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From The Director: You've heard it said, "Variety is the spice of life", and nothing could be more accurate when it comes to the types of activities that our Home Repair Ministry encounters on a regular basis. As I've reflected on the kinds of jobs that are typical from week to week, I've come to realize that there really isn't a norm that can be quantified as to how many of one type of repair is being done above that of another. No one service call is like any other of the week and everyone's needs are different. As an example of this, I've gone back from January through October of 2022 and listed some of the kinds of repairs which have been done around the county through this service:

- * cleaned out gutters on a house and garage
- * changed a furnace filter
- * attached a mirror to a dresser
- * repaired a machine shed metal corner that was coming loose
- * installed a new doorknob
- * installed a new storm door
- * unclogged a garbage disposal
- * cut and replaced bed slats to support a fallen in box spring
- * changed 5 light bulbs which had burned out
- * put in new screen for a storm door window
- * installed aluminum corner caps on fascia boards to deter rotting
- * installed a grab bar in a tiled shower stall
- * replaced old house numbers with new ones
- * installed a temporary ramp to allow access with a wheelchair
- * put up a new flagpole kit on a front porch
- * replaced rotted wood on a patio bench
- * adjusted a front door threshold so door would close easier
- * put in windowpane glass on a front door
- * sealed around a chimney that was leaking
- * installed shut off valves on a tub to stop it from running constantly
- * reworked a ground track for skirting on a mobile home
- * adjusted a front door latch so door would stay closed
- * removed a ceiling fan that was broken and replaced with a light fixture
- * cut down shrubs around a front porch
- * installed a towel bar outside of a shower
- * hung pictures in a living room and a bird feeder outside a kitchen window
- * installed 2 tv wall brackets and a shower curtain rod
- * removed an old toilet and replaced with a new one
- * reattached a piece of window trim that was loose and blowing in the wind
- * patched up a concrete step that was crumbling
- * replaced a doorbell chime that wasn't working
- * cut up a tree limb that had fallen on a fence and cleaned up debris
- * hung outdoor decorations on a garden shed
- * patched some holes on an overhang with tin to keep birds out
- * replaced a toilet fill valve to keep from running day and night
- * put a cover on a window A/C unit to prep for the winter
- * hung a metal barn quilt on the front of a garage peak
- * assembled a shower chair and hung a caddy to hold shampoo
- * extended downspouts to carry water away from house foundation
- * cleaned dust build up from 2 ceiling fans

And on, and on the list goes. This is by no means every job that was done in 2022, but it should give you a taste of what is happening behind the scenes for hurting and vulnerable people right here in Shelby County. 57 service calls were made during this 10-month period, representing 167 jobs performed. Of these 57 calls, 43 were for single women who either live by themselves or are heads of households. Some are repeat clients, but all had needs that they were not able to meet on their own and it's YOUR SUPPORT that keeps this program available and working for them. Thank You!!!

~Ron French, Executive Director, SCCO



FIVE TO THRIVE Update

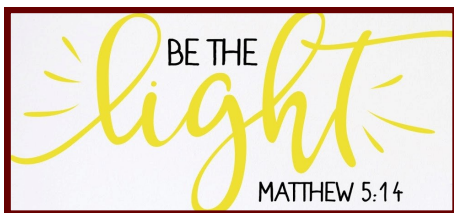
In all its 18 year history, SCCO has never before attempted a fundraising effort quite like the “Five to Thrive” campaign that we launched in 2022. It’s such a simple concept that it’s almost hard to grasp. Only \$5.00 a month from a large number of individual donors could change the way we are able to do business. In fact, we would have enough coming in on a regular basis that we would have a very good monthly budget to work with.

To all who “caught the vision” and responded to our Five to Thrive campaign either by starting a new monthly donation or increasing your existing monthly donation amount, we want you to know how much we truly appreciate your generosity. When you give to SCCO, you’re giving to your elderly neighbor, to the person who faces physical challenges because of a disability, to someone who is battling an illness that leaves them with little time and energy, or to a low-income family who struggles to make ends meet. SCCO is one vehicle God uses to get the work done. **Because you help keep our ministry going, people have a place to come to find answers and resources they’re looking for. Because you help keep our doors open we can offer affordable home furnishing and appliances to those who need them. Because of you someone has received a much needed home repair that they couldn’t accomplish on their own.** We sincerely thank you for being the light and hope in the lives of others!



Hero’s Attic Gift Certificates

A little extra donation here or there can make all the difference in the world to someone who is going through traumatic circumstances like a house fire, or fleeing a domestic abuse situation. During the year 2022, Hero’s Attic provided furniture for free to 10 different families with “Pay it Forward” Gift Certificates made possible by generous SCCO donors.



Helping. Right Here At Home

90% of all funds collected in Salvation Army kettles around our local towns are used by SCCO to help people right here in Shelby County. These funds help meet utility bill shortfalls, and purchase winter coats, diapers, holiday turkeys, emergency gas and lodging, and so much more.

Thank you, Salvation Army!

Make donations directly to our Midstates Bank Salvation Army Checking Account



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