Spring 2019 **Wish List**

Please help us with our Wish List for men, women and children!

Face Wash Deodorant



Toothpaste/ **Toothbrush**

Floss/Mouthwash (non-alcoholic)

Feminine Hygiene Products

Razors / Shaving Cream (for adults)

Body Lotion / Cream

Toilet Paper

Q-Tips

Kleenex





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A Great Success!

Saturday February 23, 2019

The Thrift Store Chic Fashion Show is an annual event that Providence Ministries' Inc. holds to raise money to benefit the Providence Women's Recovery Program. The proceeds from this event provides funding for program scholarships, educational material, and facility improvements.

This event not only provides funding for the program, but offers opportunities for the community to learn about the work Providence Women's Recovery does in helping change the lives of women in addiction.

The fashion show showcased Thrift Store ensembles modeled by gracious community volunteers. Alumni speakers, Lora Ellis and Suzie Beman, shared their testimonies about their recovery journeys which began at Providence Women's Recovery.

Fashion Show Planning Committee

Ms. Becky Moore

Ms. Pam Pennington

Ms. Mary Ellen Pierce Ms. Kathy Joiner

Ms. Katie Tatum

Program Director, Kristina Cole Assistant Director, Cynthia Barton



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Providence Ministries 20th Annual Christmas Event

Our 20th Annual Christmas event was truly a great success for those in our community. Countless hours of preparation went into gathering toys, preparing food, organizing volunteers to feed over 1,550 families who enjoyed a full Christmas meal.

These pictures may highlight some smiles, but there's absolutely no way you can truly capture the anticipation and joy of each child as they eagerly made their way through the 6,000 plus toys in our Santa Shop.

Providence is committed to helping the least, the last, and the lost in our community.



It's not too early to prepare for our 2019 Christmas Event!

If you are interested in volunteering, hosting a toy drive, donations of new toys, or financial donation towards this joyful Christmas Event, please contact Brian Croft at: 706-275-0268 or email bcroft@providencemb.com.

Providence In ACTION

Spring 2019

Serving Christ and Community Since 1980

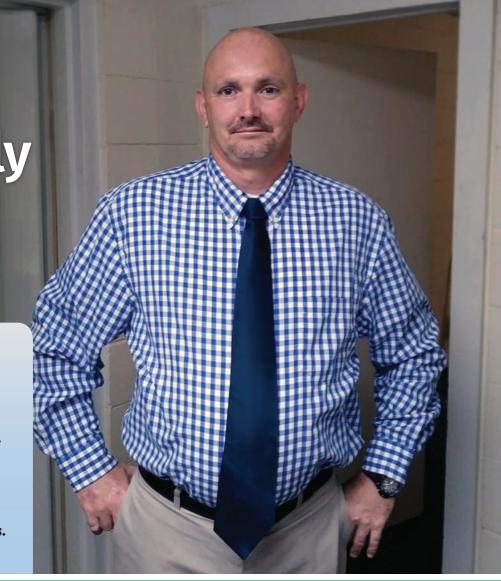
Bobby's Story

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grew up Calhoun, Georgia. At only 10 L years of age, I started drinking. This soon led to smoking weed and using cocaine. At 19, I was sent to prison for a DUI and hit-and-run with a police officer.

Sadly, my life only got worse. My selfdestructive actions cost me everything a good job, home, and wife. In my mind, I always blamed others for my bad choices.

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he Bible reminds us there is a season and a time for every purpose under the heaven. A time to be born and a time to die, then it describes life's activities. Not much is said about a time to live.

A Message from Roy Johnson, our Founder

Every beginning has an ending and every ending has a beginning. What matters is what takes place between the two.

So winter does not last forever, but serves as its purpose; and spring comes with a welcome, breathing new life into nature with rainbows blooming from the ground. Spring is about transformation. New life and growth being hopeful signs our lives will do the same. Like the seasons, our lives don't remain in one cycle either. For many, spring is not a time of beauty and joy. You may not see it, but buried inside of them it's still a killing winter and their hopes, plans, dreams,

relationships are dying.

Providence Ministries provides the basics of life with love and assistance, and the tools to endure the inevitable challenges of life as people make efforts to change. We, like them, usually don't get life right our first and second attempt. We have to learn that "without Christ we can do nothing; but through Christ we can do all things."

Thank you for allowing us to share you compassion and God's love through your generosity. Please visit us anytime.

> Roy Johnson Founder/President

Providence Ministries Expanding their Women & Children's Shelter

Providence Ministries' continues to meet the needs of our community by enlarging their women and children's shelter. This expansion will allow us to double our present occupancy of 14 beds to serve more women and children who otherwise have no place to live, except on the street. Since the opening of our shelter in 2009, hundreds of women and children have been housed, fed, and helped.

If you are looking to contribute to a cause that will have a great impact on lives and the Dalton community by helping our women and children, please contact Brian Croft at: 706-275-0268 or email bcroft@providencemb.com.





Bobby's Story Continued...

I was homeless, suicidal, and still drinking when God intervened in my life and brought me to Providence Ministries. Broken and hurt, they literally "loved" me back to life! I am now a new creature in Christ and feel hopeful for the first time in my life.

After completing their 6-month program, I asked Brother Roy if I could remain here, as they were my family. This was just the beginning of the impact you had in my life. You helped give me a new beginning and a new home and family. I want to share that my son and I had been estranged for many years because of my bad choices. But God has restored our relationship! He is faithful!

Brother Roy hired me as a painter for Providence. I love to paint, and not only have my skills improved, but also my self-esteem, self-worth, and confidence in Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior.

My life is a testimony of God's love and your gifts transforming lives. I had heard about Providence Ministries



years ago from others; but now I have learned and experienced for myself that God is indeed in this pace. If God can change a person like me; I know He can change anyone! Praise His Holy Name!

Thank you for making Bobby's new life possible.

Bobby

From the Frontlines

We are excited to introduce Russell Proctor, a recently hired substance abuse counselor at Providence Ministries. Russell is married to his beautiful wife Renee since June of 2011, and has a four year-old son and a two year-old daughter. Russell loves spending time with his family, and doing anything outdoors.

After more than a decade of addiction to drugs and alcohol, Russell surrendered his life to Christ in 2006, and followed His leadership into recovery and addiction ministry.





Russell Proctor, Counselor

During that time, Russell became an Ordained Minister. In 2014, Russell completed a Biblical Studies Certificate Program with Liberty Home Bible Institute. Russell is also a current student with Liberty University Online, where he is scheduled to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, specializing in Addiction & Recovery in December of 2019. Russell has served the recovery community as a substance abuse counselor for over 12 years, gaining valuable experience in many area of the continuum of care.

Welcome Russell!

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