



CHATT Foundation

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WELCOME TO THE CHATT FOUNDATION

For over forty years, the Chattanooga Community Kitchen has been a place of hope and sustenance for those experiencing homelessness in our community. In fact, we were named as one of President George H.W. Bush's 1,000 Points of Light in 1991. Having such a rich history and solid support from our community has given us the opportunity to grow from being a lunch time food program in the parish hall of Christ Church Episcopal to a comprehensive service provider that advances those experiencing homelessness toward self-sufficiency.

WE ARE NOW THE CHATT FOUNDATION

While many have become aware of our programs over the years, we also discovered that many more knew little of our work beyond being a community soup kitchen. Just over a year ago, our CEO, Olivier LeMaitre, had a vision to promote the Community Kitchen to a wider audience not only through public promotion but also through a name that would reflect the scope of our services. Although Olivier passed away a short time later, friends and family who were inspired by his passion for this project took on the task to fulfill that vision as we recently rebranded as the CHATT Foundation.

With the help of Chattanooga Mayor Tim Kelly, Police Chief Celeste Murphy, Board Chairman Kent Davis, and CEO Baron King, our new name was literally unfurled at our facility on E. 11th Street during our annual Fall Festival on October 21, 2022.

A RENEWED MISSION

Our new name CHATT stands for Center for Homeless Advancement for Today and Tomorrow. Our mission is to meet the most basic needs of hungry, homeless, and vulnerable people in our community. We accomplish this by offering food, clothing, shelter, showers, laundry, and other services to anyone in need while building a foundation for self-sufficiency for the future through housing and employment opportunities.





SKIP A MEAL, DONATE A MEAL

As the needs of our community continue to grow, we ask for your support of our Fast Day campaign. For over thirty years, this annual campaign has raised critical funds to support our daily operations. The idea is simple: by giving up the cost of a meal or more to the CHATT Foundation, you support the needs of those in need. While some literally fast others give an annual donation that sustains our work throughout the year.

We hope you will consider a gift to this year's Fast Day campaign. It is certainly worth giving up a meal to provide food, clothing, shelter, and other necessities to those in need.



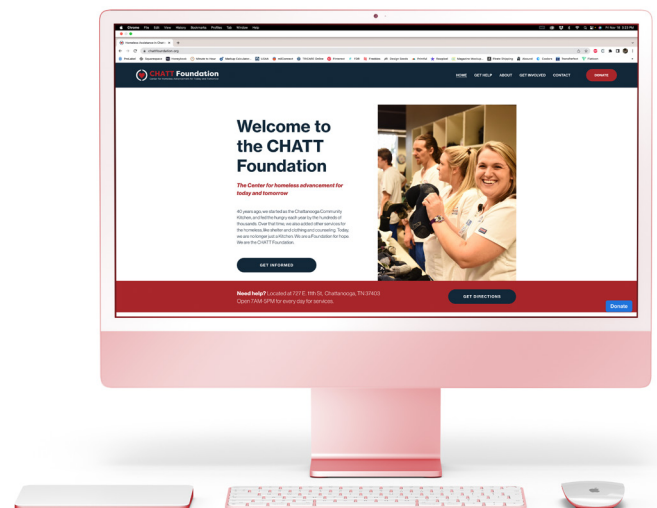
NEED HELP?

We are located at:
727 E. 11th St., Chattanooga, TN 37403

Open from 7AM to 5PM for every day needs and services.

A NEW WEBSITE AND A NEW SPIRIT

We urge you to visit our new website www.CHATTfoundation.org and catch the spirit, the vitality, and the excitement of our staff, volunteers, and supporters. Also, follow us and like us on social media platforms Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.



COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Three meals are served each and every day to homeless and low-income men, women and youth. If you're in need of food come visit us today.



CLOTHING SERVICES

If you're in need, we've got clothing and basics at no charge at our "Consider the Lilies" store.

It's at the corner of E. 11th and Peeples Street (across the street from the Homeless Health Care Center). On-site laundry services available.

SHELTER & HOUSING

Need a safe space to stay on your way to independence? We offer a variety of case managed support to help you find permanent housing.

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- The Maclellan Shelter for Families
- The House of All Souls
- Museum Street
- Saint Matthew's Shelter for Men
- Saint Catherine's Shelter for Women
- Cold Weather Warming Shelter



DECEMBER NEEDS:

- Laundry
- Bleach
- Cream/sugar packets
- Handwarmers
- Blankets

BRING OR SHIP TO:
727 E. 11TH ST.
CHATTANOOGA, TN
37403



MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

“THE VIEW FROM MY WINDOW”

In the business world, executives often gauge their professional success by the view from their office window. Fortune 500 CEO's often have the best corner offices with stunning high-rise views of the city below. The better the gig, the better the view.



It's different at CHATT Foundation. Looking out my window, the first thing you will notice are a few tents, many with broken tent poles. Tarps held together with duct tape. A shopping cart with one wheel missing. A young woman in need of clothing. Food. Clean water. A shelter that is significantly better than the tent. Many who would look out my window would find the view depressing. And they should.

My view out my window helps me. It is a constant reminder that there are people, our neighbors, suffering in atrocious living conditions, in need of medical care, food, and the simple basic essentials of life that we often take for granted. My view serves as a constant reminder that there is much work to do. There are men, women and children living in dangerous conditions who need assistance, not just with food, but assistance in reaching a place of self-sustained and sheltered security.

We recently rebranded with the new name, “CHATT Foundation” with CHATT standing for the Center for Homeless Advancement for Today and Tomorrow. No longer just a soup kitchen, but an organization that treats each person with dignity as we help develop individual plans with an eye on the goal of “sheltered self- sustainability”. To those who have donated, served, or prayed for our work, I thank you! We cannot win this fight without you.

– Baron King

SUCCESS STORY

Annie and Marcus, along with their two children arrived in our Maclellan Shelter for Families a few months ago and quickly began the process of obtaining documents such as birth certificates and social security cards. Unfortunately, they were stolen out of their car that was a temporary home at the time. Without those documents, they would not be able to apply for work, housing, or school for their children.

A short time later, they enrolled their first child at a nearby school and were able to get uniforms and transportation set up through a program through Hamilton County Schools that assists homeless children. Marcus was soon able to get a job with a subsidiary of Volkswagen and Annie was able to apply for a position at a doctor's office. The week before she was supposed to start, Annie was approved for a childcare certificate that helped provide daycare for their other child.

The City of Chattanooga soon contacted us about assisting the family with housing, and through the assistance of a housing navigator, they found a place to live! They are so excited and grateful for the assistance of our shelter staff and community partners. We cheer them on as they continue the path to self-sufficiency. Your support makes this possible. Thank you!



IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER...

...Then you are part of our CHATT Foundation family. With your help and financial support, we can make a difference for the individuals and families in our community who live on the streets, go hungry daily or need their very basic needs met. Winter is approaching and as the temperatures drop in Chattanooga, the situation becomes especially desperate for many. We appreciate your support as we endeavor to address the present challenges of homelessness in our community. Please help us help others during this time.



Give Hope for the Holidays!

Each year, the CHATT Foundation offers you the opportunity to Give Hope to your family, friends, co-workers, 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. Giving Hope is easy!

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.

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:

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