



MATTHEW TWENTY FIVE

SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

To our friends and supporters:

We are pleased to be reaching out and sharing some promising organizational updates. As we have continued to learn and navigate new realities over the past two years, it is a delight to inform you that **our residential facility is once again able to serve at maximum capacity!** We are rapidly accepting new men into our programs, and this means more beds, more meals, more counseling, and ultimately more hope provided to those in need. This, of course, also means more expenses – **so today we ask you to consider making a gift to our Renewal Campaign** to help us sustain our momentum and prepare to serve and empower more homeless veterans and men in Middle Tennessee.

We are so happy to announce **a partnership with Luke 14:12!** They are a nonprofit soup kitchen that provides free meals to the those who are experiencing homelessness and suffering from food insecurity in Nashville. *Luke 14:12* was founded in 1983 and doesn't own their own building or facility. Instead they have partnered with other non-profits to utilize their space. When they were searching for a new home for their kitchen operations earlier in the year, we opened our doors to them. Today, *Luke 14:12* cooks all of their entrees right here at Matthew 25. Their team provides over **37,000 meals** per year, and now they directly serve our men with several meals per week! We are thankful for their team and honored to provide the facilities needed to continue their mission.

This summer, **Matthew 25 received a Community Outreach Grant from the Military Officers Association of America.** These grants are given to MOAA chapters providing services to local military and veteran families – either directly or through partnerships with community organizations. We worked closely with the Middle Tennessee Chapter to apply for funds to support computer purchases and mentoring to benefit our men and their employment pursuits. With new desktops and a mentorship program from the Middle Tennessee Chapter, our men will have strong support on their path to employment and community reintegration. We are so grateful for the partnership and support of the local Chapter!

We are excited to **kick off a new bluegrass dinner event this fall!** This fundraiser will be an inaugural event that features a delicious meal, live bluegrass music, and an important mission. The dinner will be an easy way for our community to engage with us and gain a strong understanding of the impact, power and necessity of our work. We have set a date of **October 27th at Marathon Village** – be on the lookout for more details!

As the past two years have taken a toll on many marginalized groups, we are committed and eager to continue serving homeless veterans and men in Middle Tennessee with compassion, support and accountability. We offer **Housing, Help and Hope** on a daily basis – improving, empowering, and restoring the lives of those most in need. While we are proud of our work and perseverance of late, we are even more excited for what's to come. We hope you will consider making a life-changing gift today!

Jim Ward
Executive Director

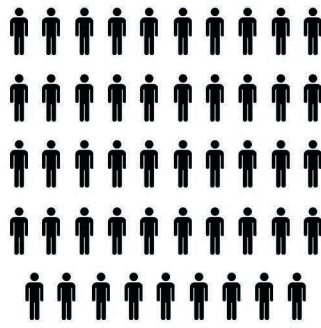
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"...I was a stranger, and you invited me in..."

Matthew 25:35

MATTHEW 25 RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

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to serving
49
men in need!



Campaign Goal

\$10,000



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MATTHEW 25 HAPPENINGS



Anthony Giles shows off his **CNA Certificate of Completion** from Nashville General Hospital! Mr. Giles is an Army veteran and is working toward becoming an LPN.



Anthony Thompson finishes **signing his lease** after completing our program. Mr. Thompson secured a job in food services at Vanderbilt and now rents an apartment here in town!



Students from **Genesis Career College** stopped by our facility to offer our men haircuts and beard trims! A fresh cut and trim can do wonders for men who are rebuilding their confidence and independence.

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