



# NEWSLETTER

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First Edition

## WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

*During my time volunteering at Community CARES Resource Center I learned how to improve my communication skills- and I loved being able to play a part in helping them move forward. I also loved interacting and getting to know the residents, I personally value different perspectives and I really enjoyed learning from the residents point of views.  
A.H. student volunteer*



## Meet our new Board President



Welcome to our newest Board President Carley Miller. Carley works in Mortgage Originator at Orrstown Bank. Since joining Community CARES she has been a light of enthusiasm and a dedicated team player. She inspires us all to keep our vision clear. We welcome her and look forward to growing under her leadership.

## Ways to Partner with CARES mission

Did you know?

In 2023 - 78 Households avoided eviction through our prevention program



- Sign-up to serve a meal
- Become a monthly giver
- Volunteer at shelter
- Consider us in your planned giving
- Become a corporate sponsor
- Consider organizing a drive at work or church
- Provide items from our needs list
- Join a committee
- Organize a work group

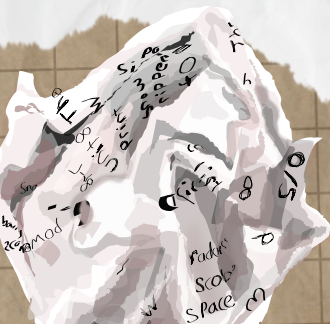
**Our Community is our Mission**  
**We cannot do what we do without YOU**



We love work teams

## That's a Fact

Affordable housing is one of the number 1 reasons for homelessness. According to National Low Income Housing Coalition Cumberland County is short at least 11,000 units to meet the affordable housing need.





## Program Highlight

Severe Weather Shelter is a program that began in 2021 responding to the increased demand for shelter space during winter months. Since COVID we have seen requests for shelter support grow. We also see this as a support to our greater community, particularly front-line workers who often bring observed people on the street to the shelter in the middle of the night. This is considered a life saving and humanitarian program.

**From December 2023-March 2024 CARES provided 2155 beds in addition to the 11,169 beds provided through Family and Single Shelter.**

***. Thanks to Community Aid and M & T Bank for making this program possible.***

***\*\*Our winter coat tent open 24/7 gave out over 350 coats to any community member in need.***



## Because YOU CARE we can be CARES

Mike Tyson says, "Everyone has a plan until they get punched in the mouth." A punch in the mouth that stops you in your tracks is more than a setback it is an all-out defeat. Defeats are the mothers of all setbacks and roadblocks...the life-changers that can force you to do a complete 180 and wonder, "What the heck am I going to do now??" There are no straight lines to recovering from a fall as hard as homelessness, especially for a parent with children. The panic, the fear, the hopelessness, the utter failure that sets in can be debilitating. Community CARES mission is to provide REST, REASSURANCE, AND RESOURCES to those about to or who have already experienced that punch-in-the-mouth defeat. We aim to turn a Knockout or KO into a TO Turnover. View the situation as an opportunity to do something you have never done before. That is the message we gave 72 households last year comprised of 151 children. That is 151 children in our program alone who did not have a safe place at some point in Cumberland County last year. But because of YOU, we would provide what one mother of two described... "A home is a source of safety and comfort. Being in a place safe with my kids is home because my heart is there." You provided not just a roof and food, but an easing of anxiety for a fearful mother's heart. You provided funds for basics like birth certificates so families could get services and sign up for housing. You provided funds for state IDs for employment, apartment applications, transportation to appointments, and clothing for newborn babies. You provided PEACE AND You provided a PUNCH BACK for a (TO) TURNOVER.





SAVE THE  
DATE



# The Twenty

YOU ARE THE KEY



September at 6:00 pm  
Linwood Estates

Join us for a night of celebration

Register [www.morethanshelter.org](http://www.morethanshelter.org)

email [info@morethanshelter.org](mailto:info@morethanshelter.org) with  
questions

More Details to come



# CARES Annual Golf Tournament

Have you saved your spot yet?  
Grab your clubs & grab your team.  
Let's GO!!

July 12, 2024, at Eagles Crossing Carlisle

8:00 am tee time.

[www.morethanshelter.org](http://www.morethanshelter.org)

Sponsorships option still open.



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