

Donation Form

Name: _____

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Receipt will be mailed to the address above.

I would like to make a donation to the:

Emergency Relief Fund \$ _____

General Fund \$ _____

Building Fund \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

House of Refuge Ministries

Mail donations to:

**The House of Refuge
P.O. Box 1371
Morganton, NC 28680**

If you have questions regarding our services or programs, please call (828) 403-6515

Your donation is **TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

Thank you for your donation



House of Refuge Ministries

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Executive Director
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*House phone only answered between 5:30 and 9:30 p.m.

We are open 365 days per year from 5:00
P.M until 8:00 A.M.

We Pick Up 5pm Daily
at

Burke United Christian Ministries
305 West Union Street
Morganton, NC

All guests are provided
a comfortable place
to spend the night,
dinner, breakfast,
laundry services, clothing,
medical screening and
case management

The HOUSE OF REFUGE

*A refuge for the poor . . . a shelter from the storm.
Isaiah 25:4*



***Providing immediate
short-term assistance, as
well as a wide range of
support services to assist
individuals in achieving
permanent housing and
their highest level of
self-sufficiency***

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www.refugeministries.us



Homelessness is one of our nation's most serious social problems. While it is often the result of interwoven systemic and personal problems, the primary cause of homelessness is the growing gap between housing costs and income.

Homelessness is often thought to be an urban problem, however, in a recent HUD head count, 167 homeless people in Burke County were identified in a two hour window. Many more remain uncounted, living in their cars, in garages, in other places unfit for human habitation or move from place to place, staying intermittently with friends and families.

In a February, 2007 article, the *News Herald*, sited that there were no beds available for emergency housing in Burke County. They did identify less than 20 beds dedicated for transitional, long term assistance in specialized programs. Unfortunately, there are often long waiting lists for these few beds which the *News Herald* declared is simply not enough.

The House of Refuge Ministries was incorporated in May 2007 specifically to address this gap in services for the homeless. Since that time, more than 100 guests have passed through our doors.

A journey of healing




Our society is becoming nearly immune to words like addiction, violence, abuse and homelessness. Can the homeless ever really break the chains of poverty and addiction that bind them? Are they too far gone to be helped? We know from God's Word that there are none who are beyond hope. None that He does not love and none that He will not redeem. To do this, God in His wisdom uses folks like you and me.

At the House of Refuge, we provide a warm welcome, a clean bed, a hot shower, a good meal, clothing, medical attention and case workers who develop an individual action plan for restoring stability, security and hope.

When you support the House of Refuge, you are helping someone engage in a journey of healing, connection and empowerment. Your support is vital to ending homelessness in Burke County for whatever we do for "the least of these," we do for Him (Matthew 25:40).

We are prayerfully seeking partners in this endeavor. Thankfully, many area churches and individuals have joined us in the battle to end homelessness but we still need your help if we're to be successful.

Thank you for your compassion and support.


Rev. David Collins,
Founder and CEO
House of Refuge Ministries, Inc.

How Can You Help?

- **Pray!** Add us to your prayer list and join us at our monthly prayer vigil to end homelessness. Dates and locations are listed on our website and the *Community Calendar* of the *News Herald*.
- **Financial Contributions.** The House of Refuge is dependant on the generosity of God's people to provide shelter for those that are the "least" among us.
- **Raise The Roof For Homelessness** Join us in ending homelessness in Burke County. Our newly acquired building on Murphy Street is being renovated to provide 16 additional beds for emergency shelter. This nearly doubles the number of beds available for the homeless in Burke County but we need your help now if we're going to be open by the time cold weather sets in Your time, energy and financial support are desperately needed to make these beds a reality.

The House of Refuge Ministries is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation. Donations are tax deductible.

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