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A THRILL OF HOPE **A WEARY WORLD REJOICES**

A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CRAIG MORRISON

When was the last time you rode a roller coaster? For all you thrill seekers out there, I bet you can remember each turn and twirl. I remember the first time I rode the Tower of Terror at Disney and Thunder Road at Carowinds like it was yesterday. My heart was on fire and my adrenaline was pumping. In one of my favorite Christmas carols, Oh Holy Night, we see a different kind of thrill. A Thrill of Hope!

Doesn't that phrase just sustain you even now as you are reading it? A thrill of hope. The heart-racing, butterfly producing, anticipation of something exciting, something of incredible and possibly life changing impact. A thrill.

Our board has been praying, discussing, and working hard this year to clarify our vision for the next season of Inasmuch. What is God stirring in our hearts for the Inasmuch family, our community, and churches?

One phrase that kept popping up was "Restoring Hope". We see people each and every day who come to breakfast and talk with our team and volunteers about their life situation. It seems hopeless at first because the darkness and devastation is so great. Desmond Tutu once said, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness."

Hope, by definition, includes a waiting period because what is hoped for is a future event. For centuries the people of God waited for the arrival of the Savior that was promised to come in their future. Generation after generation was told to wait. Immanuel is coming! (Isaiah 7:14) Stay steadfast in hope... a King will defeat the enemy! (2 Samuel 7). The longer the wait the more weary the world became. Then the silence fell. For 400 years God's people did not hear a word from the one who promised to save them. A thrill of hope?

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What about the silence?

We saw the weariness of the world when DJ, a man now living at The Lodge, arrived at Inasmuch. He came to us feeling defeated. Thankfully, hope was not lost and we rejoice in redemption and restoration alongside him as his life continues to come together in God's perfect way. *(Read more about DJ's story later in the newsletter.)*

The challenges that came before Jesus was born, lived, died, and returned to heaven have long continued and will do so until the glorious morning (or afternoon or evening) that He returns. And He will return. As we wait, let's celebrate that the birth of this miraculous and beautiful Child is the reason our soul has value, the reason we are never overtaken by the darkness of this world, and the reason the thrill of hope can still cause our hearts to race in anticipation as we think of how much He loves us. Thank you for sharing God's love through your prayers, gifts, and presence as we can continue to assure our Inasmuch family that a thrill of hope is very real and made possible through Jesus Christ.

Immanuel is coming!
ISAIAH 7:14

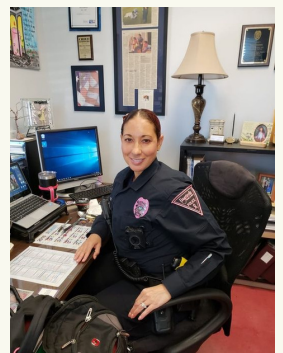


MEN FROM THE LODGE AT RAY'S RUN

THANK YOU STACY!

We owe a huge thank you to Officer Stacy Sanders, Fayetteville's Homeless Project Officer since 2005, who is retiring.

Stacy has been based in The Lodge since 2017.



CHEF'S CORNER: CAJUN CHICKEN

Cajun-style grilled chicken breasts for varied meals, such as Caesar salad, sandwiches, and a dinner entree! Cajun Chicken can be served hot or cold.

Ingredients

- 2 cups vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons Cajun seasoning
- 2 tablespoons dried Italian-style seasoning
- Garlic powder to taste
- 2 tablespoons lemon pepper
- 10 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, pounded to 1/2 inch thickness

Directions

1. In a shallow dish, mix the oil, Cajun seasoning, Italian seasoning, garlic powder, and lemon pepper. Place the chicken in the dish and turn to



coat with the mixture. Cover, and refrigerate for 1/2 hour.

2. Preheat the grill for high heat.

3. Lightly oil the grill grate. Drain chicken and discard marinade. Place chicken on hot grill and cook for 6 - 8 minutes on each side, or until juices run clear.



Great News!

We recently installed a brand new double oven in the FAIOAM kitchen!

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NUMBER OF

Breakfasts served: **15,758**

New clients: **156**

Showers: **1,515**

Loads of laundry: **474**

Sick call contacts: **150**

Hygiene items distributed: **1,005**

Case management contacts: **5,978**

Unique individuals receiving services: **968**

AS OF OCTOBER 31



IN NOVEMBER,
WE SERVED OUR
300,000TH
BREAKFAST SINCE
OUR DINING ROOM
OPENED IN 2009!

KEEP READING TO LEARN HOW
YOUR GIFT TO FAOIAM WILL
BE AMPLIFIED IN NOVEMBER

Together
we give.

Nov 29, 2022



GIVING
TUESDAY

2ND ANNUAL RAY'S RUN



FAOIAM hosted its second annual Ray's Run 5K at Methodist University on Saturday, October 8th. Approximately 50 walkers and runners gathered, prayed, and made their way through the

school's campus on either a 3.1 mile course or 1 mile fun run. Those who opted to participate virtually walked or ran on their own and submitted their distance and time.

Ray's Run is held in memory of Col. (R) Ray Helton, FAOIAM's former Executive Director and visionary for The Lodge. Ray's Run 5K will provide needed upgrades to the kitchen facility which can house up to 40 men. Between sponsorships and race registrations, FAOIAM raised over \$11,000 toward the \$25,000 goal to make the upgrades.



"MY GREATEST DREAM IS FOR MY CHILDREN TO SEE ALL THAT I HAVE BECOME. I WANT THEM TO BE PROUD OF ME."

Abdullah, one of eight men living at The Lodge

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: SUZANNE AND DAVE TJOSAAS

Together, Suzanne and Dave have served over **1,500 hours** at FAOIAM! They have served faithfully for years, at times serving daily! Suzanne worked as receptionist three days a week and Dave, despite medical hurdles, served in the kitchen. They have been steady volunteers for our special events, always finding ways to give back to the ministry. "During my time at Inasmuch, the Tjosaas' have been consistent volunteers and a great example of Christ's love. Dave and Suzanne have always said that FAOIAM is their second home, church, and family," says Volunteer Coordinator, Kaneshia Bryant. Despite our loss, we rejoice in them and their next adventure in Texas. Dave and Suzanne, thank you so much for the love you have shown to us!





Life has a way of humbling all of us. For DJ, the barriers in his life included depression, lack of support, and disappointment in finding employment. Imagine the turmoil and lost hope he must have felt. In those circumstances, we would all question our self-worth. **But, guess what?**

WE SEE DJ AS GOD SEES DJ

Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch came alongside DJ, giving him a safe place and connecting him to resources he needed. After a few weeks, DJ was ready to give back by serving on our kitchen team at breakfast. He found a great team of volunteers who welcomed him and encouraged him. He connected with the Warrior Bridge Program through Service Source and goes to work everyday on Fort Bragg. **His smile, hidden for far too long, has returned.**

DJ'S LIFE WAS RESTORED AND RENEWED

For us, Giving Tuesday isn't just about latching onto a global day of giving or reaching a monetary goal. It's about asking YOU to come alongside us to offer relief, recovery, and restoration of hope for men, just like DJ. It's an opportunity for us to share the impact your gift makes in the lives of people in whom God's image is made. DJ's life is a testimony to the importance of the gifts made to Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch. **Your support for our mission will restore minds, bodies, and spirits and turn broken hearts toward Jesus.**

WE CANNOT HELP MEN LIKE DJ WITHOUT YOU

The exciting news is that your gift will go even further on Giving Tuesday. **Your gift to Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch between November 21st (9am) and November 30th (5pm) will be amplified.**

How can you give?

- Credit card
- Check
- Donor advised grant
- Stock gifts
- Charitable IRA Rollovers

For details about amplifying your gift on Giving Tuesday, please scan the QR code or visit faoiam.org/giving-tuesday/



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FAOIAM ON GIVING TUESDAY!

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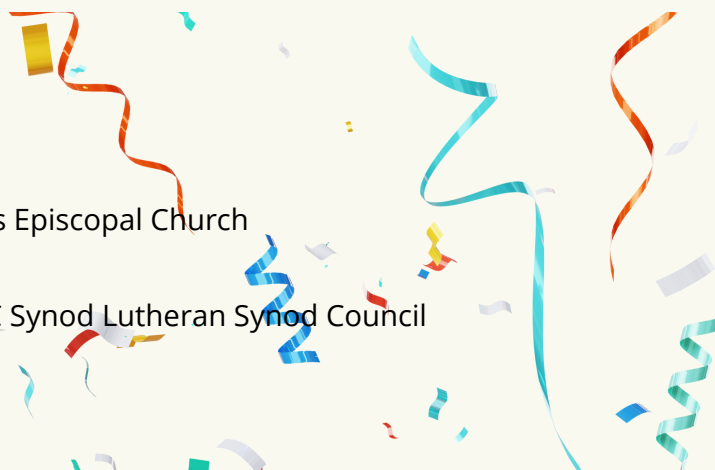
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These lists are current as of October 31. Donations made after this date will be printed in the spring newsletter.

GRANTS RECEIVED IN 2022

- The Florence Rogers Trust
- The May Catherine Huske Memorial Fund of St. John's Episcopal Church
- Bank of America
- The Michael Peeler and Virginia Casey Fund of the NC Synod Lutheran Synod Council
- The Anonymous Trust



HOW CAN YOU GIVE TO FAOIAM?

LET US COUNT THE WAYS!

YOUR MONETARY DONATION

Go to our website and hit the Donate button. Or send us a check in the mail. If you'd like, your donation can be a memorial or honorarium for a loved one or someone who has a heart for the poor. All monetary gifts are tax deductible.

GIVING TUESDAY

From November 21-30 you can give to our ministry through the Cumberland Community Foundation (CCF) Giving Tuesday portal, which will be on our home page starting November 21. (You can also find the portal on CCF's website under the Donate tab.) ***Your donation will be amplified!***

IN-KIND DONATIONS

Our current wish list is on the back of this newsletter and our website under the Get Involved tab. If you have any large donations, or something you would like to give but it's not on the list, please call us so we can coordinate your donation. (Please do not leave anything on our doorstep! We may not get it.)

STOCK, LAND, AND BUILDING DONATIONS

Call us and we can tell you how!

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AND FEET OF JESUS AMONG THE
BROKEN, HURTING, AND HOMELESS BY
OFFERING RELIEF, RECOVERY, AND
RESTORATION OF HOPE.

GIVING TO ONE OF OUR ENDOWMENTS

Cumberland Community Foundation holds multiple endowments for us, to include: The Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch Endowment and the Friends of Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch Endowment. Contact CCF for more information or to give. Giving to our endowments ensures that your gift will bless us year after year.

COME TO ONE OF OUR FUNDRAISERS

Bread 'n Bowls will be Friday, March 3rd at Snyder MBC from 11am-1pm.
The third annual Ray's Run will be on Saturday, October 7th.

BUSINESS OR EMPLOYER GRANTS

Let us know if your business or employer offers grants! We are always seeking grants to enhance our infrastructure and expand our programs.

*Thank you to our
faithful volunteers
and supporters!*



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE PART OF A MEAL TEAM, BUT CAN'T MAKE BREAKFAST?

We are looking for teams to sign up once a month to provide dinner to The Lodge residents. Dinner doesn't work, either? How about providing lunch or breakfast on the weekends?

To schedule your team to provide a Lodge meal, contact Zariah Pearson (Lodgeadmin@faoiam.org) or call (910) 835-5112. We will contact you prior to your scheduled time to let you know the number of current residents and to help with your meal's planning, if you need it.





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KITCHEN	Grits	Hoodie/Sweater	CLEANING	Napkins	Paper Clips
Powdered Creamer	Jelly	Mouthwash (alcohol free)	Trash Bags (55 gallon)	Ziploc Bags	Batteries (any)
Sugar	Turkey	Gloves	Plastic Gloves	Toilet Paper	MISC.
Hot Sauce	Bacon/Sausage	Deodorant	Bathroom Cleaner	Hand Sanitizer	Fast Food Gift Cards
Ketchup	FAMILY SERVICES	Rain Ponchos	Laundry Pods	OFFICE	Backpacks/Fanny Packs
Syrup	Socks	Shampoo (travel size)	Bleach	Copy Paper	Sleeping Bags
Coffee	T-shirts	Conditioner (travel size)	Toilet Bowl Cleaner	Notebooks	Tents Mosquito Nets
Hot Cocoa Mix	Underwear (M/F)	Hand Warmers	Paper Towels	Pens	Bike/Tent Locks

Friday, 3 March 2023
 At Snyder Memorial Baptist Church
 DRAWING | 12:30 PM

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 16th ANNUAL BREAD 'n BOWLS

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 FOR RAFFLE
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 BEGINNING IN
 JANUARY**