



Church Hill Christian Wellness Center Annual Report 2021

“Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst” (John 4:14).

The Church Hill Christian Wellness Center continues to minister to the East End Community by trying to fulfill our Mission Statement “to promote and nurture the persons in the process of recognizing and using their God-given gifts, talents and abilities to empower themselves and others. Hopefully, the East End Community will develop spiritually, emotionally, physically, mentally and socially. Our prayer is that we may be able to meet some of the physical and spiritual needs of the people and that God receives the glory.

During the past year, the Well ministered to the East End Community resulting in the following:

- **Food Pantry** experienced a significant decrease in the number of people we serve when we changed from twice a month to once a month and many were affected by changing the distribution day to the third Thursday of the month. The onset of COVID has caused the number of persons seeking food to diminish even more. However, the corona virus has also contributed to persons outside of the **23223-zip code** to come to acquire food bags which has caused the Well to lessen its requirement so that whoever comes may receive food. The Food Pantry shelves are constantly being stocked by River Road Baptist Church. Their support has enabled the Well’s cost to purchase food to be kept at a minimal. A special thank you is sent their way for all they do for the Food Pantry.
- **Thanksgiving** is the next big event. The Well is requesting again this year \$10.00 to aid a family in the purchase of a turkey. Gift cards from Walmart or Kroger are good. Please deliver gift cards by **November 16, 2021**.
- **Christmas Store** received a makeover due to the corona virus. To ensure social distancing and to make it safe for everyone, churches and individuals shopped from each child’s wish list of items that were chosen by the parents. For a nominal fee of **\$5.00**, the child was still able to receive a coat, outfit or pajamas, hat, gloves, socks, underwear, large toy and a small toy. With much reservations, due to the corona virus, I decided to limit the number of children we would serve. To my surprise, churches and individuals were requesting names weeks after the deadline had passed. Beautifully wrapped gifts were given to **62 children**. The cock pots of soups were truly missed but the Store was a great success. The ease of the Store, the excitement of everyone that took a part in the Store, and their willingness to participation again this year, made the decision to conduct the Christmas Store in the same manner as last year an easy one. This year the Christmas Store will take place on **Saturday, December 4, 2021**. Delivery Dates and times are **12/1/21 and 12/2/21, 10:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 3:00**.
- **Financial Assistance** for electricity, water and gas has been suspended until further notice. A new and developing ministry is being implemented. This ministry is called “Beyond the Walls Ministry. Its goal is to have a church that is willing to step in an assist a family in areas that the Well can not provide. With our desire to help beyond financial assistance and the limited spiritual guidance that we can give, a church steps in to assist with fulfilling in a greater way the family’s emotional, physical, mental, social

and financial need. Thanks to Second Baptist that took on the first family that I referred to them and was able to assist the family in many ways. Second Baptist hasn't stopped with their assistance but continues to follow up on the family's progress even to the point of inviting the mother to Friday Bible Study. The mother has attended once.

- **Birth Certificates and IDs** are suspended until DMV's restrictions are lifted. This ministry is in great demand by individuals and referring agencies.
- **Friday Bible Study** has not been affected by COVID. Those who cannot attend in person join in the Study through the Prayer Line. Since March, every Friday at **10:00 a.m.** those attended the Study gather in the parking lot of Bethlehem Baptist (Fairmount location). Lunch is provided through the Well's Food Pantry. It continues to be the best Bible Study in city, if not the state or even the country. In recent weeks, we have had several new people to join us and every week, regular members who haven't been in person due to the corona virus are returning. We are seeking lunches. Amy WMU group or church that is looking to support an excellent cause, The Well's Friday Bible Study is an excellent project for your consideration.
- **Clothes Closet** is opened on **Mondays 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.** The closet is only in need of coats for men, women, boys and girls. There is still a great demand for twin, full, queen and king size sheets and household items such as towels, and curtains.
- **Back -To- School Celebration** was held on **August 21, 2021.** This year backpacks were included with the distribution of underwear, socks, and toiletries bags. I asked for **100** backpacks, and I received a total of **113.** A combined total of volunteers for Friday and Saturday was **30.** **81 children** were blessed, and **25** backpacks were given to Franklin Military Academy. The remaining toiletries bags, underwear, socks will be given out at our Clothes Closet and the Christmas Store.

Special Thanks

- WMU
- All Volunteers
- RBA churches
- Individuals' Donations

I thank God for all of you and for all that you do to support the Well, I am truly grateful.

Respectfully Submitted,
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