

HOW FRIENDS, FAMILY and CHURCHES

CAN NURTURE the POOR

- Encourage church involvement
- Friends, family and church **fundraising**
- Adopt a family
- Donate to Mobile Home Perm. Housing
- Offer prayer and spiritual counseling
- Help homeless find jobs and housing
- Provide for transportation needs
- Mentor and encourage the poor
- Help with medical or dental expenses
- Make regular donation via PayPal or auto-pay via a checking account (**2Cor. 8:8-9**)

Famous Quotes

"It would be a changed world if everyone would attend to the sorrows and suffering of others plain before them." McLarin (18th Century Pastor)

"One of the most wicked sins of Christians in America is complacency, woefully guilty of apathy and indifference." (Jesus Saves)

Confess with your lips Jesus is Lord. Believe in your heart He was raised from the dead and you will be saved. **Romans 10:9**

"Believe the Gospel and be Saved" (pp-Romans 1:16-17)

RECOGNITION and OUTCOMES

1. 2016 – Start of Affordable Sponsored Housing Program with Mobile Homes in O'Fallon, MO and Clubhouse Church at Mobile Home Park
2. 2014- Paul Kruse ordained to Ministry by Encouragers Church, O'Fallon
3. 2012 – Sodexo Health Care Heroes of Everyday Life – National Foundation Award, Grant and celebration in Washington DC. (Lana)
4. 2011 – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder Senior Service Awards – (Paul and Lana)
5. 2011 – Jane Crider Leadership Award (Lana)
6. 2009 – Jane Crider Leadership Award (Paul)
7. 2008 Wentzville Community Servant of the Year (Paul) – included Proclamation from Missouri Senate and Missouri House of Representatives.
8. 2007 - Commerce Bank Comm Servant Award (Paul)
9. 2007 – IRS determination as 501 c 3 public charity.
10. 2006 - St. Louis FOCUS "What's Right w/ Region Award for Social Justice and Racial Equality" (Paul)
11. 2005 - Established FSBH ministry.
12. 2001 - Started Trucker Church ministry which continues weekly with more than 5000 truckers in services at TA Truck Stop in Foristell, MO
13. Continuous – Media exposure with local CBS, NBC, FOX News TV segments and St. Louis Post-Dispatch.
14. More than \$1,300,000 raised in support from more than 700 individuals, churches, corporations, service clubs and community groups. Assisted over 6000 homeless with 50% rate of success becoming self supporting. (Heb. 6: 9-12)

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Remember the Gospel-- **1 Cor. 15:**

Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

First Step Back Home, Inc.

A faith – based 501 (c) (3) public charity serving the homeless and working poor of St. Charles, Lincoln, Warren Counties in Missouri



The Greatest Commandments

"Love the Lord thy God with all your heart, soul and mind. Love your neighbor as yourself." (**Matt. 22: 37-40**) Read the Parable of Good Samaritan (**Luke 10: 25-37**).

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WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

The downfall of America is due to rejecting God and His Son Jesus! (2 Chronicles 7:14)

- 43.6 million in US live in poverty. That is a rate of 14.3 percent, or 1 in 7 living in poverty.
- 50 million are on food stamps in our nation.
- 2.5 million Missourians on welfare and SSD receiving below poverty level income.
- Over 50% of the workers in Missouri are not self supporting, not earning a living wage.
- A living wage in Missouri is \$15/hr., \$600 per week or 32,000 per year. Millions of unskilled employees are making only \$7.50/hr.

Wonder why we have so many poor and homeless?

WHAT CAN WE DO?

“We know what real love is because Jesus Christ gave up his life for us, and so we ought to give up our lives for our Christian brothers and sisters. But if anyone has enough money to live well, and sees a brother or sister in need and refuses to help, how can God’s love be in that person? Dear children, let us stop just saying we love each other: Let us really show it by our actions!

FSBH Direct Services:

1 John 3:16-18

- Homeless Crisis Intervention
- Homeless Prevention
- Assist homeless to self -supporting status as soon as possible.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Through the transformative power of God’s Love through the Gospel of Jesus, we offer solutions for poverty and injustice to the homeless and working poor.

Matthew 22: 37-39

VISION

1. To **increase awareness** of the local needs of the poor and needy within our community.
2. To **promote unity** in the community by encouraging people to get involved in the lives of the poor - needy in practical ways.
3. To **reduce suffering and misery** of the poor by showing the Love of God in sacrifice and risk from something of ourselves.

First Step = Self-supporting in transitional housing such as motels, rooms for rent or shared housing.

Self-Supporting = Earning sufficient income to provide the basics of life for self or family.

MOTTO

Passion, Compassion and Action

- Love the Father (God), Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit with **Passion**
- Love the Least of God’s People with **Compassion in Action** (Matt 25:45-46)

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Shelter

- Get homeless off the streets providing temporary lodging in local motels
- Support fragile families in their own homes with rent or utility assistance and more
- Transition successful clients to mobile homes

Employment

- Temporary Labor Agencies, 32 in Yellow Pages
- Require active job search by client for each night of lodging
- Provision of cell phones for job search

Food

- Food pantry list lists 30 sites in region
- Survival food boxes available if pantries are closed
- Provision of daily hot meals at local motel by 75 ministry volunteer groups and churches

Clothing

- Local thrift shop vouchers
- Survival backpacks with toiletries - underwear

Transportation

- Bicycles provided when available.
- Auto maintenance, fuel, repairs assistance
- Provide bus fare with limits
- Rides from FSBH volunteers, family/friends