



# WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

## To our friends and supporters:

What a year it has been! Considering all of the uncertainty, concerns, and anxiety of 2020, we are blessed to be moving into 2021 with confidence in our work and optimism for the future. While there have been plenty of hurdles for our organization, we have been able to overcome them with your support! Matthew 25's mission remains steadfast this winter: providing Housing, Help and Hope to veterans and homeless men in need. These winter months are the toughest time of year for the poor and needy, and sadly, **hypothermia remains a leading, critical, and preventable cause of injury and death among those experiencing homelessness**. If you would like to assist us with winter needs, please look into our Amazon Charity Wish List on the back page!

We are pleased to announce that our new **Clinical Treatment model** will begin this March! This service will provide an additional 16 veterans with substantial treatment for mental health and substance abuse disorders. Through partnerships with the VA and Meharry Medical College, our vets will receive access to counseling with psychologists, therapists and psychiatrists as needed in addition to an individualized treatment program alongside our traditional programs of counseling, housing assistance and case management. This new service will further our ability to provide veterans with hope for a new and better future where they are spiritually and emotionally stable and living successfully in the community.

Matthew 25 has officially kicked off a **partnership with the American Job Center of Tennessee**, with goals of improving our rate of veterans exiting with steady employment. Veteran Outreach Specialists with the AJC will regularly visit our veterans, assisting them with individual employment plans, resumé building, and job searching. We are so thankful for their support and their eagerness to help veterans in need!

While most of our focus is on the present, we are also looking towards the future and next steps of Matthew 25 as an organization. **Please be on the lookout for big announcements from us this spring!** We are hopeful that we can host our annual Founders Breakfast and also begin a new and unique fundraising campaign. If you are involved with a business or organization that would like to learn more about partnering or fundraising with us, please reach out!

We offer Christ-centered care on a daily basis – improving, empowering, and restoring the lives of those most in need. Matthew 25 is both a calling and ministry, and we are honored to serve these men every day. We are proud of our past work and excited for what's to come. **Any way you can contribute today will help us secure our foundation and build towards the future!**

Sincerely,

**Jim Ward**  
Executive Director

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

**Matthew 25:35**

# 2020 PROGRAM SUCCESS

# 76%

INDIVIDUALS SUCCESSFULLY  
EXITING INTO PERMANENT AND  
SUSTAINABLE HOUSING

# 65%

INDIVIDUALS SUCCESSFULLY  
EXITING WITH STEADY  
EMPLOYMENT

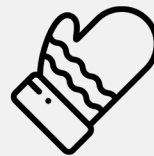
## MATTHEW 25 HAPPENINGS



*This Christmas, Zeal Church members stopped by for an evening of Christmas cookies, treats and music! Lisa Brokop led us in classic Christmas carols and songs. Lisa is a well-known country music singer/songwriter, and is also a member of Zeal Church!*



*First Presbyterian Church offers International Equine Services for Heroes, which provides an equine-assisted activity and therapy program tailored to address specific issues faced by wounded and traumatized veterans. Shown is M25 graduate Matt Wallace riding on Hunner!*



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