

LOVE
ONE
ANOTHER

—JOHN 15:34-35

Jesus tells us to:

- Feed the hungry,
- Give drink to the thirsty,
- Welcome the stranger,
- Clothe the naked,
- Care for the sick,
- Visit those in prison

—Matt 26:31-46

Christian Help, Inc. follows the teachings of Jesus—we meet the basic needs of our brothers and sisters .

It is our intent to see Jesus in every person we shelter, in every person we feed, in every person we clothe, and in every person we visit in prison.

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Serving with Love,
Building a Community
of Hope

Homelessness Lurks in Johnson County

Homelessness exits in our county!

What do they look like? They are often living in motels a church has paid for or they are sleeping in their cars. They are usually not visible; they are easily overlooked.

CHI has received calls for nearly 3 years from the homeless and near homeless for a long time. Just this summer we received 170 calls for help with 75% of them meeting the criteria of homeless or near homeless.. Fifty three of these cases received intensive case management and financial assistance in the sum of \$8321.00.

CHI spends an average of \$3000.00 per month on rental assistance to prevent homelessness or on motel costs to provide shelter to the homeless.



Joseph—a homeless child who blessed CHI

This does not include what other churches spend, or what other social service agencies and trustees spend.

Over 50% of our cases are families with children.

A recent phone call to CHI – “We are about to become homeless.”... “We have become homeless.” ... “We are a family with five children, we are in a broken down van and we are homeless. Can you help us?”

We worked with the school counselor. All shelters were full. The motels did not want to take a family with five children. A CHI volunteer took them into her home. A Christian school donated clothes, a car repair place is donating service and we are getting a mobile home for them in our affordable housing program. This will allow them time to get back on their feet and obtain additional training for jobs to climb out of the mire of poverty.

The CHI Mission

Christian Help, Inc. (CHI) is an interdenominational organization serving the unmet needs of the poor who are homeless or about to become homeless in Johnson County.

Did you know every surrounding county has services and a homeless shelter for those losing their place of residence? Did you know Indianapolis is a model city for homelessness prevention? Johnson County has no homeless shelter and minimal services for those becoming homeless; and poverty is increasing.

CHI's mission is to assist persons and families in financial crises; to provide the appropriate support necessary to help these individuals and families to become self supporting and productive members of our community; and to respond to the situations of emergency and need with immediacy and simplicity and need with the dignity of all persons in the spirit of Jesus Christ.

Our Services

When a person calls CHI for assistance, a case manager lovingly assesses the situation. Immediate needs are considered first. Shelter, food and clothing are taken care of, then secondary needs are assessed.

Then appropriate referrals to other local services and programs are encouraged to help with other issues that may be contributing to the family's homelessness problems. We continue to provide intensive case management and follow up care. Care is often coordinated with their church and local social service agencies.



CHI members display their new logo

We always try to prevent homelessness first by working with landlords. We also work with landlords to place our brothers and sisters who have become homeless back into more stable housing. We do this through a program called supportive housing with attached services.

Affordable housing through CHI



This homeless family only wants a home for Christmas

We are working with local mobile home communities to provide affordable housing for our clients. One community in particular gives CHI trailers and titles in need of rehab. Community organizations, churches, high school, and college service groups work to renovate the trailers. Once ready, families in need will be chosen to participate in the program and will live in one of the homes rent free for three months. If the family is compliant, they will be titled the mobile home. For six months to one year the CHI homeowners receive reduced lot rents at \$149/month rather than the market rate of \$347/month. This permanent affordable housing option offered in partnership with the mobile home community allows CHI families to focus on challenging areas of their lives with the assistance of their case manager. Without the stress of homelessness, they are able to concentrate on furthering their education and training to increase their pay level and become more productive members of our community.

Opportunities for Involvement

Our Brothers and Sisters Need:

- Prayers
- Donations – furniture, household items, bedding, towels etc.
- Financial Assistance – to shelter the homeless and feed the hungry; to give a hand up versus a hand out
- Ongoing Mission Assistance – to provide for our neighbors less fortunate and to make our community a safer and healthier place to live for all

CHI Needs:

- Prayers and Partnerships
 - Financial—Ongoing consistent donations and one-time support
 - Volunteer
 - Case Managers
 - Client Aids—transportation, emergency housing
 - Staff Aids—donation pick-up and storage, delivery
 - Fund Development Assistants
 - Prayer Champions and Partners
 - Public Relations Assistants—speakers, drama teams, publications/visual design, writer, photographer, publication assembly and delivery,
 - Research and Clerical Support—data entry and technical support

If your heart's been touched by the Lord's command to love others, when you answer the call, we can be reached at : 317-767-7658

Please send all donations to:
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"Many people think of the homeless as drunken, drug addicted, dirty, mentally ill losers who choose to live the way that they do. I have to admit that I have previously thought those things myself. Those people do exist--and I believe that they deserve love, assistance, friendship, and support too.

Picture the faces of your loved ones. Now picture them homeless. The faces are indeed impossible to ignore, when you know them and love them and see them as a friend who happens to need a hand.

I ask you to think about them. Pray for them. Give for them. Open up your pocketbooks. Open up your hearts. Open up your souls. Come join us and get to know them. There are many out there awaiting our support."

—CHI Volunteer