

A Newsletter for Lighthouse Ministries, Inc.

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NEHEMIAH HOUSE SUCCESS STORY

A GIFT OF LOVE

At a time when most people would love to have some extra money to spend on their own family for the holidays, Krystal Owens thought only of others. Her \$500

donation to The Lighthouse was given in the true spirit during this season of giving.

The generosity started earlier this year when Krystal's brother Chris needed help, and she posted \$500 as bond.

Thanks to the efforts of The Lighthouse,

Chris (pictured above) turned his life around and graduated from the Nehemiah House this past July. He was recently cleared in court and the \$500 bond was returned to Krystal. With four children of her own, and plenty of holiday expenses, Krystal could have used the money. However, she chose to turn the \$500 into a gift of love and immediately donated the cash to The Lighthouse.

"Thanks to Krystal's generous gift, The Lighthouse can use this money to help other men like Chris—to change the life of someone else's brother," said Tay Henderson, Executive Director of Lighthouse. The \$500 will go a long way to provide food and necessities for those who need it most during the Christmas season.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

To share God's love and hope this Christmas please use the enclosed envelope or go online to www.thelighthouseministries.org to make a tax-deductible donation.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

when: Saturday, December 22 at 5 p.m.

where: First United Methodist Church at
200 West High Street • Downtown Lexington

The cost for us to provide dinner is \$3 per person, and we will be serving approximately 250 people. If you can donate money to cover expenses or would like to volunteer, please call the office at 859-259-3434.



2 Corinthians 9:6-11 (NIV)

⁶Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

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Alcoholics Victorious Meetings

All are welcome! Please come!

Tuesday: 8 p.m.

Thursday: 6 p.m. dinner

7 p.m. class

8 p.m. meeting

Wednesday Bible Study & Kids Club

11 a.m.—*Alpha Series* is a 12-week Bible Study sponsored by Park United Methodist Church, taught by Vicki Sagesar

6:15 p.m.—Kids Club for ages 5–12 is sponsored by Calvary Chapel of the Bluegrass

NEW Thursday Night Study

6:30 p.m.—8 p.m.

The Quest for Authentic Manhood

by Robert Lewis, facilitated by Adam Smith, Board Member and member of Northeast Christian Church

Friday Morning Bible Study

11 a.m.—Taught by Dr. Smith

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FAVORITE TIME OF YEAR



Dear Friends,

Things are buzzing here at The Lighthouse as we are getting ready for our annual Christmas Party

on Saturday, December 22. Because our bigger events have outgrown our building we have a local church that is willing to let us use their facility. We are expecting about 250 people for whom we will provide Christmas presents.

This is my favorite part of the year. We are able to put smiles on little children's faces. There's no comparison to the absolute joy that giving brings when you do not want anything in return. I heard Marlo Thomas talk about her dad, Danny Thomas (Founder of St. Jude Hospital for Children). He used to say that there were two kinds of people in this world, there are givers

and takers. Takers may eat better but givers sleep better. I really like that. You can be a giver too. We need your help this time of year.

I thank God for each one of you. My board members, bible teachers, counselors, thank you for investing in the Nehemiah House guys, those that do chapel services, preach on Saturday's, lead worship, drive the van, take our guys to church, facilitate food drives, pray for the ministry and me in particular. I have felt the prayers. Thank you! Remember, we are open on Christmas Day if you would like to be a part of a heartwarming experience. Hope to see you! Merry Christmas!

I love you,

Tay Henderson, *Executive Director*

NEEDS

coats • hats • scarves • gloves

Call 859-259-3434 if you can help!

"He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS NEEDED



The Lighthouse has 238 names of men, women and children for whom we'll provide Christmas gifts at the party on December 22 at First United Methodist Church. The cost to buy presents is approximately \$30 per person. If you would like to buy gifts, please contact our office. All gifts need to be at The Lighthouse no later than December 17, 2007.

Suggested items for adults:

- Hooded sweatshirt
- Underwear
- T-shirts
- Socks
- Bag of candy

For children:

- Outfit
- Toy

Our Christmas party on December 22 will feature gifts, dinner, prize drawings and a visit from Santa. Our speaker will be Tommy Green from the Lexington Leadership Foundation with special music by Jeff Greene Ministries.

Special thanks to local businesses and churches for sponsoring

Christmas food drives for us:

- Shapes Fitness Center
- Kids N Kapers Daycare
- Southern Acres Christian Church
- Grace Christian Center

Stats

January–November 2007

- 2,596 volunteers
- 25,068 meals served
- 62 salvations
- 31 re-dedications
- 51 people counseled
- 2,323 items given away (including clothing, shoes, toiletries, and bread)

Alcoholics Victorious Meeting attendance in November: 125

Average weekly attendance for Brother Ed's Friday Bible Study: 11

Board of Directors

John Williams,
Chairman of the Board
Valerie "Tay" Henderson,
Executive Director
Mary Ann McMurry
Stephanie Grimes
Pastor Jesse Acosta
Gary Thompson
Jim Meese
Roger Browning
Adam Smith
Vivian Hammons

A BLESSING ON THIRD STREET

THANKSGIVING DINNER



Thanksgiving dinner was joined together with Bethel Harvest Church to serve the homeless and poor at The Charles Young Center in Lexington on Saturday, November 17. We served 600 meals with 118 volunteers. There were 39 salvations.

SPECIALIZING IN CHANGED LIVES FOR A LIFETIME

THE NEHEMIAH HOUSE



We offer the opportunity for a new beginning to those who might not find it elsewhere. Many men who have lost their independence through unemployment, incarceration, or through the ravages of addiction are now being helped to overcome the limitations that have become a hindrance to their success. It is a four month, faith-based recover program. Find the

application on our website at www.changedlivesforalifetime.com.

Our program is offered to men over 18 years of age, and is free of cost. Once they are able to work, they pay 20% of their earnings. Your donations make it easier for them to concentrate on themselves when they first enter the program.