



MATTHEW TWENTY FIVE

SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

We hope you are doing well in 2023! As spring brings about a sense of rebirth, we are moving forward with our own vision of growth and improvement. Over January and February, **we served 60% more men** compared to 2022, and our Transitional Housing Program has **reached its highest capacity since 2019!** Our community has been instrumental in this rejuvenation of our ministry, and we continue to cherish and rely on your support. Your assistance empowers *us* to empower *our men*, who are longing for a chance to heal and restore their bodies, minds and spirits.

One easy way to support our work is to join our second annual **Walk in the Woods!** This fundraiser will occur on May 6 at Edwin Warner Park. Registration is **FREE** and open to the public, so there is no entry fee or minimum donation amount required to participate. We encourage you to create or join a team with a fundraising goal to increase your impact. Even if you can't attend, it's a great opportunity to spread the word about our mission of providing Housing, Help and Hope to those in need!

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded a **grant from the Nashville Herb Society!** The Herb Society is a non-profit, working organization whose grant mission is to support gardens that enhance opportunity, awareness and sense of community by providing nutrition, wellness and education. With this grant, we plan to build a small herb garden on the patio of our residential facility. It will serve as a source of pride, therapy and community for our men, providing them with knowledge, skills and enhanced nutrition as they learn and work together to maintain the garden. We are excited to begin this project and provide you with updates!

Last year, we received a Community Outreach Grant from the Military Officers Association of America. These grants are given to MOAA chapters providing services to local military and veteran families – either directly or through partnerships with community organizations. We worked closely with the Middle Tennessee Chapter to apply for funds, and we are pleased to say that **our computer lab has been refurbished with brand new desktop PCs and printers!** Additionally, the Middle Tennessee Chapter visited our facility to mentor our men, assisting them with resume development, interview skills and more. The MOAA team was eager to pass on knowledge to fellow veterans, providing our men with tangible advice as they seek employment.

As we reflect on the past few years, we cannot say thank you enough to our Middle Tennessee community who makes our life-changing work possible. Our provision of Christ-centered care changes lives on a daily basis, and **today we are uplifting 61 men in a safe, sober and supportive environment.** Your generous support inspires hope in our staff and men alike, and we hope to connect with you in person at our Walk in the Woods! Consider walking, giving or spreading awareness of our work today as we empower these men to chart a new path in life.

Jim Ward
Executive Director

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"...I was a stranger, and you invited me in..."

Matthew 25:35

MATTHEW 25 HAPPENINGS

Walk in the Woods!

May 6 | Edwin Warner Park

REGISTER NOW



<https://bit.ly/3jcFSgZ>



In January, we were visited by a former Matthew 25 resident, Mr. Carey Balboa (pictured, left). He stopped by to provide pizza and visit with our guys! Carey came to Matthew 25 (our original Broadway location) in 1986 at the age of just 16.



We are so thankful for folks like Holly and Jovie (pictured, center) who stopped by this winter to donate blankets! Their support helped to make sure our men stayed warm during the severe weather.

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