

SUNSHINE'S CHRISTMAS OVERFLOWS WITH Joyful HOPE



Future residents of Sunshine's Resident Shelter taking their first hard hat tour of their new home.

Just like little kids who are anxiously counting down the days until Christmas, the men in our shelter are spending their holidays excitedly anticipating the move into their new home.

We are still on schedule to move into the building in early January so as soon as we put away the Christmas decorations we will begin to pack up a get ready to go!

The men are looking forward to settling into "a place of their own" as they choose

their bedroom and empty their old ragged duffle bags and put all their "stuff" away in drawers.

Once we are settled in, the men will be able to take advantage of the many classes and training sessions that we will be able to offer to help them achieve their full potential.

And each evening after a hearty dinner they will be able to join together in our new chapel to be reminded of God's love and provision and enjoy the fellowship of others.

*Be Joyful in hope, patient in affliction,
faithful in prayer. Share with God's
people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

Romans 12:12-13



The construction crew helps "pave the way" to a brighter future for Sunshine residents.



"I like this room. It has a great view of the arch!"

"We can't wait to start checking in at the front desk!"





A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTORS

Dear Friends,

As always, this is a very busy and exciting holiday season for all of us at Sunshine Ministries. The stockings are hung by the classroom cubbies with care for our little preschoolers. Santa is hard at work in his workshop preparing for the annual Kid's Club Christmas Party. Our CARE Program ladies are making their plans to prepare Christmas dinner for their families. And our homeless guests are decorating the Christmas tree for the last time in the emergency shelter as they dream about moving into the soon-to-open new Resident Shelter.

But even with all of the busyness and events, the best thing about Christmas at Sunshine is that we never forget the real reason for the season! As the men, women and children we serve hear about incredible gift of God's love, sing songs of comfort and joy, and celebrate together the birth of His son . . . their hearts are filled with hope for a brighter future.

The generous support, prayers and encouragement from our many friends and donors make all of this possible. Your generosity has made a difference in the lives of every man, woman and child in the Sunshine family!

Thank you . . . and may God bless you and your family this Christmas and bring you great joy in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Jim & Carol Clarkson

Celebrating Our Families with a Special Holiday Meal



Three generations of the Daniel family participate in the Sunshine Ministries' Youth and Family Programs. This Christmas they will gather around their dining table with the rest of their family to enjoy a full ham dinner with all the fixings provided by generous and caring donors.

Sunshine's Christmas Dinner Basket Giveaway has been a part of our holiday traditions for more than 20 years.

Christmas Dinner Basket Ingredients

- Fresh 1/2 ham with pineapple
- Boxed potatoes of your choice
- Canned yams and vegetables
- Corn muffins
- Brownies and a sweet treat for dessert

Contact us if you want to help fill the Christmas Dinner Baskets for our families!



Sunshine Kids

Christmas Memories . . .



. . .that will last a lifetime!

The 2015 Kid's Club Christmas Party was full of big smiles, silly giggles, wide-eyed amazement and lots of love! The kids are already signing up for this year's party!!



Help us fill Santa's Workshop with toys that will bring Christmas joy to our kids!

The Most Popular Toys on Santa's List This Year

- African american baby dolls and fashion dolls with clothes and accessories
- Super hero figures and action sets
- Dress up clothes and accessories
- Remote controlled cars and race car sets
- Make up and nail care sets
- Art kits, craft kits and art supplies
- Books with corresponding stuffed animals



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Join the Sunshine
**LUNCH
BUNCH**

When the Resident Shelter opens, our fantastic new kitchen we will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner every day for our men. Would you like to help?

Give us a call if you want to join Sunshine's **Lunch Bunch** and provide a lunch once a month or just a one-time service project.

This is a great opportunity for businesses, church groups, families or individuals to directly serve and the men in our community. They all enjoy a good meal, but more importantly, they are encouraged to know that others really do care!

Give us a call if you want to hear more about this great outreach opportunity.



The Joy of Giving

2017

- January** Donate warm winter coats, hats, gloves and scarves for men, women, and children.
- February** Be a winner at your "Soup-er" Bowl Party! Collect cans of soup for lunch at the new Resident Shelter.
- March** Gather much needed Items for families such as diapers, bar soap, Kleenex, paper towels, and toilet paper.
- April** Help us fill Easter baskets for families with the ingredients for a complete Easter dinner.
- May** Camp starts in June! Help us prepare with much needed supplies.
- June** Gather toiletries and cleaning supplies that are always needed in the Shelter.
- July** S.O.S. Save our Summer! Help us restock the pantry shelves at the end of summer.
- August** Gear up for back to school and fill backpacks with much needed school supplies!
- September** Donate new or gently worn school clothes and shoes for kids.
- October** Prepare for the long winter! Collect socks and blankets to help families to stay warm.
- November** Help us fill baskets for families with the ingredients for a complete Thanksgiving dinner.
- December** For a special Christmas treat, bake homemade cookies for guests in the homeless shelter.

Here's my gift to help provide a chance for a better life through meals, safe shelter and care for our homeless guests, families in need, and children.

- 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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