

We hope you are doing well as we move toward the holidays! Over the summer, we announced that our facility had returned to serving at maximum capacity. Due to the support of folks like you, our transition to an increased census has been remarkably smooth. We are pleased to say that **15 men have successfully moved into permanent housing over the past 12 weeks!** As men enter our programs on an almost daily basis, we continue to appreciate and rely on the support of our community. We have added six men to our Aftercare program where we endeavor to help our men continue their recovery and housing stability and to remain housed for the long term. Thank you for your steadfast support during this transitional period!

At the end of October, we hosted our inaugural Bluegrass and Barbecue Bash fundraiser. The event was a great success, and we are so grateful for everyone who put in the effort to come out and connect with us in person. **At the end of the night, we raised \$26,570!** While the food and music were fantastic, the highlight of the evening was hearing from Willie Weaver, a Matthew 25 graduate and now Matthew 25 employee. Willie serves as a part-time cook at our facility, and we are so glad he was able to share his story with our supporters.

As the weather begins to cool down, we ask you to **consider providing our men with a vital winter need: warm clothes**. Most men entering our program simply do not have the financial means to purchase new, seasonal clothing. You can use our Amazon Charity Wish List to donate items such as warm socks, hats, hoodies, and gloves. It only takes a few clicks to provide our men with warmth, comfort and peace of mind. Use the QR code on the back page to view our list of needs!

We are very pleased to announce the **addition of our new Clinical Director, Libby Sides**. Previously she worked as a mental health therapist and program manager for Centerstone, serving the homeless population in Nashville. "As a therapist I taught mental health groups in the community, including Matthew 25. I am excited to step into this role and help serve these men as they heal from their past and transition into a brighter future for themselves." Our Clinical team is the foundation of our work, providing counseling, accountability and encouragement to our men on a daily basis, and we are so thankful to have Libby leading this work.

Our annual **Founders Breakfast fundraiser will occur on December 16!** Once again this will be hosted at the Frist Art Museum in downtown Nashville. This event will feature an address from a recent Matthew 25 graduate, allowing you to hear directly from a man whose life has been transformed by our ministry. Your attendance will help us to minister to homeless veterans and men in need of compassion, support and accountability, so we hope to see you there! You can purchase a ticket using the QR code on the back page.

There are 40 men living in our facility right now who are off the street and being empowered and uplifted through our ministry. There are also men presently facing the despair of homelessness who are yearning for help and hospitality. As you count your blessings this Thanksgiving, we ask you to consider making a **life-changing** gift today. The generous actions of our community make our work possible, and we will continue to cherish and rely on your support as we provide *Housing*, *Help* and *Hope* to our brothers in need!

**Jim Ward** *Executive Director* 





"...I was a stranger, and you invited me in..." Matthew 25:35

## MATTHEW 25 HAPPENINGS



Shown above is Matthew 25 graduate, **Willie Weaver** (center), with the Johnny Campbell Band at our Bluegrass & Barbecue Bash. The event was hosted at Marathon Village in downtown Nashville on October 27.

## AMAZON WISH LIST





Help our men stay warm this winter! View our specific needs by scanning the QR code above.

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## FOUNDERS BREAKFAST





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Join us at the Frist Art Museum on December 16th! Buy tickets or a table by scanning the QR code above.



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