



Greetings Friends,

Community Care of Wells County, has had a tremendous year of growth and change, providing relief, rehabilitation, and development to people in need. God has been good to grow our programs and continues to serve the community of Wells County through the ministries of the Connecting Center, Change-Up Thrift Store, Man-Up Men's Transitional Housing and Grace and Mercy Transitional Housing for Women. Community Care of Wells County is committed to offering practical, emotional and spiritual support to men, women and children of Wells County and the surrounding area who are seeking assistance with difficulties in their daily lives.

Through partnership with our community supporters these outreach programs CC-WC provide for basic needs, for persons moving from immediate crisis into a safe and stable lifestyle. This is done by connecting them with people and resources, and a lasting relationship with God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, in order to make lasting life-long changes.

This year we have had outstanding community support, however we continue to require your prayer and financial support in order to reach those in need and continue our ministries to Wells County and the surrounding areas!

Below is a little of what we have been doing with the financial support our donors and volunteers have provided this year and we look forward to even more support in the future!

Connecting Center provides financial assistance for basic needs, relational needs, life-skills classes, and meeting spaces for groups who also serve our community. The years totals for the Connecting Center:

- Financial requests - \$106,464.67, Assistance given - \$16,590.90
- Total people assisted – 553, Referrals to other service providers - 162
- RU 12-step addiction recovery in the jail days - 38, RU in the jail Individuals - 77
- Change-Up referrals for free items- 13
- Kate's Kitchen served between 200-250 meals each week at the Connecting Center
- Mentored/counseled 4 individuals referred by the Connecting Center
- **A Hand Up – Not a Hand Out!**

Change-Up Thrift Store provides job training for Man-Up and Grace & Mercy Residents, while providing quality products to people short on funds, making donations to needy, and all profits go back to the Connecting Center benevolence program. This year:

- Sales - \$15,981 thru Nov.
- Donations to 13 families referred by the Connecting Center providing couches, appliances, beds, and clothing.
- Current needs: Will need a new store location mid-2019. Approx. 3,500-5,000 Sq. Ft.



Man-Up Men's Transitional Housing (116 S. Johnson St) provides a safe and secure transitional housing for men who may be displaced after release from the Department of Corrections, addiction rehab, or just needing a fresh start. This past year Man-Ups successes have been:

- Four men currently in the program
- One man in 6-month aftercare program
- All apartments remodeled with new lighting, laminate flooring, and paint.
- Dayroom is in the process of being built.

Grace & Mercy Women's Transitional Housing (1001 S. Clark Ave) provides women with a fresh start and transitional housing after being displaced due to abusive situations, Department of Corrections release and exiting additions rehab. What a year we have had! Below is our progress:

- New metal roof and ice breaks installation completed—no more leaks! Our cost was \$67,000 for a fifty-year roof, versus \$65,000 for another flat rubber roof with eleven-year life expectancy.
- Gutters/downspouts installed, along with leaf guards on south side of building.
- A/C units moved from roof to parking lot and crash poles installed to protect them.
- Dropdown attic staircase installed along with lights and receptacles in attic space.
- Outside front porch and eaves/soffit all freshly painted.
- Parking lot sealed, coated, and striped.
- Eight foot vinyl privacy fence installed to keep our residents and children safe!
- Large play set with border and eight inches of rubber mulching under it installed and a sixteen foot by fourteen foot screened gazebo partially built.
- Sixteen of thirty-two security cameras up and working and security/computer server room, built.
- Seven resident rooms adopted and make overs done. Each room has its own personality!
- Back hallway is now drywalled and soon to be ready to paint.
- Furnace in unfinished area that had a previous fire, years ago, has been removed.
- Rusted and rotted door frames to a bathroom and the boiler room were repaired vice replacement saving almost \$3,800.
- Hired Operations Manager to oversee entire operation.
- Hired Residential Managers to live on-site and provide oversight while demonstrating what a healthy Christian marriage relationship should look like.
- Hired 5 part-time receptionists and weekend staffers.
- All policies and procedures are written and being implemented.
- ***Accepted the first resident on December 1st, 2018! She accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Savior since coming into our program!!! This is why we are doing what we do!**
- ***Three additional residents and two children moved in as the doors officially opened, December 15th 2018!**
- Currently building an apartment for the Residential Managers to live in. ****NEED:** the grant request for \$15,000 to complete the apartment build was rejected. We need additional funding to pay for this project.



As anyone can see, the Community Care of Wells County family of ministries, Connecting Center, Change-Up Thrift Store, Man-Up Men's Transitional Housing, and Grace and Mercy Transitional Housing for Women, God has done some amazing things. We are dedicated to restoring Men, Women and Children's lives from crisis to healthy, from dependent people to strong community members and from possibly lost to believer! Will you help us? Please consider carefully and prayerfully how you, your church, your businesses and your social groups, as a community, can help make these changes permanent!

God Bless you and your families this Christmas Season!

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