

CHRISTINE'S CORNER



A CHRISTINE'S BLANKETS NEWSLETTER

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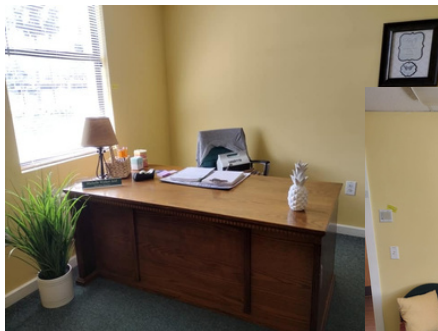
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STANCHELL

What is StanChell? That is a combination of Stanley and Michelle that Michelle started using when referring to us. So this section is titled StanChell. This is where we will put our thoughts and messages to the world's greatest supporters.

We want to thank everyone who has helped us to reach many through all of the essential items Christine's Blankets supplies to the homeless community. We want to show the love of God by helping those who find themselves at a hard place in their lives. Without the love of God through Jesus there isn't any hope. Thank you all again. Now let's set a spell.



FACILITIES

That's right. We have an office and small storehouse. Thank you Tomoka United Methodist Church of Ormond Beach! They rent us space in their 2nd building at an affordable rate. If you would like to come for a tour of our very humble facilities the best time will be April 23 2pm. We will also be having our first summer blessing bag packing party of the year. Thank you again TUMC! They are also one of our biggest cheerleaders.

Did you know that more and more families are finding themselves priced out of affordable housing



Birthday Bash 2023



We had our first Birthday Bash for the Homeless of the year in DeLand. Thank you The Neighborhood Center for hosting this great event.

Those who came were able to receive a haircut, birthday presents, a cupcake and ice cream. Thank you to all of the organizations that were part of the great event. T&R Helping Hands, She's Covered, His fight is my fight, Lina's Hair Design and of course all of the volunteers who made it awesome!



Our annual Hiking for the Homeless educational and packing party event was fantastic. We more than doubled the participants from last year. This is where we do a 3K while carrying a drawstring backpack that we fill at 7 different stations along the route. Items such as a blanket, water, hat, gloves, toiletries (just to name a few) are put in the bag which allows the participants to feel a small part of what those who suffer from homelessness have to carry. Also along the route there were signs with information about homelessness. (see the example to the right) These Blessing Bags were distributed to the homeless.



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FACTS ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS AND HOMELESSNESS

- 1 ONE IN FOUR**
26% or one in four of people experiencing homelessness in America's shelter system are dealing with a serious mental illness.
- 2 A MAJOR CAUSE**
The US Conference of Mayors has identified mental illness as being the third leading cause of homelessness in American cities.
- 3 LACK OF TREATMENT**
At any given time there are more people with chronic mental illnesses who are experiencing homelessness than are receiving care in hospitals.
- 4 VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE**
People living with mental illnesses are more likely to be the victims of than the perpetrators of violence, and are often victimized multiple times.
- 5 HOUSING IS HEALTH CARE**
People experiencing homelessness with severe mental illnesses do better when treatment and case management are matched with housing.

1. National Alliance on Mental Illness
2. US Conference of Mayors
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www.nationalhomeless.org



Did you know more and more seniors have to choose between medicine and basic needs over housing so they live in their vehicles. Christine's Blankets provides basic essential items to help offset their small incomes.

The first Wednesday of each month is **HUM DAY!** Not hump day. We are partnering with Halifax Urban Ministries! We hope to be able to do it more often but right now every first Wednesday of the month we go to where HUM is serving food, to the homeless, through their Bridge of Hope outreach. While they are serving food we are set up and providing, through your generous donations, blankets, toiletries, clothing, sunglasses, socks, shoes, flashlights and other essential items as we receive them.



According to Leeanne Sacino – the executive director of the Florida Coalition to End Homelessness – dehydration, heat exhaustion, and heat strokes are some of the most common issues that people experiencing homelessness face in the summer.

PACKING PARTY!

That's right. Our first Summer Blessing Bags Packing Party will be April 23 starting at 2pm.

Come and help us pack our first Summer Blessing Bags of the year.

Blankets are only one of the items we supply to the homeless. We also supply through the Summer Blessing Bags: Water, insect repellent, sunscreen, flip flops, lip balm, socks, toiletries and so much more. We will also be giving a tour of our humble office and storage space.

We will be having it here in Bleekman Hall of Tomoka United Methodist Church
1000 Old Tomoka Rd. Ormond Beach, FL where our office is located.

Come and not only serve but enjoy the fun in serving.

We Need Champions

Become a Christine's Champion

Everyday more and more families and individuals are becoming homeless

Supporting Christine's Blankets monthly will provide blankets and other essential items to the homeless community throughout the year

\$20 per month provides 20 blankets or 8 care bags per year.

\$10 per month provides 10 blankets or 4 care bags per year.

\$5 per month provides 5 blankets or 2 care bags per year.

Go to christinesblankets.org and click on the donate button. Choose "Make this a monthly doantion" to become a Christine's Champion!



CHRISTINE'S BLANKETS
Serving the Homeless one blanket at a time

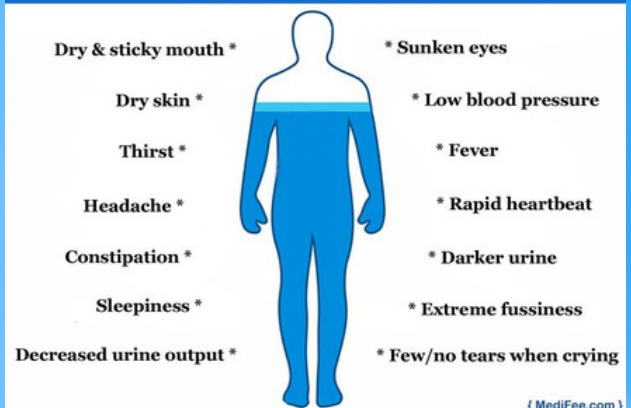
IF If you would like to donate by check please make payable to Christine's Blankets, Inc. and send to 17 La Palma St. Ormond Beach, FL 32176

Christine's Blankets is a 501 c3 not-for-profit in the state of Florida

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Dehydration - Symptoms

{ MediFee.com }



In every Blessing Bag we hand out is a bottle of water. We also will have a cooler with cold water when we are out and about.

Wish List

We want to thank all of you for your continued support. Your prayers, financial support and volunteering to help us with our packing parties and events are priceless. May God bless you all for what you have been doing.

We know we can count on ya'lls love and caring. We do need prayers though. As Christine's Blankets grows in it's ability to serve the homeless we also show signs of growing pains. Our family vehicle is not adequate for deliveries and hauling all of the needed items for packing parties. We are praying for an organization vehicle. If you know of anyone who has a truck with a hitch or a van that they would like to donate, please give them our contact information. Please keep this in your prayers. Also we are in need of Christine's Champions. Having a monthly flow of support allows us to buy the items needed. Thank you again.

We are so very thankful for you all who support us. You are Christine's Blankets.
May God bless you for the blessing you have been to many suffering from
homelessness.

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