

FEEDING THE BODY AND THE SOUL

Message



NOVEMBER 2016

www.greaterspartanburgministries.org

OUR CARE MINISTRIES:

Food Pantry • Clothing • Heating & Cooling Assistance • Fire Victim Assistance



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry

Psalm 107:1,8-9 NIV

With Thanksgiving and Christmas upon us, it is the time of year we can be thankful for many blessings from the Lord, as well as returning thanks to the Lord. At GSM, we are thankful for you! Why? Because you make our missions to the community possible. You may not realize it day to day, but the Lord is blessing people daily thru GSM because of your support. I hear the words **"Thank You"** daily from our clients, so I want to pass that on to you!

HOW CAN YOU BE A BLESSING TO YOUR NEIGHBORS THRU GSM?

Financial Donation: This is the easiest way, it's needed, and it's tax deductible.

Give online at www.greaterspartanburgministries.org or mail directly to:

Greater Spartanburg Ministries, 680 Asheville Highway, Spartanburg, SC 29303

Clothing and Furniture Donation: Donate gently used, good condition furniture and clothing.

We currently need couches and recliners. The GSM truck can pickup large donations.

Food Donation: Individually or at your workplace with a food drive.

Van or Pickup Donation: GSM needs a van or pickup truck for donation pickups.

Call Kevin Koger at 864-915-0280 for more info.

Thrift Store Volunteer: We need volunteers to sort clothing, anytime Monday through Friday, 9am to 5pm.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

One thing is for sure, Greater Spartanburg Ministries could not provide services for over 6,000 families in a year without the dedication and efforts of volunteers. During 2016, we have adult, youth, and children's groups scheduled 42 weekends! These groups pack boxes for distribution from the Food Pantry and get GSM ready each week to meet the demands of clients. They also will stock shelves with food, bag drinks and other food items, and sort/hang clothes in the Thrift Store. I want to thank each and every one of you for making our missions a success! I would also like to invite your Sunday School or social group to come and volunteer with us. It's a great time to serve the Lord, as well as fellowship with each other along the way. Meet for breakfast and then join us on a Saturday Morning, I know you will be blessed! Volunteer groups just need to call me at 864-915-0280 to schedule a time. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thanks for your support.

Serving Him together,
Kevin Koger
CEO



Lisa Queen, Summer Queen,
and Tasha Justice

GSM TO DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS TOYS

GSM will be collecting toys through the first week of December. Families with children, ages 3 - 13, are invited to participate in toy giveaway.



The Christmas season is upon us and many children living in Spartanburg County will not receive any toys this year due to financial distress. That's where GSM comes in. Through generous donations, GSM is able to distribute Christmas toys to our local boys and girls. GSM CEO Kevin Koger states, "Toys bring joy at Christmas for children, and is just another great way to give to the community and connect with families in need." If you would like to learn more, call 864-585-9371. GSM will be distributing toys to local families the second week of December.

GSM TO PARTICIPATE IN 2017 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

**Event to take place the week of
the 2017 Super Bowl.**



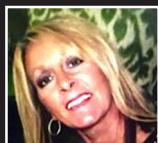
Souper Bowl of Caring helps to fight hunger by partnering with GSM around the time of the Super Bowl football game. In the weeks leading up to or on Super Bowl Sunday, young people take up a collection (many use a soup pot), asking for one dollar or one item of food for people in need. 100% of their donation goes directly to GSM. If your youth group is interested in participating, call Kevin at 864-585-9371 or visit www.tacklehunger.org.

KAYLA'S CANS FOR CHARITY



**Kayla Geer, Miss SC Jr. Teen,
collects canned goods for GSM**

Since her crowning, Kayla has been an active volunteer with GSM. She has collected canned goods while raising awareness for GSM and the needs of our community. Kayla's acts of kindness and generosity is a credit to her high standard of character and love for others. We are blessed that she chose GSM!



This newsletter is dedicated
to the memory of GSM volunteer
WANDA SPENCER MILLWOOD
(09/11/61 - 01/04/16)



Consider designating your workplace
**UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN
FUNDS TO GSM.**
Contact your Human Resources
representative for more information.
GSM THANKS YOU!