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**Compassion Ministry
Bulletin Board**

August 2023

Ministry Resource



**Compassion Ministry
Network Webinar**

Christmas in July- Christmas Backpacks

Join us to learn more about the Christmas Backpacks ministry and how your church can share the hope of the Gospel and a Christmas Backpack with children in Tennessee.

*July 20, 2023
10:00 AM*

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Ministry Needs

Project Connect Nashville works to alleviate poverty through Christ-centered education and community. One of the ways that they do that is through their quarterly Work Life class. Students and volunteer allies attend classes Monday-Thursday for six weeks and take a journey through God's design for work, their strengths in the workplace, practical soft skills for navigating difficult work situations, resumé building, and more! With each class, volunteers provide a meal, and we use the time over a shared meal to nurture Kingdom-building relationships. Do you have the gift of hospitality and live in the Nashville area? Sign up to provide one of these **meals for around 12 people** [here](#). If you know Churches, Ministry Centers, or Individuals in your area that would be interested in exploring such options, contact Angel Pyrz at angel@projectconnectnashville.org

TLC Community Center in Elizabethton is in need of **diapers, baby wipes, and any type of shelf stable food for their grocery store**. If you know Churches, Ministry Centers, or Individuals in your area that would be interested in exploring such options, contact Angie Odom at tlccommunitycenter@gmail.com.

Appalachian Ministries of the Smokies is in need of **canned food items** for their pantry. They are running very low on **canned vegetables, canned fruit, and canned meat**. Please consider doing a food drive for these items. If you know Churches, Ministry Centers, or Individuals in your area that would be interested in exploring such options, contact Jean-Ann Washam at 865-475-5611 or amos@cn.edu.

Of One Accord is in need a team to help a man in need with a home repair. There are still several things that need to be done:

- **Finishing the siding on the house.**
- **Hanging sheetrock to finish out his bedroom, living room, kitchen and bathroom.**
- **Install some simple kitchen cabinets.**

If you know Churches, Ministry Centers, or Individuals in your area that would be interested in exploring such options, contact Sheldon Livesay at ofoneaccord@gmail.com.

Servolution Health Services in Speedwell have started construction for medical and dental renovation. They are in need of **skilled construction materials and crews**. If you know Churches, Ministry Centers, or Individuals in your area that would be interested in exploring such options, contact Deborah Chumley at 423-419-5070 or dtchumley.shs@gmail.com.

Springs of Life in Jellico is in need of **a team** as soon as possible to help:

- **Remove siding, molding, fireplace mantals, etc from an old house**
- **Ground crews to load materials and then assist with unloading at storage space**

This new space will eventually hold a new sober living facility. If you know Churches, Ministry Centers, or Individuals in your area that would be interested in exploring such options, contact Cliff Branam at 423-871-1544 or office at 423-784-6622.

Pregnancy Resource Center is in need of **diapers sizes 4 & 6, Baby Wipes, Gas Gift Cards, and \$5-\$10 Fast Food Gift Cards**. If you know Churches, Ministry Centers, or Individuals in your area that would be interested in exploring such options, contact Valerie Millsapps at valerie@prcbctn.com or Elizabeth Ottinger at elizabeth@prcbctn.com or contact them at 865-977-8378 if you would like to donate any of these items

The Center at Montgomery Village in Knoxville is in need of **a transit van or cargo van to help haul food**. If you know Churches, Ministry Centers, or Individuals in your area that would be interested in exploring such options contact Travis Henderson at mvbaptistcenter@gmail.com or 865-577-6244.

Birth Choice in Trenton is in need of the following items. If you know Churches, Ministry Centers, or Individuals in your area that would be interested in exploring such options contact Kelly Wall at 731-855-2900 or kelly@birthchoice.us:

Office Need: Desk chairs with plastic arms, not leather or fabric. They are in need of 4.

Resource Room: Car Seats (must be new), Baby Beds, Strollers, Highchairs, Pack n Play, Bottles, Girls Clothing- 12-18 and 18-24 months, Formula – Similac, Diaper Bags, Baby Shampoo/baby wash/baby lotions/diaper rash ointment, Electric Breast pumps (New), Baby Monitors.



Opportunities

2023 Christmas Backpacks

We are moving into the sixth year of receiving Christmas Backpacks. This year's goal in Tennessee is 7,000 backpacks. As so many deal with rising costs of food and gas, the need for Christmas backpacks has only increased. Around 27 churches/ministries have made application for Christmas Backpacks with almost 7,000 requested.

We need your help. Would you consider joining other Tennessee Baptists in sharing the love of Christ through giving Christmas Backpacks? Would you be willing to lead your church to do so?

Please let us know if you will join us by signing up to donate backpacks. When you do, we will send you copies of "The Christmas Story" to insert in each backpack. These will be mailed in mid-September. The backpacks will be collected at various sites across the state between **October 23-25, 2023**. You can find out everything you need to know about donating Christmas Backpacks at www.tnbaptist.org/backpacks.

