

COMMUNITY HELP, INC.

Annual Report 2016



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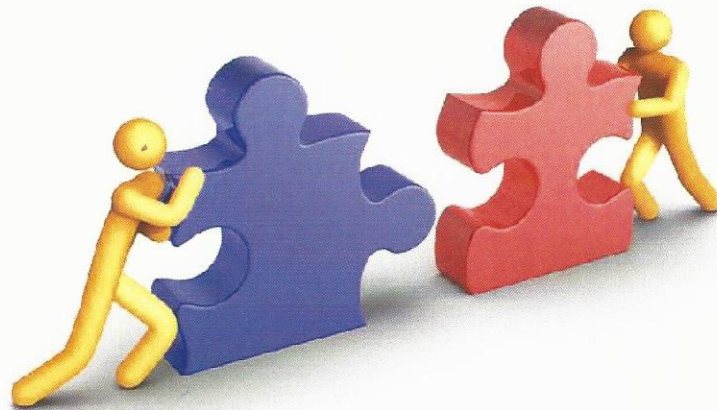
Partnerships for Success

A 501 (C) 3 Organization



OUR MISSION

- To improve the quality of life of economically challenged families in the City of Savannah and Chatham County, Georgia, through assistance to youth and senior citizens by focusing on education, economic development, and safe, secure housing.



For more information about COMMUNITY HELP INC. call 912-228-3539 or go to www.communityhelpinc.org
(A 501 (c) 3 Organization. Gifts are tax deductible.)



A Word from Our President

Greetings To All,

Each year during our Annual Meeting; Community Help, Inc. offers a report to the community that is focused on our progress of the last year. It is good that we do this because it gives us the opportunity to reflect on where the organization has been and to pause as we comment on where we want to go. It was in 2005 that our board of directors was formed and it was in late 2006 that we obtained our 501(c) 3 designation as a “not for profit” community development corporation. In July of 2016, during a scheduled city council meeting, the mayor and aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia recognized Community Help, Inc. for its work and contributions to our community. Mayor Eddie DeLoach presented a Resolution that outlined the work and accomplishments of the last eleven years. He spoke most notably about the benefits of our work with the city and other partners to repair leaky roofs and other maintenance issues that plague senior home owners as they strive to keep their independence and remain in safe, secure housing. We are so grateful to our friends and donors for the support that allow us to do this work. For 2016, Community Help, Inc. helped eighteen economically challenged senior citizens to remain in their homes. Our financial contribution totaled slightly over thirty-six thousand dollars. Through the synergism of partnerships, \$177,315.00 represent the total cost of the work done on these eighteen homes.

Again, through the aide of partnerships, Community Help, Inc. joined with St. Philip Monumental A. M. E. Church, America’s Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Savannah State University and International Paper Company, to deliver hot meals each Wednesday afternoon. On an annual basis, a team that consist of trained food preparers and separate two person teams who visit the homes of the elderly and shut-in persons to deliver over forty-five hundred hot meals. While in the home, team members offer prayer and engage in spirited conversation.

In addition, over twenty-five hundred meals are provided to persons who visit the church and are given meals along with clothes, should they want them, each Wednesday at Noon.

Twice a year, these same partners join in support of seniors and economically challenged families to prepare and distribute over 8,000 pounds of bulk food boxes, that weigh an average of seventy pounds each. The food boxes contain a variety of meats such as chicken, beef or pork, canned fruit and vegetables and lots of grits, rice and pasta. We have been fortunate to have “community volunteers” join in and work along-side senior women of the church and Savannah State University students to assist in preparing and carrying these boxes.

We are not alone as we go about this work. Joining with others and having them join us moves us further along as we strive to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Savannah and Chatham County.

Bernard Polite
President
Community Help Inc.



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
for
Community Help, Inc.

WHEREAS, the City of Savannah coordinates and participates in several affordable and workforce housing partnerships that benefit low and modest income Savannah citizens and the city as a whole; and

WHEREAS, these partnerships benefit from investments made by the City of Savannah and its partners, including investments made into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF); and

WHEREAS, the creation of a non-profit organization, Community Help, Inc., emerged as part of Saint Phillip Monumental AME Church's response to a call to action to serve needy Savannah residents; and

WHEREAS, Community Help, Inc. formed an affordable home repair partnership with the City of Savannah in 2012 that has, thus far, helped repair the homes of 44 low-income Savannah homeowners; and

WHEREAS, Community Help, Inc. has raised and invested \$85,260 toward these repairs; and

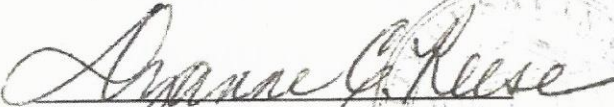

WHEREAS, Community Help, Inc. investment has been coupled with an additional \$266,650 for repairs to the 44 homes; and

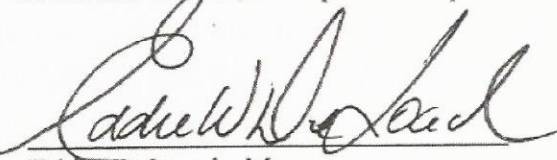
WHEREAS, Community Help, Inc. also provides funds and volunteers for a weekly hot lunch home delivery program for seniors, organizes quarterly food drives and distribution programs for persons in need, visits with elderly persons who simply need human comfort and interaction, and helps recruit children for enrollment in the historic preservation program of the public school system's Early College program by offering scholarships for children to attend a historic preservation summer camp; and

WHEREAS, Community Help, Inc. also benefits from partnerships it has formed with other organizations including, but not limited to, Saint Phillip Monumental AME Church, International Paper, America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia, Savannah State University, and the Historic Savannah Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah appreciate and commend the work and leadership role displayed by Community Help, Inc. and its Board of Directors to improve the homes and lives of Savannah residents in partnership with the City of Savannah and other community partners.

Adopted this 21st day of July, 2016


C. Reese, Clerk of Council



Eddie DeLoach, Mayor

Community Help, Inc. Board of Directors

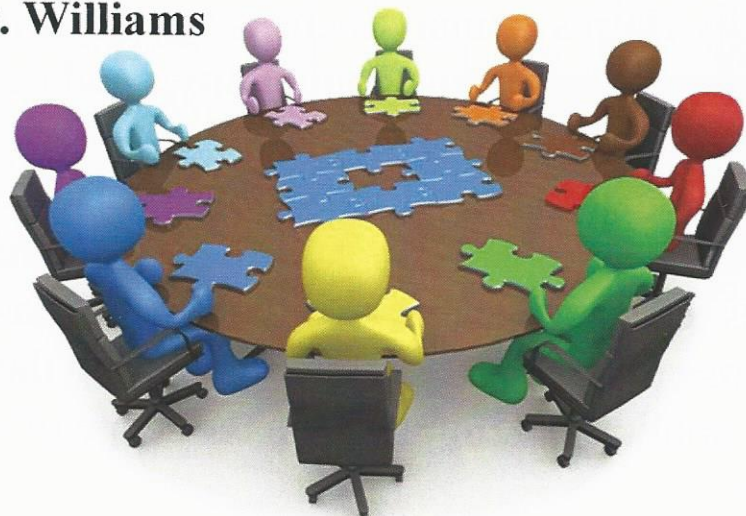
- Mrs. Claudia Clarke
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- Mrs. Brenda Elmgren
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- Mr. Charles Nelson
- Dr. Frank D. Williams

Emeritus

- Rev. Marsha Verdree

Special Volunteers

- Mr. Donald Coomer, C.P.A.
- Mr. John Swanner, C.P.A.
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- Mr. Charles Elmgren
- Mr. Vincent Polite
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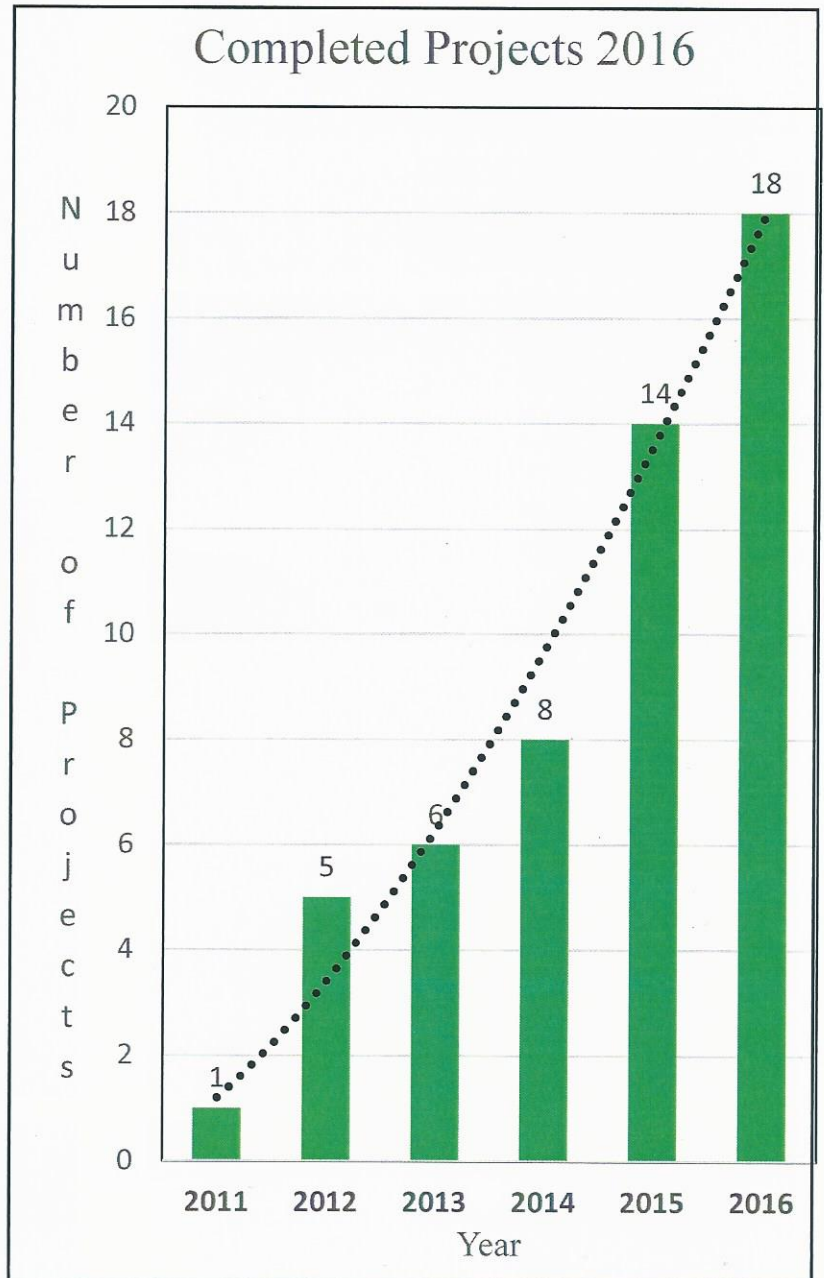


SAFE SECURE HOMES

- Community Help Inc offers "Minor Home Repair & Paint Program" to "home owners" in need of assistance with home repairs and painting.
- Community Help, Inc. is a Community development corporation created in 2005, in response to the City of Savannah and Chatham County's Anti-poverty Taskforce report to the community.
- Community Help's primary focus is "to foster improvements in low to moderate income communities and neighborhoods in Chatham County, Georgia.
- This work is accomplished through partnerships with local government entities and donor partners to pursue our core objectives. Over the years Community Help has devoted much of its energy and resources to meeting the needs of qualified applicants falling within the scope of its core programs.

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New York Avenue	\$2,000
Walz Drive	\$2,000
Texas Avenue	\$2,000
SE 36 th Street	\$2,000
Moray Avenue	\$2,500
Wolfe Drive	\$2,000
Greenwood Street	\$1,200
East Duffy Street	\$2,000
Oakland Drive	\$2,000
Nelson Street	\$2,000
E. Mosley Street	\$2,000
Stuyvesant Street	\$1,997
Collins Street	\$3,000
New York Avenue	\$2,000
East 33 rd Street	\$1,000
Stratford Street	\$2,000
West 49 th Street	\$3,000
Stuyvesant Street	\$1,500

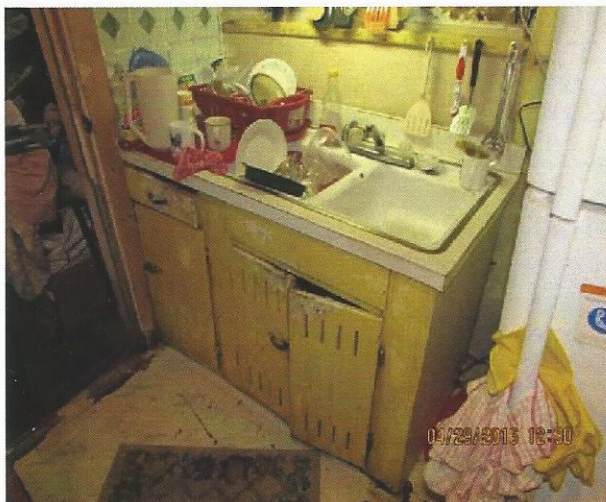
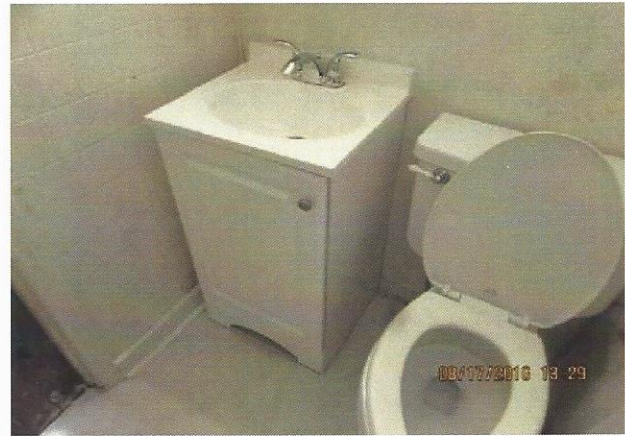


- Examples of partnerships for success are these homes. Community Help, Inc.'s \$2,000.00 contribution, when combined with other available funding not only provided the home below with new windows, exterior doors, subfloors and floor coverings, interior wall repair and painting, ceiling repair, range top, kitchen and bathroom cabinets and countertop, and sinks to include faucets for a person with disability.

Before

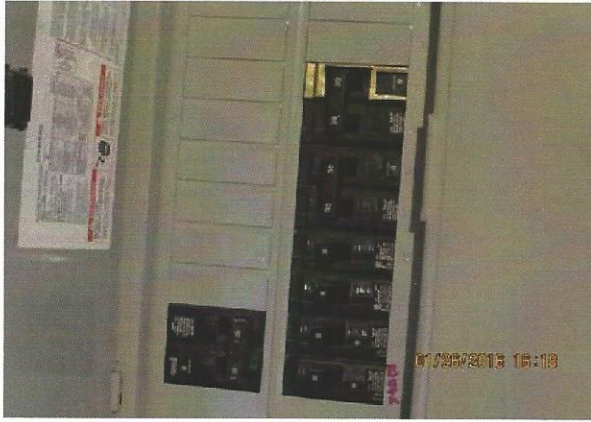


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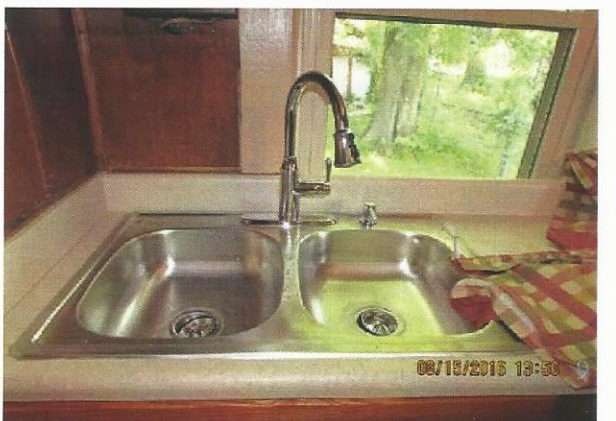


Improvements to this home are easily apparent.

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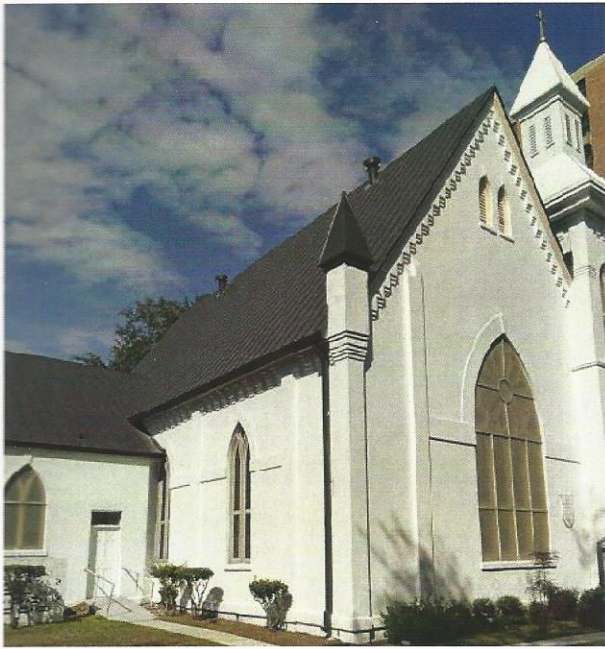
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YOUTH EDUCATION

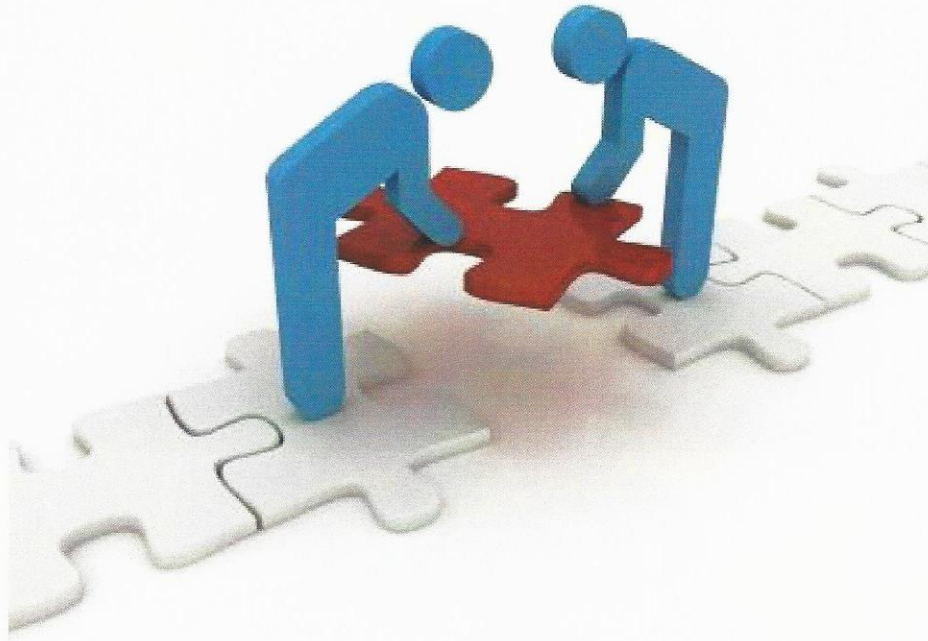


- Each summer The Historic Savannah Foundation conducts a one-week camp for kids called “Hands on History”. It is a collaborative effort; so they have a number of partners. Elementary and Middle School students are recruited into this broad ranging and hands-on introduction to historic preservation.
- Community Help, Inc. has provided campership funds for kids and assisted with the actual conduct of the camp. With this exposure, a good number of these kids are enrolled into the first year Historic Preservation Class of the Early College Program. We have continued our support to this program through classroom presentations and field trips for the students. We have continued our support to this program through classroom presentations and help with field trips for the students.



(Clockwise) Historic First Congregational Church; the class watches the play; Brent Armstrong, instructor for the Historic Preservation program, oversees students loading for the field trip.

- Historic Preservation Class attends reenactment of speech given by Fredrick Douglass with supporting commentary by Harriet Tubman in 1857. This was a stage play dramatizing the impact of Frederick Douglass' speeches on the abolition of American slavery performed during Black History Month at First Congregational Church.



H O U R O F P O W E R

- Our visits with the sick and shut-ins are always filled with conversation and prayer. People want to talk about the things that matter to them and are important in their daily lives. We listen, we share, we learn. There are now three teams of volunteers who deliver the Wednesday lunch to fifty-six people. The need for support and care continues to grow.
- There does not seem to be enough resources focused on our seniors and the issues that they must overcome. Foremost among their concerns is that the dollar does not buy as much as it used to and then comes the need for care givers. The challenge for us is to find ways to solve these problems that the seniors within our community are talking about.



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MONTH	SICK & SHUT IN	ATTENDANCE	TOTAL
JANUARY 2016	305	179	484
FEBRUARY 2016	377	182	559
MARCH 2016	387	239	626
APRIL 2016	393	230	623
MAY 2016	414	192	606
JUNE 2016	422	186	608
JULY 2016	376	254	630
AUGUST 2016	466	298	764
SEPTEMBER 2016	363	236	599
OCTOBER 2016	379	201	580
NOVEMBER 2016	375	214	589
DECEMBER 2016	351	177	528
GRAND TOTAL	4608	2588	7196



SHARE THE HARVEST FOOD DISTRIBUTION

- Throughout 2016, on Wednesdays at Noon, over twenty-five hundred meals have been provided to persons who visit St. Philip Monumental A.M.E. Church. They are also given clothes should they want them.



Above, International Paper supervisor inspects that load of boxes.



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Partnerships with:

- St. Philip Monumental A.M.E. Church
- International Paper
- America's Second Harvest
- Savannah State University
- Savannah International Longshoremen
- Volunteers
- Community



Volunteers Make the Difference!



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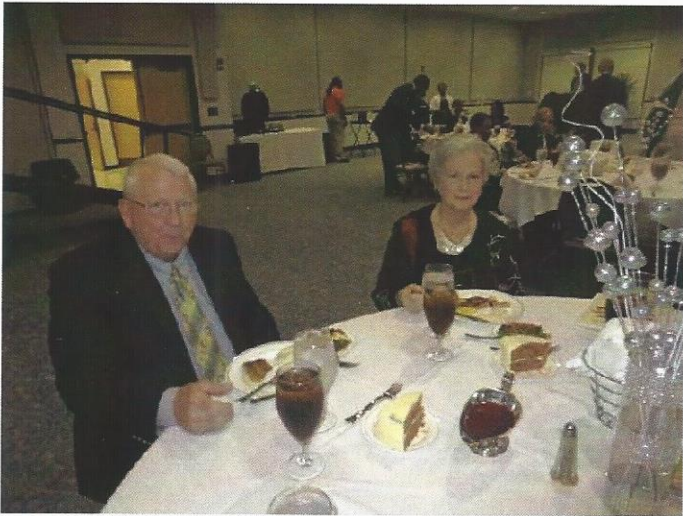
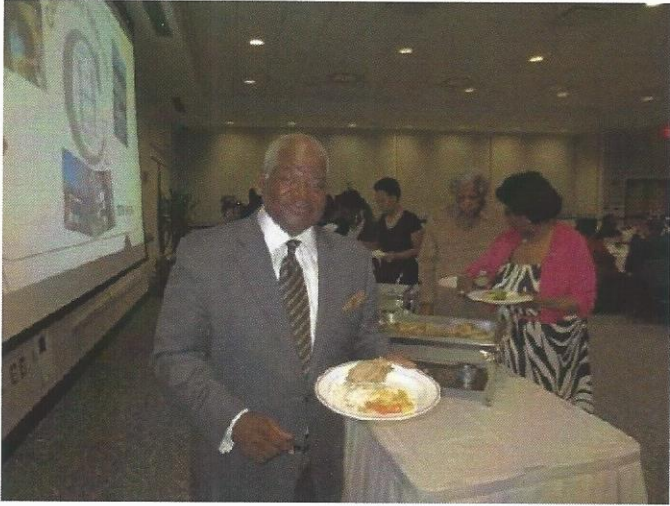
- There is a lot of joy when the folks receive their boxes. This man was particularly happy.



We circle up for prayer as we start the day.



THE 2016 GALA

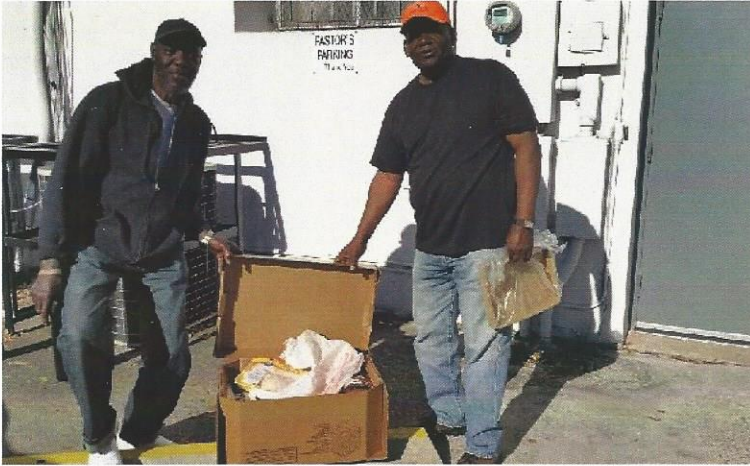


Celebrate With Us!

The 2017 Community Help, Inc. Gala will be held on October 28, 2017, in the Student Union Hall of Savannah State University. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. with a silent auction. For more information or **to donate** money, goods, or services for the auction, email info@communityhelpinc.org.

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