



CHATT Foundation

Center for Homeless Advancement for Today and Tomorrow

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Restorative Joy

“What do we say?” Jacks’ grandfather asks. “Ready, Set, Go.” Jacks’ sweet voice answers. Focused and supported by his grandfather’s hand, Jacks peddles down the lawn at the Maclellan Shelter for Families.

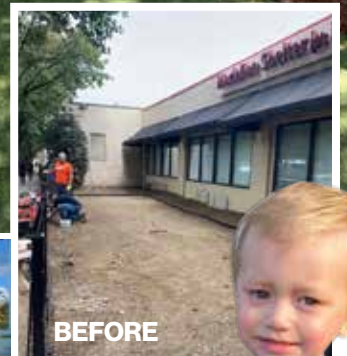
The newly turfed yard is a great gift borne from a visit by the Maclellan family. Brothers Morgan and Owen called on Krue Brock for a donation of astroturf. They then called on Darren Delaney of Calvary Chapel Chattanooga for the design. With Darren’s vision and his team of volunteers, the Church provided landscaping and completed the installation in two weeks.

The bicycles are also gifts from a variety of donors – one of whom is Jeff, a homeless neighbor. Jeff repairs the children’s bikes and quietly drops them off. The pink and blue one is Jacks’ favorite. It’s the one on which his grandfather taught him how to ride.

As Jacks’ family prepares to move into housing they will be Ready, Set to Go and grow in God’s love. As Jacks’ grandfather stated, “Jacks has kept me going, too.”



AFTER



BEFORE



Grateful Gobbler Walk / Run

Have Fun, Raise Funds!

*Thanksgiving morning,
Nov. 23 @ 8:00 a.m.*

www.gratefulgobblerwalk.org



Message from the CEO

Your Support is Making a Difference in Our Community



Of all the holidays and traditions we have throughout the calendar year, Thanksgiving is my absolute favorite. It's a time to rest, reflect, and give thought to the blessings we have received over the past year. I also like that there isn't a focus on presents, but rather on gratitude.

This year we at CHATT Foundation have much to be thankful for. We just completed our 40th year of serving the homeless of Chattanooga. We have been the recipient of essential material and financial donations that allow us to continue our critical work.

We have been able to add valuable people to our dedicated team. We have made new relationships with charitable foundations and organizations that have provided tens of thousands of volunteer hours. We have made valuable connections and partnerships with area health organizations, universities, and like-minded service providers that have allowed us to expand and deepen our service capacity. This truly has been a year of incredible blessings.

Please keep our homeless and unsheltered neighbors in your thoughts and prayers. These men, women and children (yes, children) are vulnerable and desperate for the services that will lead them to a safe place of self-sustainability. Your continued financial and volunteer support makes all the difference.

Changing Lives through Wellness

Thanks to a generous gift made possible by The Reverend Lina Robinson Hart, Trustee of Journey Health Foundation, who used her discretionary funds to provide two replacement pedicure chairs for CHATT Foundation's foot care program, Chattanooga's homeless population receive free foot care appointments in therapeutic chairs.

Pictured with the Rev. Hart and Baron King are U.T.C. School of Nursing Professor Latisha Toney and her students, Paige Hopkins, Daniel Morataya, and Rachael Skillman. U.T.C. School of Nursing provide foot care on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in CHATT Foundation's Community Center on 11th Street.



Thank you, First Baptist Church of Chattanooga, for letting our chefs utilize your kitchen while we renovate ours!



Winter Needs

- Jackets, Coats, Blankets
- Used Clothing for Men, Women & Children
- General Medi-Emergency Blankets
- Laundry Pods

Give Hope for the Holidays!

Each year, the CHATT Foundation offers you the opportunity to Give Hope to your family, friends, coworkers, and anyone else on your Holiday list.

When you Give Hope, we hand address, sign and send beautifully embossed cards to everyone on your list; each card includes a lovely Give Hope ornament and informs the recipient of your gift in their honor:

*In the spirit of the season,
a gift to feed the hungry
has been donated in
your name to the
CHATT Foundation*

This year, leave the Holiday work to us.

Send us your list and indicate how you would like us to sign the cards. We'll do the rest.

We ask a \$15 donation per card (or \$10 without the ornament). Please remember to include a phone number in case we need to contact you as we complete your order.

How to Give Hope:

- **Remove this sheet, fill out the reverse side, and send it back.**
- **Please include additional sheets to cover your entire list.**

Remember, not only does your gift go directly towards helping our area's most vulnerable citizens, it is also tax-deductible.

Thank you for your support!

Won't You Give Hope This Holiday Season?



Contact Information

(Please include so we may contact you if we have any questions concerning your card list.)

Sender's Name: _____ Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please make your check payable to: CHATT Foundation
and Return to: P.O. Box 11203, Chattanooga, TN 37401

CARD LIST

Please send a card and ornament to the following:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Sign this card: _____

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Giving Up A Little to Help A Lot

Dear Friends:

It is our pleasure to serve as the chairs of the 2023 Fast Day Campaign benefiting Chattanooga Church Ministries, Inc., formerly doing business as the Community Kitchen and now doing business as CHATT Foundation. The ministry's mission remains the same: **to meet the most basic needs of hungry, homeless, and vulnerable people in our community while offering a clear path to self-sufficiency.**

Central to meeting basic needs and building trust among those we help is our feeding program, where volunteers serve three warm meals a day in a dining room setting. Staff and case managers work to create an environment where all hungry, homeless, and vulnerable families and individuals have a seat at our table.

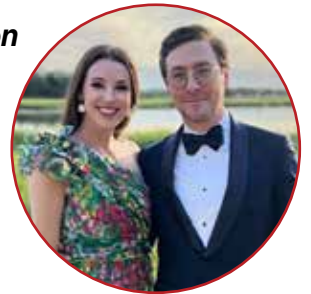
Through hospitality and in using a trauma-informed approach, the ministry strives to create an environment that allows the Holy Spirit to move through our work to heal the wounds of our participants, keep hope alive, and help the unhoused navigate through a system of support.

For 2023, our **Fast Day goal** is to raise \$1.1 million to assist in this critical mission.

Please join us this holiday season in supporting our community and CHATT Foundation.

Sincerely,

Alicyn York & Garnett Decosimo
Fast Day Co-Chairs



**SAVE
the DATE!**

**Moody Food Drive
AT&T Field
Tuesday, November 21, 2023**



Thanksgiving community table with placemats made by the children of St. Nicholas School.



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Charity Navigator has given Chattanooga Church Ministries, Inc. (EIN 62-1151413), a 100% rating for the accountability and finance beacon, which represents IRS Form 990 data up until FY2020.

Today, Chattanooga Church Ministries continues its mission as CHATT Foundation, where 85 cents of every dollar goes directly into local programs.

Thank you for being a partner in our work to change lives!!



Maclellan Shelter for Family children receive free tutoring from dedicated Southern Adventist University students, including Jayden Hwang.

