

The PUTNAM HEARTBEAT

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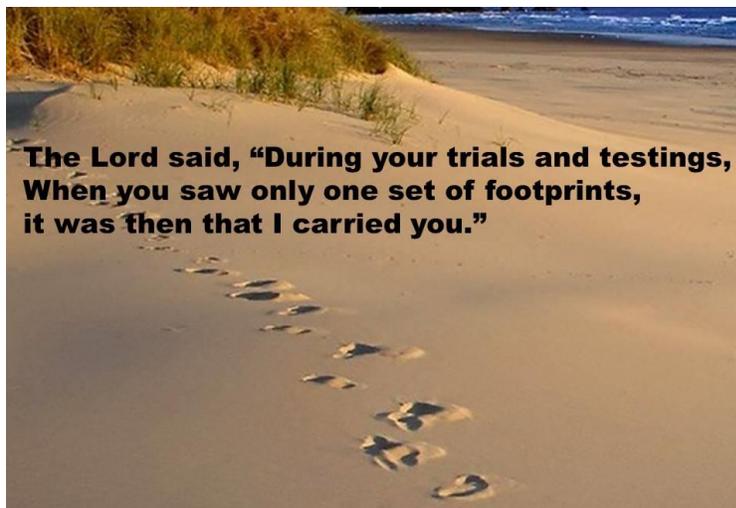
OUR MISSION...

to meet the critical needs of people. We do so by joining with donors, churches, and community leaders to respond through donations of money, time and goods to give us the resources to make a difference in people's lives at times when a little boost can transform their experience.

OUR VISION... to achieve & maintain a commitment to: accurately access the needs of those in crisis; provide inspiration, critical support and guidance; and to address the effects of unemployment, poverty and homelessness for our clients.

For more information, please contact our office at 2600 Peters Street, Palatka or 386-328-0984.

OUR 2017 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN... At the Christian Service Center we have been planning for many months and are pleased to announce that we're launching our 2017 Capital Campaign! This campaign is a "3-Way Ask" program in which we are asking for funds for: the balance of this year & next year's budget, establish a building fund for a permanent home, and obtain endowments to keep the ministry going into the future. This generous financial blessing we seek would alleviate the demand on our time, and allow us to focus on ways to raise up those in need within our community. As Jesus and His disciples needed financial support as they traveled teaching the good news of His kingdom (Luke 8:1-3), we too are in need of financial support as we do Gods work within our community. The Service Center has been providing assistance for over 25 years and has strived to be good stewards within the Christian community. We thank you, in advance, for helping us meet spiritual and financial needs. We pray for your continued blessings of prosperity and generosity. If you have any questions or would like additional information about our Capital Campaign, please contact us at 386-328-0984 or come visit us at 2600 Peters Street in Palatka.



KEEP HOPE ALIVE WITH FIVE...

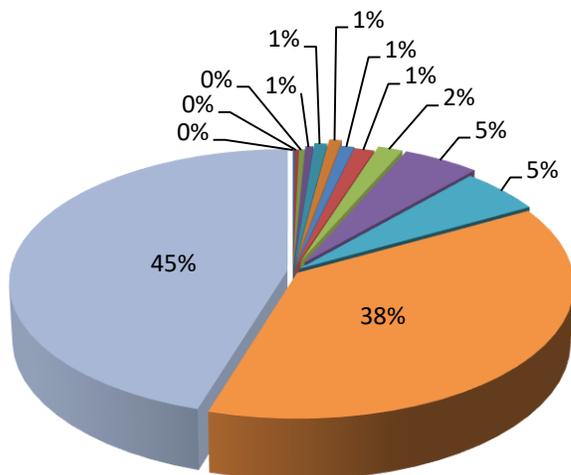
Every dollar counts toward helping people within our community.

We are asking each person to commit to giving \$5.00 (or more) a month. To make it a routine, you can use your online banking to set up "bill pay" and the bank will automatically send your donation amount to the PCSC for you each month. We also have donation buttons on our Facebook page (facebook.com/pcsc820) and on our website (www.HeartOfPutnam.com).

Helping one person might not change the whole world, but it could change the world for one person. Please help make a difference in the life of someone less fortunate than ourselves.

2016 SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT...

This chart represents a break-out of the services provided to clients, by the Christian Service Center, during 2016.



- Spiritual/Religious Counseling Services
- Glasses/Contact Lens Services
- Information & Referral Services Assistance
- Prescription Expense Assistance
- Food Closet Assistance
- Housing Expense Assistance
- Cold Weather Shelter (open 4 nights)
- Cancer Clinic / Breast Exam Services
- Household Goods Assistance
- Prison Re-Entry Assistance/Support
- Clothing Assistance
- Utility Expense Assistance
- Free Tax Return Preparations

The Solicitation of Contributions Act requires all registered charities to include this disclosure statement: A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll-free (1-800-435-7352) within the State. Registration does not imply endorsement, approval, or recommendation by the State.

LOCAL CONNECTION

COUNTY-WIDE BURN BAN HAS BEEN LIFTED... Putnam County Officials announced on June 8, 2017 that the county-wide burn ban has been declared over due to a sufficient amount of rainfall over the past two weeks. It was also stated that, while the burn ban is no longer in effect, residents should still obey current laws pertaining to the burning of debris, and County Officials will continue to monitor the situation.

FREE TAX PREPARATION SERVICES AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND...

Available through the United Way Initiative, RealSense Tax Services are available by appointment at the Christian Service Center in Palatka, and in Crescent City. For additional information and/or to schedule an appointment, please call (386) 328-0984 or (386) 559-2472.

WE'RE ON AMAZON SMILE...

AmazonSmile is part of Amazon.com and, when you select the Palatka Christian Service Center as your charity, 0.5% of your eligible purchase total will be donated to the Service Center! There's no cost to you for participating, only the benefit of helping make a difference in the lives of others. For more info, please visit www.Smile.Amazon.com, and Thank You for your support!

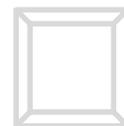
VISIT OUR THRIFT STORE...

We're pleased to announce that, through the efforts of a group of wonderful ladies from Francis Baptist Church, the Service Centers' Thrift Store is looking better than ever! Current hours are each Saturday (9am-3pm at 2600 Peters Street, Palatka), but plans are in the works for expanded hours in the near future. Stop in and see what's new, as stock is changing regularly. See you soon!!



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PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL... we're setting up an email distribution list and ask that you send your email address to us for inclusion (please send to Karen@HeartOfPutnam.com). This will be a great help to us in minimizing our future postage costs. Thank you in advance!

PLEASE NOTE: Your email address will not be sold or used for any purpose other than correspondence from the Heart of Putnam Service Center. Please contact us for more info.

LISTENERS AND DOERS... *(from Our Daily Bread)* The phone rang in the middle of the night for my husband, a minister. One of the prayer warriors in our church, a woman in her seventies who lived alone, was being taken to the hospital. She was so ill that she was no longer eating or drinking, nor could she see or walk. Not knowing it she would live or die, we asked God for His help and mercy, feeling particularly concerned for her welfare. The church sprang into action with a round-the-clock schedule of visitors who not only ministered to her but showed Christian love to the other patients, visitors, and medical staff.

James's letter to the early Jewish Christians encouraged the church to care for the needy. James wanted the believers to go beyond just listening to the Word of God and to put their beliefs into action (James 1:22-25). By citing the need to care for orphans and widows (V.27), he named a vulnerable group, for in the ancient world the family would have been responsible for their care.

How do we respond to those who are at risk in our church and community? Do we see caring for the widows and orphans (and less fortunate) as a vital part of the exercise of our faith? May God open our eyes to the opportunities to serve people in need everywhere.

True faith demands not only our words, but our actions.