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2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things have passed away; behold, all things are new.”



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2019 Annual Fundraising Banquet Recap

Demi Crittendon - CLM Graphic Designer

On April 26th, Changed Lives Ministry hosted our 2019 Annual Fundraising Banquet at Trident Technical College in North Charleston, SC. This fundraising event was a night filled with worship, fellowship, celebration and giving hearts.

With 472 attendees, the evening began with worship by talented Jared Knight, Aimee Knight, Gretchen McMillan and Haley Kubiak. Patty Nigh, the first graduate of the Hannah House, and James Riffle, manager of the Transition House, gave their heartfelt testimonies of how addiction was overcome by the exposure of the gospel of Christ at CLM.

Our phenomenal speaker, Lt. Clebe McClary III, was a retired U.S. Marine

who was severely injured when his unit was attacked during the Vietnam war. In the years since, McClary has become a symbol of courage and hope to the many audiences around the world with whom he has shared his story. He gave a powerful message and reminded everyone of the grace and love of our Father.

Barry Blackmon, the Project Manager for the new men's campus, gave a quick review of the upcoming project, the current needs, and ways that we can all help. If you would like more information on how you can help with this project, see page 4 of this newsletter.

CLM is thankful to all who attended

our event and extremely excited to announce that we raised a grand total of \$199,890.00.

What an answered prayer! Thank you to our sponsors and those who felt led to give to our ministry. Your donations will change lives for the Kingdom of God.

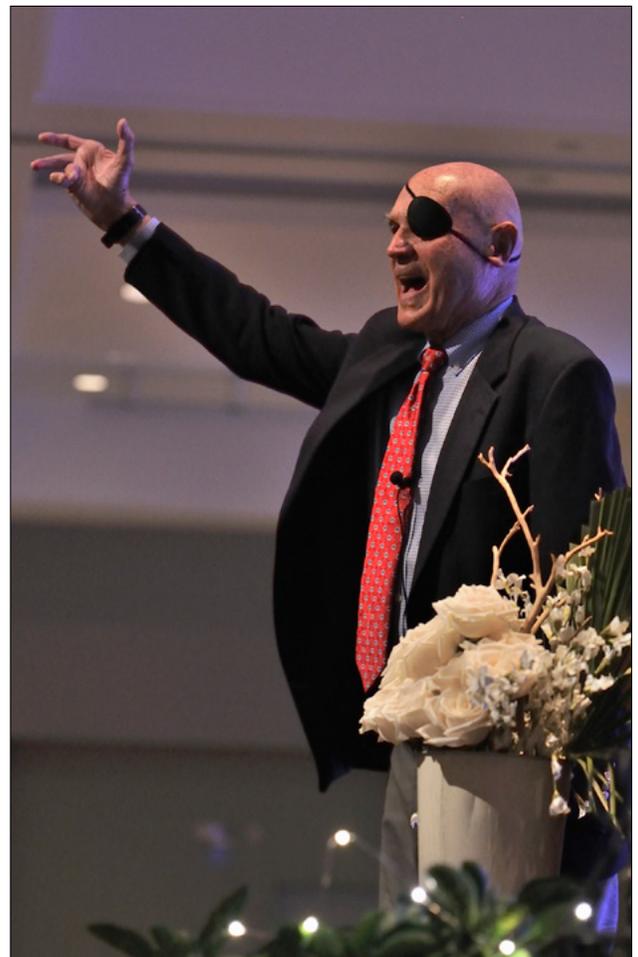
We hope that you all will mark your calendars for our next Annual Fundraising Banquet. The event will be held on April 23, 2020 at Trident Technical College. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more updates on this event.



Thank you to the 472 attendees who gave generously, worshipped powerfully and prayed fervently.



Patty Nigh, the first Hannah House graduate, delivered a powerful testimony of redemption and God's never-failing grace.



CLM's banquet speaker, Lt. Clebe McClary sharing his inspiring story of an American hero.

New Men's Campus

CLM is still in need of donations, funds, and services to complete our vision of building a permanent facility to better service men in need of this ministry.

We have raised approximately 50% of the funds needed to bring this vision to fulfillment, but we are still in need of more donors and companies that can offer their services and partnerships. We currently have an architect, general engineer, and contractor that have donated their services at cost.

We are still in need of your prayers, donations and partnerships. Please consider how you can be a part of this. Because we cannot put any debt on CLM,

we would gladly welcome more partners. All donations are tax deductible.

If you are interested in partnering or donating toward this vision, please contact Jackie Blackmon at 843.514.2872 or Barry Blackmon at 843.514.2873.

If you would like to mail your donation, please memo it "Changed Lives Ministry Building Fund" and send to PO Box 1737, Moncks Corner, SC 29461.

See below for our latest progress from our Project Manager, Barry Blackmon.

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Update From our Project Manager

Barry Blackmon - Project Manager

Thank you to everyone who has kept Changed Lives Ministry in your prayers as we embark on this journey of building a new facility for the men's ministry. We have recently met with the construction team to review the final floorplan. Our architect and civil engineer have made great progress. We also worked on plans for the kitchen, pantry and laundry facility. Everyone was so excited about the progress of the team and their sincere heart for this vision.

Support You. Support Me.

Brian Lynch - CLM Volunteer

I got involved with Changed Lives Ministry through a local outreach opportunity our small group does and was thrilled when I was invited to be on the schedule to do a devotion with the men.

I come from a long line of alcoholics and started drinking myself at an early age and allowed it to rob a lot of my life. It was good Christian men that poured into my life and helped me out of the pit I dug, so I fully understand the Proverb 27:17 "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another."

Every time I interact with CLM, I see men pouring into other men, old strongholds breaking and new foundations in Christ forming.

Our group also loves to have the guys over for cookouts; we always have so much fun. I remember after our last cookout one of our group members told me "this is the best thing we do!" But what we do for CLM is nothing compared to what they do for me.

Recently my son took an all too common path from pain pills to methadone to heroine. While this was devastating to us, I will never forget how the guys of CLM supported me and my family in prayer. They prayed for him long before his heart was ready for change and kept on praying as he entered CLM and ultimately gave his life to Christ.

I am so grateful to all the volunteers that allow God to use them in a powerful and meaningful way to change lives.

Recent Graduates:

Amy Williams	Jeff Deso
Tanaya Martin	Will Walden
Heather Rucker	Mike Snyder
William Grubbs	Tyler Hoffman
Daniel Curry	Bill Aaron
Adam Arnold	Jeremiah Thixton
Michael McCroan	Jack Iler
Allen Seal	Michael McLellan
Andrew Crawford	Dalton Riley

Fields to Families

Sasha Coyle - Fields to Families Program Director

Fields to Families (F2F) supply local feeding programs with healthy options by coordinating volunteers with farmers for the collection and distribution of excess fruits, vegetables and eggs. The nonprofit organization provides a practical solution to food waste and food insecurity.

F2F believes that every person deserves healthy food choices, no matter their circumstance. Since 2006, F2F has provided logistics, supplies and transportation of produce directly into the community. Volunteers are coordinated and provided resources for harvesting, gleaning and growing produce through managed programs. All donated fruits, vegetables and eggs are strategically distributed and delivered to other organizations with feeding programs, free of charge.

The programs managed by F2F staff involve produce rescue at farms, gleaning at market(s) and growing in a garden. Each program allows volunteers of all ages and experience to participate in their mission which serves Dorchester, Berkeley and Charleston counties. In 2018, F2F successfully collected and distributed 90,000 pounds of produce (valued at \$184,500), to 24,000 people experiencing food insecurity, at no charge.

F2F's growing program located in Moncks Corner, holds a garden

with 66 raised beds on 2 acres of donated land. The garden serves as a volunteer opportunity for local groups to help grow fruits and vegetables for feeding programs, while receiving basic education. The direct result of the growing program is an increasing amount of seasonal variety produce for the community, hands-on experience with agricultural practices and techniques, as well as education that can be applied outside of volunteering with F2F.

In 2018, the Hannah House began to receive free produce and eggs from F2F for their feeding program, which incorporates healthy meals and a healthy lifestyle. As of July 2018, the Hannah House staff has been bringing the women in their program to the garden weekly. The group focuses on the maintenance and care of seasonal crops including fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers, all from seed to harvest. The group arrives weekly despite the temperatures to complete the dirty jobs necessary to maintain crops and the land.

Upon completion of the 13-week program, the graduating volunteer is gifted a t-shirt from F2F and offered an opportunity to assist in a beehive inspection. A small token of appreciation for their commitment to the garden has allowed F2F to focus on new projects on the land and continue their growth expansion. The garden

currently utilizes a greenhouse for sustainability, holds 4 active beehives and several pollinator gardens, all which serve as hands-on education for volunteers.

All produce from the garden is given to feeding programs throughout the tricounty, including the Hannah House which is encouraged weekly to enjoy their own harvest! Fields to Families currently serves 9 feeding programs in Berkeley County and receives continued support from partners such as the Hannah House (Changed Lives Ministries), Department of Juvenile Justice, 4-H Club, Pack 743 Cub Scouts, Helping Hands of Goose Creek, Berkeley Bees and Berkeley Soil and Water Conservation.



The residents of the Hannah House jarring dried oregano from the gardens of F2F.

Sweetness of God's Word A Word from Richard Reed

Psalm 119:103 tells us that the Word of God was sweeter to the psalmist than the sweetness of honey to his mouth. The Bible has several purposes for our lives. In it we have everything we need for life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3,4). We are reminded that the Word is sweet because it comes from his own mouth for our benefit (2 Timothy 3:16-17). It has definite purposes for us: teaching, rebuking, correction, and training in righteousness. It is "living and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12) to bring about positive change at the deepest level of our being! The more we obey it and think deeply about how it impacts our life (Psalm 1), the more we delight in our Lord and find it sweeter than we ever imagined! We may grow sick of too much honey (Proverbs 25:16) but never of the sweetness of God's Word!!



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