



GHC Today

A Monthly Newsletter from the Gateway Homeless Coalition

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'Tis the Season...

"'Tis the season to be jolly..."

Most of us certainly have much to celebrate at Christmas time. However, it often feels like we become caught up in anticipation of holiday parties, dinners with family and friends and other festive gatherings. Sometimes we need a reality check: not everyone has an easy time being "jolly." Some face a stark, painful reality of spending Christmas day alone, with no place to go. The supportive network of family and friends which so many of us enjoy and even take for granted simply does not exist for everyone.

We are called in the spirit of the season to become that supportive network ourselves. This is the season of happiness and joy, yet for many such emotions are elusive and fleeting. Our responsibility as advocates, supporters, and friends, is to raise the spirits of those in need and instill in them a sense of hope, year-round.

At Gateway House, 'hope' isn't an empty word – we back it up with action, and you can too. Remember those in need this holiday season, and throughout the year. Help each realize their hopes for a life rebuilt. Give of yourself, your resources, your time, your energy. It is the season of giving! It is the season of hope. It is the season of reality checks. 'Tis the season... and it lasts all year long.

How You Can Help:

Gateway House is always in need of the following items:

- ◆ Disinfecting spray/wipes
- ◆ Cleaning supplies
- ◆ Kitchen-size garbage bags
- ◆ Canned goods (preferably with pull-top lid)
- ◆ Other non-perishable foods
- ◆ Shampoo, soap, deodorant
- ◆ Laundry detergent
- ◆ Coffee, water-based hot chocolate mix, warm beverages



Merry (early) Christmas from GHC!

All of us here at Gateway house want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas, a happy holiday season, and a good new year to come. May you share the joy of the holiday season with all who need it most.



Thank you, Bell-ringers!

It was a great weekend for our volunteer bell-ringers, who raised over \$4,000 for the Rowan County Salvation Army! All this support benefits all those in need in our community, including Gateway House residents. Thanks to everyone who came out!

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