

To our friends and supporters:

We hope you are doing well as we have progressed into 2021! As spring brings about a sense of rebirth and restoration, we are moving forward with our own feelings of growth and improvement. Many hurdles have been cleared over the past 15 months thanks to your support! Our mission remains steady and loyal this spring: alleviating homelessness and despair by providing **Housing, Help and Hope** to homeless veterans and men in need. As things begin to normalize in our community, we are confident in our abilities to help men secure employment and permanent, sustainable housing, and there are several new partnerships and programs that we are pleased to share with you.

We are excited to announce that we have begun to partner with local churches to provide **services of Holy Communion** to the men we serve. Rev. Jed Hanes, Matthew 25's Director of Operations, is a provisional deacon seeking ordination in the United Methodist Church. Jed will be leading this fruitfulness project as a part of his ordination process and is seeking to partner with various faith leaders to reconnect M25 residents with the church. Our first Communion took place on Monday, April 26.

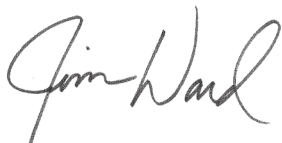
The **Tennessee State Wesley Foundation** recently organized a drive to collect essential items for the men we serve. These kits included basic toiletries, cleaning and sanitation products, devotional books, and original pieces of inspirational artwork that are now hanging on residents' walls! TSU's Wesley leader, Rev. Michelle Morton, has also offered to regularly participate in our services of Holy Communion. We are so thankful for this partnership in ministry and look forward to working more with them in the future!

Harpeth Hall School has been a steadfast supporter of Matthew 25 over the years, and they are continuing that tradition this spring. On a weekly basis, HHS girls have been providing nutritious (and tasty) snacks and notes of encouragement to our men who are working hard to transform their lives. We are hopeful that we can soon get back to their tradition of coming on site to share a meal with our residents!

The Big Payback occurred on May 5th, and Matthew 25 raised **\$11,055!** The Big Payback is a community wide, online day of giving hosted by the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. We set an initial goal of \$5,000, and then an updated goal of \$10,000. Our supporters came through in a huge way, and these funds will help improve the technology provided for the men in our programs!

While it has been a difficult past year for everyone, our team is more confident and committed than ever to continue providing Christ-centered care to men in need. With the continued support of our community, we will come out on the other side of the pandemic stronger than before! Any way you can assist us today will improve our ability to empower veterans and homeless men to recapture independence and fulfillment in their lives. As always, we are honored to serve these men every day!

Sincerely,



Jim Ward
Executive Director

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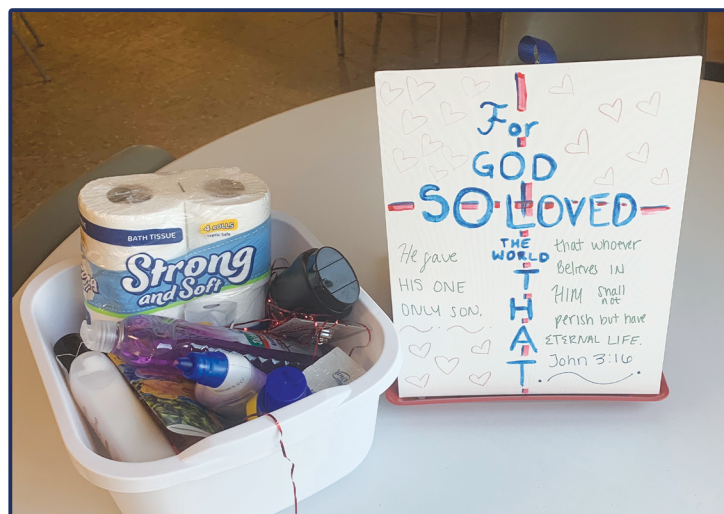
"...I was a stranger, and you invited me in..."

Matthew 25:35

MATTHEW 25 HAPPENINGS



Our first Communion took place on April 26. We were blessed by the presence of Reverend Pat Freudenthal, who serves as District Superintendent of the Red River District for the United Methodist Church. Shown above is Pat with M25 Director of Operations, Jed Hanes.



Shown above is a TSU Wesley Foundation care package that was provided to a new resident of Matthew 25. Each included a piece of homemade, faith-based artwork that will serve as a daily inspiration! They plan to bring in groups to serve Holy Communion in the fall.

Will you consider becoming a **Recurring Donor** to Matthew 25?

Why Recurring?

Recurring donations are extremely beneficial for nonprofits from an operational perspective, as it is common to receive a majority of income during a couple months of the year. This means challenges for smaller organizations, as revenue is confined to certain months while operating costs are spread out evenly.

Other benefits of recurring donations:

- Protects M25 during times of uncertainty or emergency
- Improves our long-term planning, budgeting and decision making
- Decreases costs associated with solicitation
- Convenience for the donor, as it is a simple, one-time setup

How To

1. Visit: matthew25.kindful.com
2. Select **Recurring**
3. Choose your **Frequency**

The screenshot shows a 'Donate Now' form with the following fields and options:

- Select a campaign:** General (dropdown menu)
- Select or enter an amount:** \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250 (radio buttons), and a text input field with a dollar sign.
- Frequency:** One time, Recurring (checked with a dropdown arrow)
- Recurring monthly on the 1st** (dropdown menu)
- Donate** (button)

A PayPal account is required to make online donations. Please reach out to mmiller@matthew25helps.com with any questions!



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