

# A New Home for the Homeless

Sunshine Ministries is growing again! Our new Resident Shelter is finally under construction and we hope that our shelter guests will be able to celebrate Christmas this year in their new home!

This wonderful new facility will be specifically equipped to allow our men to live within a caring community that provides assistance and accountability while teaching personal responsibility and offering encouragement to become all that God created them to be.

Our guests will have access to many classes and programs that will help them reach their full potential - Life Skill Classes, Academic Studies, GED Preparation, Computer Classes, Celebrate Recovery, and Job Search Assistance. There will also be onsite practical job training opportunities in landscaping, food service, maintenance and warehousing.



Unlike our current Emergency Shelter Program, the new Resident Shelter will allow the men to have a space to call their own and stay throughout the day. They will enjoy three full meals a day and even have the opportunity to grow their own veggies!

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***“Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.”*** Psalm 127:1

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The new facility will also have a beautiful chapel that will provide the perfect setting for the spiritual encouragement that has always been the solid foundation of Sunshine’s philosophy of ministry and outreach.



Sunshine Ministries’ Shelter guests watch in anticipation as their new home is being built.



Breaking Ground for the New Mission  
February 2016



# A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

Dear Friends,

More than twenty years ago, Jim and I began our journey as directors of Sunshine Ministries. Starting with just the Men's Emergency Homeless Shelter and Recovery Program housed in the Mission on 13th Street, we quickly realized that we had to expand our outreach to meet the needs of our northside community.

Within a couple of years we had begun to reach out to the impoverished families and youth in our neighborhood. The new outreach to youth quickly outgrew the 13th Street Mission and God gave us a fantastic Youth and Teen Center in the city and a beautiful camp in Foristell, Missouri. These facilities allowed us to serve our kids well and expand our outreach to all ages including a year-round Preschool.

Then more and more neighborhood ladies began to come to our CARE Program to receive assistance and encouragement. They too outgrew the 13th Street Mission and God gave us our new Family Center that has allowed us to expand that program and serve our ladies better.

And now it's time to provide our men a new home that will allow us to change our outreach to them to better serve the changing needs of our homeless community. And once again, God is giving us a brand new building perfectly designed to meet those special needs.

God has used you - our faithful donors - to make all of this possible. It is your generosity and kindness that is providing these wonderful facilities that serve our entire Sunshine family - men, women and children - well!

Although Jim's health is declining and he is no longer able to be with me every day at Sunshine, we are both so very thankful for all of your support and encouragement through the years. You have made a difference in so many lives and we hope to thank you in person at the Grand Opening of the new Resident Shelter!

Sincerely,  
*Carol Clarkson*



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# Sunshine Kids

## We are...



**"You shaped me inside and out."**

Psalm 139:13  
The Voice

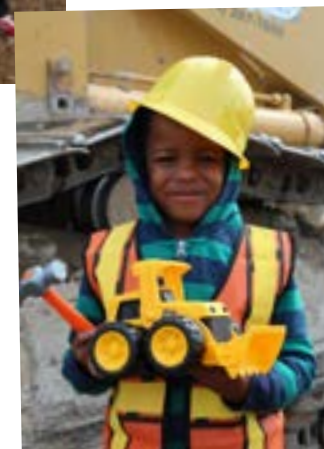


The Sunshine Preschool children took a "field trip" to watch the big bulldozer move all of the dirt at the construction site for the new Resident Shelter. They learned how the workmen are planning a perfect building and filling it with just the right rooms so it can be the very best home for the men to learn to become everything God wants them to be.

Then in their preschool classroom they learned how God planned them too. And then He filled them with just the right gifts and talents so they can grow up to be everything God wants them to be.

**"When I grow up I want to drive a big bulldozer just like this one!"**

Zaheer, Age 5



## Easter Basket Giveaway



Three generations of the Johnson family (not including the bunny) are grateful to Sunshine for their Easter dinner.



The Booker family will once again enjoy a delicious ham dinner from Sunshine Ministries as they gather together this Easter.

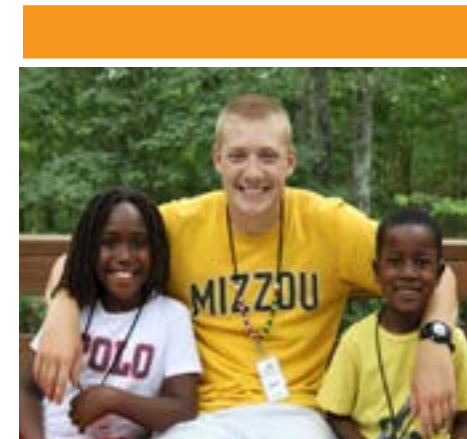
## SUMMER CAMP

### Summer Camp Needs List:

- Swim goggles
- Beach towels
- Glue Sticks
- Colored cardstock
- Individual bags of snacks
- Individual bags of chips
- Heavy duty paper plates
- Powdered lemonade mix

### Gift cards for fresh and frozen food!!

Sams, WalMart, Schnucks or Dierbergs



**Is just around the corner!**

We're gearing up for our 2016 Kid's Club Summer Camp! This is a super special time for our kids to escape the inner city, discover God's beautiful nature, and build healthy, happy childhood memories.

We **love** our  
volunteers!



What are our greatest needs  
right now? Here's the ...  
**Top 10 Countdown**

- #10 Canned fruit, soup & meals
- #9 Peanut butter & jelly
- #8 Men's aerosol deodorant
- #7 Skin lotion
- #6 Disposable razors & shaving cream
- #5 Summer Clothes (Especially L & XL)
- #4 Shoes, purses, scarves & hats
- #3 Pots, pans, dishes, utensils, small  
appliances & household decorations
- #2 Sheets, towels, pillows & blankets
- ... and (drum roll please) ...

#1 Bar Soap



Here's my gift to help provide new beginnings with meals, safe shelter and other life-changing care for our homeless guests and families in need.

- I want to support Sunshine Ministries with a gift of:  \$15  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I want to partner with Sunshine with a new monthly gift of:  \$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my donation on my credit card:

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