

Missions Newsletter September 2020

LYDIA'S PLACE PROVISIONS OF HOPE BASKET DRIVE

Each year 400 children age out of the state of Georgia Foster Care system and are faced with numerous challenges as they attempt to tackle adult life. Lydia's Place has a mission to serve these young adults. Through this Provisions of Hope Baskets drive, our community had the opportunity to assist in making a difference in the lives of these young adults that will put them on the path to success!

Thanks to our Ashford family, our small church was able to donate EIGHT complete baskets towards this drive! Through the generosity of our church and our entire community, this Basket Drive was able to collect 250+ baskets and raised close to \$15,000 for Lydia's Place!! Thank you for helping to make this drive a success!



FAMILY PROMISE

September is Family Promise Host Month! Our hosting dates, alongside Union Christian and Watkinsville First Christian, are September 6 – 13. The families are still being housed at Athens Church of Christ (3720 Mars Hill Road), just like they were in the spring and summer.

As this is a mission that requires many hands, if you are able, please ***click on the link below to sign up for ANY shifts between 5:30pm on Sunday, September 6 and 5:30pm on Sunday, September 13.***

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090f4ca5aa29a4fe3-fpainterfaith>

Thank you for your continued support of the Family Promise mission!!

BACK TO SCHOOL APPRECIATION BASKETS

Our Ashford Back to School Appreciation Baskets will be ready to distribute later this month! Please be on the lookout for a SignUp Genius if you would like to help deliver to the 14 schools in our area.

AREA CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVING (ACTS)

Our next opportunity to serve at ACTS is Friday, September 25, from 9:00 – 1:00 at 130 E. Thompson Street. Our responsibilities include stocking shelves, checking expiration dates on food items, filling baskets for clients and working at the front desk. Please see the SignUp Genius link below to offer your time to this Mission!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ba5af2ca6fc1-area4>

HOMELESS SHELTER MEAL

Due to your generous donations, Ashford has been able to donate \$80 each month through October! This monthly donation covers the cost of a meal in lieu of our Ashford families providing a meal at the homeless shelter.

The Athens Area Homeless Shelter has been working harder than ever to provide safe shelter for families experiencing homelessness during the COVID 19 crisis. The AAHS has partnered with Best Western Athens to house their staff and 12 families in order for the families to stay in safe, healthy emergency shelter during this pandemic. They are helping to house 31 children and their parents!

If you would like to help the AAHS by donating necessary supplies for the families during the COVID 19 pandemic, you can do so via their Amazon Wish List below:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/Y5IV9G7N16QU/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex



Thank you, Ashford Memorial, for your continued generous and giving spirit!

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