



Creating and engaging solutions to end homelessness

***The Haven Community Solutions Presents:
The September Newsletter***



A little "PUSH"

Sometimes in life, all we need is a little "PUSH". Encouragement, empowerment, a point in the right direction, a little assistance, reassurance, a kind word... All of these things help "PUSH" us to do better and be better. This is what our Outreach Coordinator, Gerri Reeder does for our homeless clients that reside on the streets. She uplifts and empowers them to keep going and get back on their feet. She reminds them that if you keep PUSH-ing, you can achieve your goals. Just ask some of her clients:

To me, The Haven is hope & love. Hope for a happier future and love that is unconditional. The Haven was my place to release my most painful experience with someone who genuinely cared about me and helped me start my healing process. The Haven is the place you go for peace of mind, the comfort of a friend, and true empathy.

— Angel

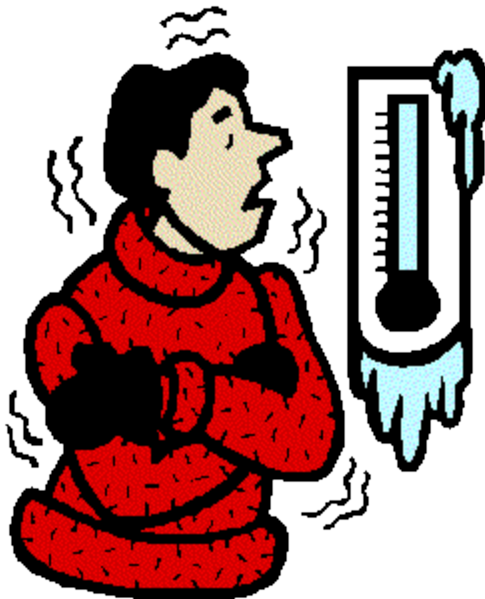
Before I met Ms. Gerri, my life was a mess and I didn't know what direction I was going in. I had been sleeping on the streets for 10 years and it was taking a toll on my health. When Ms. Gerri got me to join the program, my life began to change. Gerri told me "Kenny, I can help you, but it won't be 2 days, a week, or 3 months. However, I promise you that by this time next year, you won't be homeless". I put my trust in her and guess what? Within that one year, I received medical assistance, disability benefits, and my own place! I came from homelessness to home!

— Kenny

This group has lifted a lot of weight off my shoulders. Before I joined the group, I

didn't know where to turn. I had lost all hope and even considered killing myself. Until one day, I was directed to this group. Ms. Gerri told me "Ms. Vanessa, give me a year & I'll help you get where you need to be!". I'm half way there and do believe that I will make it with their help. Bless Ms. Gerri & Ms. Linda who stick their necks out to help us. I love these ladies!

— Vanessa



Cold Weather Donations Needed!

The Weather will be turning cold soon! Our street outreach team is preparing now to assist those living on the streets this winter season. We are in need of the following:

- Blankets/Sleeping bags
- Hats
- Gloves
- Coats
- Socks
- Warm clothing
- Financial donations (hotel stays for extremely cold nights/sickness)

If interested in donating, please contact Gerri Reeder, Outreach Coordinator at (864) 582-6737 Ext. 1006 or Reederg@havenupstate.org.

Upcoming Events!

Pumpkin Path

When: Thursday, October 24th

Where: Hatcher Garden and
Woodland Preserve

Time: 4-7pm

Come join us again this year for some tricks & treats in the beautiful Hatcher Gardens! Children can wear their costume and travel through the paths playing games and collecting treats along the way!

Event is open and FREE to the public!

Donations of hygiene products, canned goods, or childrens snacks will be greatly accepted at the event to benefit The Haven!



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**AUCTION
FOR A CAUSE**

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for a Cause**

When: Friday, November 1st

Where: Spartanburg Memorial Auditorium

Time: 5:30-9pm

Tickets: \$20 Early purchase from The Haven
\$25 at the door

Join us for a night of benefit & bargains!
All proceeds from the auction benefit local non-profits in the area,
including The Haven!

Check out some auction preview items below!





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