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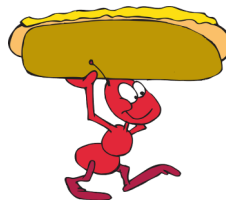
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# STARVING ARTIST

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September 12, at 2:00

tickets are \$35 you will take home this beautiful painting  
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Keeping Families Connected...

## Thank You, God, For Everything

Thank you, God, for everything,  
The big things and the small.  
For "every good gift comes from  
God" ...

The giver of them all.  
And all too often we accept, with-  
out any thanks or praise,  
The gifts God sends as blessings,  
each day in many ways.  
And so at this Thanksgiving Time,  
we offer up a prayer...  
To thank you, God, for giving us a  
lot more than our share.

First, thank you for the little  
things  
That often come our way,  
The things we take for granted  
But don't mention when we pray,  
The unexpected courtesy, the  
thoughtful, kindly deed,  
A hand reached out to help us in  
the time of sudden need.

Oh, make us more aware, dear  
God, of little daily graces  
That come to us with "sweet sur-  
prise"  
From never-dreamed-of places.

Then, thank you for the  
"Miracles"  
We are much too blind to see,  
And give us new awareness of our  
many gifts from Thee,  
And help us to remember that the  
Key of Life and Living  
Is to make each prayer a Prayer of  
Thanks

And every day Thanksgiving

-Helen/Steiner Rice





# November 7, 2015 Quarter Auction

Where: The Matthew 25 Center, Inc.  
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## Quarter Raffle



Purchase more  
tickets and  
Increase your  
chances to win!

Come  
"Bid-to-Benefit"  
the Matthew 25 Center  
while having a  
fun afternoon!

Doors open at 12:00  
Auction from 1:00 to 4:00 pm.  
Concession Available



A wide variety of  
items for people of  
all ages, including  
toys for the  
children.



BRING A ROLL OF QUARTERS

## "Keeping Families Connected"

What does this have to do with the roof?

It is no surprise to anyone when I say time flies. Those of us who are at least over 40 have said this many times. It has been over 20 years since the first ideas of this mission reached my ears and the first thoughts touched my heart. A few discussions later and the rest, as they say, is history; God showed us how He worked His Plan through willing people.

Over the years we have applied for various grants and these applications require gathering data and answering questions about how we were founded and what we do, etc. It's always an opportunity to review all of the history and rehash memories and be touched again by the miracles we witnessed one after the other during those early years and now. It also reminds me personally of how God uses ordinary people.

Recently we were challenged to explain how our service to inmate families affects recidivism. In other words – is what we do keeping people from returning to prison? The first answer is that we don't know because we do not keep track of the families for privacy reasons. What you need to know is that although we do present The Matthew 25 Center during orientation of new inmates weekly the main promotion and communication comes from word of mouth. We are not allowed to solicit these families or gather other personal information after they leave. However there have been those that, because they visit regularly, we get to know them a little better.

In considering this question I was reminded of one of the original visions and still true today was to offer the service in order to impress upon the children that there is an alternative to repeating the patterns of their family. We envisioned children coming and being introduced to Christ by the welcoming of the facility and its homey atmosphere. Plus we want to impress on the entire family that they are not predestined to follow in parent's footsteps. Our hope was and still is that the seed we try to plant is based on love and Jesus's expectation of Christians – to see a need and respond to it.

Now to answer the question, what does this have to do with the roof? We are currently applying for a grant to supplement generous donations given already in order to replace our roof. Pray that we might receive this grant from a foundation that is also Christian-based seeking partners in prison ministry with a passion for changing people's lives. Thank you for all you do!

In Christ,

Sharon Baucom



## Shopping List

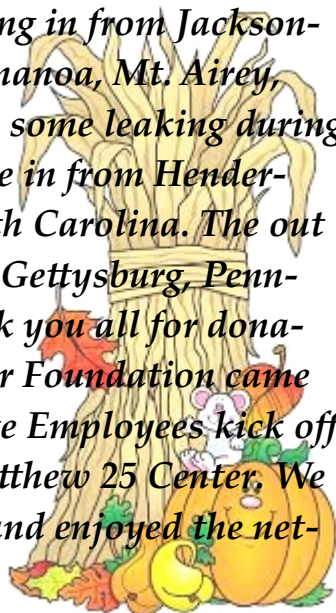
### *Always a need...*

- ♦ *Roofing estimates are \$28,200—\$36,000 to put on a new metal roof.*
- ♦ *We are beginning the work on the prayer garden and could use a bench, pergola, big flower or tree pots, fountains, a couple of boulders and top soil.*
- ♦ *Scrubbing bubbles, Antibacterial multi surface cleaner*
- ♦ *Mr. Clean floor cleaner*
- ♦ *Liquid Fabric softener, Bleach*
- ♦ *Air freshener solids and sprays and air wick refills.*
- ♦ *Toilet Paper, paper towels, Kleenex*



## Matthew 25 Happenings

**June** We had eight family members from Port Allegany, PA; Cocoa, FL; Bronx, NY; Washington, Charlotte and Gastonia, North Carolina. We made pepper jelly and pies for the Blueberry Festival. We began the Bill Carone raffle and sold 100 tickets, Broken Bread Fellowship sold 11 to kick us off. **July** There were 17 family members coming in from Jacksonville and Davie, FL; Columbus, OH; Salisbury, Swannanoa, Mt. Airey, Charlotte, and Gastonia North Carolina. We noticed some leaking during our heavy rains. **August** Fifteen family members came in from Hendersonville, Charlotte, Reidsville and Rockingham, North Carolina. The out of state visitors were from Baltimore, Maryland and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. We had a rummage sale that did well, thank you all for donations to make it a success. Teresa from the Bob Barker Foundation came to tour the center. We were up in Raleigh for the State Employees kick off rally and able to hand out information about the Matthew 25 Center. We attended the annual Burgaw Area Chamber meeting and enjoyed the networking time.



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## In Memory of...

*Phillip Andrew LaCour a donation of \$100 was made by Lynn LaCour.*

*Frances and Norman King a donation of \$500 was made by John and Libby White.*

## In Honor of...

*Sharon Gause a donation of \$35 was made by Sharon Baucom*

*Sharon Baucom a donation was made for her by Sharon Gause.*

## In kind gifts...we can't thank you enough

*Woodmen Life Atkinson Chapter brought in food for the pantry, cleaning supplies and paper products.*

*Silver Lake WMU delivered food for the pantry, paper products, cleaning and personal hygiene items.*

*Victory Christian Fellowship brought food for the pantry.*

*Lamplighter Bible Study group from Wrightsboro Baptist Church gave us 10 gallons of homemade (by the Eagle Bible study group) laundry detergent.*

*The Sunshine Group (from Richlands) brought us paper and cleaning products.*

*United Faith Fellowship Church brought us cleaning supplies and books.*

*King's Chapel donated food and personal hygiene products.*

*Milton and Betty Murray donated paper and cleaning products.*

*Mills Memorial Advent Christian Church dropped off snack foods, cleaning and paper products.*