

Who needs clothing, furniture and a new mattress?



Many of our neighbors do. And they come to our thrift store to buy them.



Our prices are low because friends like you call us when they have goods for us to pick up. Those things we can restore go in our store for sale. Older goods get recycled.

Do you need a pick up?

Call 501-296-9114



Here's what we need:

- ✓ Clothing and clothing accessories for men, women and children – all types and sizes
- ✓ Shoes – all kinds
- ✓ All bedding items
- ✓ Draperies and curtains
- ✓ Houseware and glassware
- ✓ Toys, games, tools
- ✓ Radios and small appliances
- ✓ Furniture in good repair

We especially need clothing!

You can make a donation through our website — www.lrcompassioncenter.org, under the “Contact Us” tab. And don't forget to see us on Facebook. Thank you for your tax-deductible support!

“Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us,

to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide us to the path of peace.”

Luke 1:77-79

There is hope!





Compassion Connection

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So precious

How many children are
homeless in Arkansas?

Too many.

But your
caring support
allows us to
offer shelter
and hope.

Thank you!

A disturbing increase.

We are serving 27% more meals this year than last.

	2010	2011
February	8,608	10,603
March	8,229	10,894

Part of the increase is from more families with children needing help. First they pay the rent, then buy food with any remaining money. They are coming here because they are running out of money faster this year than last.

Shelter, about the same.

So far, the number of people needing shelter this year is the same as last year, at 3,600 beds a month. When the money runs out and friends no longer offer to share their home, then it's time to come here.



"We appreciate you. Thank you for all the children and families that you help here at the Compassion Center. May God bless you."

William & Rosemary

Our Homeless Kids...

- Grow up feeling unsafe
- Skip meals
- Get sick easier
- Miss school more and are less likely to graduate (only 25% graduate high school)
- Earn less at their jobs



Who are Arkansas' homeless children?

Under 6 Years	7,918
Grades K-8 (enrolled)	8,195
Grades 9-12 (enrolled)	2,739
TOTAL	18,852

And everyday more children join the ranks of hungry and homeless



Food Security

1 in 18 children in Arkansas do not know where they will get their next meal.

Source: The National Center on Family Homelessness, March 2010

Albert's New Life

Albert knew misery that nearly killed him. Today he thanks God for a new start and plays guitar for the Lord in the Compassion Center chapel. He is learning Gospel and bluegrass music, and loves it!



"I was raised in a very abusive home, physically and mentally.

I was taught as a child that when we die we just die, that Adam and Eve was a made up story, and Jesus was just a man that walked the earth.

I was told there is no God. So I lived my life believing that I could do what I wanted, whenever I wanted.

I was miserable, and started using drugs to escape. I began with weed. Then I was introduced to meth.

I thought meth was great. I could work harder with more energy, or so I thought. But meth completely destroyed me. I lost countless jobs. My wife left me. Then I decided to drink to get off the meth.

That seemed to work until I started blacking out and finding out the next morning what horrible things I did.

I was in bad shape. But my plan was to take stronger drugs, so I moved on to crack.

I was empty, lost, and even suicidal. But I kept going for more drugs. The next step was intravenous. If I could shoot it, I would, and did.

I hated myself and everyone around me. I tried to kill myself by swallowing a bunch of pills. I wanted to die and I came real close. They put me in a mental hospital and I was on dialysis.

But God had His hand on me. I finally came around. That's when my counselor told me about the Compassion Center and the Christian 12-Step Program.

So I thought, 'Why not?' I had tried everything else.

The first night I was there, they had an altar call, I asked Jesus into my life. Since then I've felt God's hand on me. I am no longer empty inside. I have an inner peace that I've never had before.

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Praise be to God! Through His grace, love and mercy I want to be a vessel, and instrument for Him to do whatever He chooses"