

### Making a difference...

**Jack and Laura** (not their real names) came into Community Ministry asking for food and a bed. Jack had lost his job and was out of work for several weeks due to his wife's medical problems. They had run through their savings while dealing with her illness and while Jack was looking for a new job. He had already secured a new job and had started that week at a local pizza restaurant but would not be paid until the end of the month. Laura was unable to work due to some mental health issues. Although she had several prescriptions to help her deal with her problems, she was not taking any of her medications because of their financial difficulties. Without her medication, her life had been turned upside down.



Their financial situation was made worse because of payments of \$300 a month for furniture rentals. Community Ministry was able to provide emergency food, pay for Laura's much needed medication and provide a bed and den furniture so they could return the rental furniture.

Tears came to Jack's eyes as he expressed his gratitude for all the Ministry did to help them. Although, Laura has struggled with mental health issues for years, Jack was always able to provide for his beloved wife until now. Jack said he had never had to ask for help before and really appreciated what Community Ministry was doing to help. He said he never would have thought to seek help with Laura's medications or their furniture needs without the Ministry. They were overwhelmed and felt very blessed with all Community Ministry volunteers were able to do to assist them.

**Forward in Faith** is about helping our hurting neighbors like Jack and Laura. Constructing a new and larger facility at a more strategic location will enable us to help more men, women, and families and allow the Ministry to serve them even more effectively. The new location is strategically located in the center of Community Ministry's immediate service area. Community Ministry is a 501(c)(3), non-profit organization which does not receive government funding. The work that we are able to do is funded solely by our supporting churches, generous donors and retail sales of donated goods.

#### Team Member Hi-Lite



*Nita Swift is the Co-Chair of the Forward in Faith Management Team. She is responsible for the overall campaign leadership and management of team members. She has enjoyed a life time of helping others including managing and leading non-profit agencies and she feels success when she helps others achieve success. When Nita is not keeping everyone on the Campaign Management Team on track, her favorite activities include sewing, traveling and playing with a cute little puppy named Sandy.*

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## Forward in Faith (cont.):

### Our current focus:

Our current focus is continuing to reach out to churches and businesses within the community. We are also beginning to reach out to all citizens of the community. Please let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions & please pray for the success of this campaign to make our community a better place for all.

### Pledges to date are nearly \$1,400,000

Our push now is to continue seeking pledges to raise the remaining \$600,000 to reach our goal of \$2 Million. Our goal is to have a Ground-Breaking Ceremony by the end of this summer! The timing is dependent upon the generosity of our community and God's blessing.

### How can YOU participate?

Make a commitment! If you already have, Thank you.

If you haven't already made a commitment, please consider doing so today. Your community will be stronger because of your support. Ask your church if they have made a commitment. If they have not, encourage them to do so. We will be happy to meet with them to explain how they can help support a local mission. Finally, if you or someone you know has a business that would like to help, please let us know. Your investment in our community is invaluable.

## Together we can make North Augusta a better place for ALL

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*"I always wondered why somebody didn't do something about that.  
Then I realized, I am Somebody."*

— Author Unknown