



John 3:16 Transitional Family Housing

May 2019 Newsletter

Mother's Day

The clients shown below were helped during the month of April by generous donations from: Wilda A, Bob C, Carla C, Paul & Mary G, Marian H, Margie L, Bob & Sharon M, Bill & Alice M, Rick & Juanita P, Linda R, Ellen T, Donna W, Bill W, and a donor who wishes to remain anonymous. We thank the Lord for all of you!

- Rental assistance for Cynthia B to Autumn Chase Apartments. Cynthia got behind on her rent as a result of an unexpected toll tag bill of \$320 incurred by her ex-husband, who has paid no child support for her two teenage children since January 2018. Her youngest daughter has a neurological disorder. She works as a purchasing agent and budgets her income wisely but unexpected expense such as the toll tag bill is not helpful.
- Utility assistance for Carmen C to Reliant Energy. Carmen had surgery in March 2019 for hernia repair. Her inability to work for several weeks put her behind on her bills. She is a single woman who does housekeeping and janitorial work to support herself and her two children.
- Housing assistance for Sara J to In-Town Suites. Sara had been laid off her job at Banctec and has been looking for a job for several months, living off her savings, which are being depleted quickly. She is divorced with one 14-year old child. She has experience in data entry and mailroom work.
- Utility assistance for Sibyl and Chester M to CoServ Electric. Sibyl and Chester have one teenage child and were faced with eviction from Hebron Trails Apartments for non-payment of their electric bill. Both work, receive some disability, live from paycheck to paycheck. They budget carefully, but each has had health problems.
- Rental assistance and DART bus pass for Brandon M to Azure Urban Living Apartments. Brandon is working for Lone Star Temp Agency and is working with Texas Work Force Commission. He is afflicted with Asperger's Syndrome and ADD but seems to be functioning well enough to budget his income unless faced with unexpected expenses.
- Housing assistance to In-Town Suites for Lesa M and her two kids – ages 17 and 20. Lesa moved to Dallas from Georgia to enable her young daughter to attend school here. Her 20-year old son is in the process of joining the military. Their apartment in Georgia had caught fire and destroyed most of their possessions. Her employment skills are customer service and data entry.
- Rental assistance to Mansions at Sunset Ridge for Brenda S in cooperation with FBCC Friendship House and St. Vincent de Paul. Brenda is employed at Navigant Health Insurance fulltime and her employment skills are computer and customer service.
- Rental assistance to The Gardens of Josey Lane Apartments for Shaquilla V, her husband and 2 children (ages 13 and 2). She lost her job of customer service at JP Chase Bank recently, but has an interview scheduled with Friends Assisted Living. She expects to be working soon.
- Housing assistance to Budget Suites for Shemecca W and her 4 children (ages 11, 9, 7 and 4). Shemecca works at Staff Force, as a nursing assistant and has done some warehouse work.
- **There are others not named here that John 3:16 has helped.** They are all being prayed for daily and followed up with to let them know **they are not alone.**

We want to thank the volunteers who have contributed their time to helping follow up with recipients of donated funds through John 3:16. Relationships are being nurtured and prayers being lifted so **all** can feel the love of Christ!

What God's Word Has to Say

by

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As I was researching some facts about what it means to be impoverished, I wondered, "What does God have to say about disadvantaged people?" This article from ChristianAnswers.Net pretty much sums it up in this "Names of God" list. It's not all God has to say about the poverty-stricken, of course, but it gives us a start.

"God is called by many names throughout the Scriptures. Many of His names emphasize His great love for the poor:

- Defender of the fatherless and widows (Deut. 10:18; Psalm 10:16-18; 40:17, Jeremiah 22:16)
- Protector of the poor (Psalm 12:5)
- Rescuer of the poor (I Sam 2:8, Psalm 35:10, 72:4, 12-14, Isaiah 19:20, Jeremiah 20:13)
- Provider of the poor (Psalm 68:10, 146:7, Isaiah 41:17)
- Savior of the poor (Psalm 34:6, 109:31)
- Refuge of the poor (Psalm 14:6, Isaiah 25:4)."

God has a heart for the poor and has provided us a plan to help them. We are to defend them, protect them, rescue them, provide for them, and tell them about the Savior who loves them and died for them.

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2

John 3:16 is working hard to help those in need! I thank God every day for this ministry!



May is the month for mothers! Christ's love is exemplified in a mother whose "Love is patient and kind; does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude."

Helen Steiner Rice said "A Mother's love is something that no one can explain. It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain. It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may. For nothing can destroy it or take that love away."

Even those of us who are step-moms are not disqualified from loving the children we help to raise and the grandchildren they bring into the world. What a blessing that is!

PLEASE NOTE that this charity is in the process of changing its name to:

HOUSING HELP BY JOHN 3:16

Donations to John 3:16 may be made by check OR electronically on the website at www.housingbyjohn316.org. Checks should be made payable to John 3:16 and sent to:

**John 3:16
P.O. Box 110702
Carrollton, TX 75011**

We are pleased to be partnering with various churches in the area to fulfill the purpose for which God led this ministry into existence. We thank The Lord for all of these partnerships and trust Him to lead us. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of ALL our hearts be acceptable in His sight!