed to its success.

We owe a special thank you to all of our sponsors who made the event possible. Simply put, you make all of this happen. We absolutely could not have done it without you. Your generosity is incredibly appreciated and we cherish your friendship. From the bottom of our hearts, **THANK YOU!**

The winner of our 50/50 Raffle was Waren Investments. Board Member, Eddie Waren, donated the \$750 winnings back to Inasmuch! For his generosity, we are so grateful! (See second photo of Craig and Eddie)

Whether you joined us and enjoyed cheesy potato soup or chili, experienced our new salad bar feature, dropped raffle tickets into the gift card giveaways, took home a hand-painted pottery bowl, or purchased 50/50 raffle tickets, you were a part of helping further our mission!



**BREAD 'N BOWLS
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What exactly will your support do for the homeless and hurting we serve at Inasmuch?

At Inasmuch, we are known for our breakfast program and humanitarian services (showers, medical triage, or laundry). Yes, they provide a reprieve from the difficulties of life for our Inasmuch Family, but *Inasmuch is so much more!* For men living in The Living Hope program at Inasmuch, they are provided a place of rest, life skill classes, group and individual counseling, and support toward a life of self-reliance. Still, trauma can be a barrier to getting them into the next phase of life.

The best laid plans and firmest of foundations can still be shaken if trauma is not addressed and overcome. **Through prayer and financial support through events like Bread 'n Bowls, Inasmuch will soon add Trauma Recovery to the list of services of the Living Hope Program.**



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When Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch opened its doors in August 2009, the vision of Sue Parker Byrd was for volunteers to serve breakfast to the homeless and struggling of Fayetteville and, over the meal, they would work together to address the challenges of each individual. Since that time, the Breakfast Program has expanded to include the humanitarian services of showers and laundry, Wednesday sick call, and case management. It has also provided a springboard into our Living Hope Program at The Lodge, which is designed to lift our homeless men into financial independence.

In honor of Sue and her work to serve “the least of these” of our community, an endowment has been established in her name to ensure the Breakfast Program ministry can become self-sustaining into perpetuity. This endowment is managed by the Cumberland Community Foundation. Donations can be a check of any amount, an IRA distribution, a stock donation, or you can name the Endowment in your will. Plus your donation can be matched dollar for dollar by a generous \$50,000 grant from the Ashton W. Lilly Foundation for Philanthropy! **Help us honor Sue’s legacy to our homeless community through your gift!**

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