

## HOW YOU CAN NURTURE the POOR

- Encourage church involvement
- Friends, family and church **fundraising**
- Adopt a family and refer homeless to 2-1-1
- 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
- Support our Annual Christmas Wonderland
- Make regular donation via PayPal or auto-pay via a checking account (**2 Cor. 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 (18<sup>th</sup> 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: 9-13**

*"Trust God with all your heart!" Proverbs 3:5*

## RECOGNITION and OUTCOMES

1. 2015 – 2026 St. Louis Community Foundation's GiveSTLDay Program w \$492,000 raised.
2. 2018 - St. Charles Rotary Taste of St. Charles
3. 2017 – Recipients of St. Charles County Mayors' Charity Ball Proceeds and Boeing Employee Fund
4. 2016 – 2025 Affordable Sponsored Housing Project with Mobile Homes in O'Fallon, MO. Supplied 20,756 Days lodging to 72 people.
5. 2014- Paul Kruse ordained to Ministry by Encouragers Church, O'Fallon
6. 2012 – Sodexo Health Care Heroes of Everyday Life – National Foundation Award, Grant and celebration in Washington DC. (Lana)
7. 2011 – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder Senior Service Awards – (Paul and Lana)
8. 2009 & 2011 – Jane Crider Leadership Awards
9. 2008 Wentzville Community Servant of the Year (Paul) – included Proclamation from Missouri Senate and Missouri House of Representatives.
10. 2007 - Commerce Bk Comm. Servant Award (Paul)
11. 2007 – IRS determination as 501 c 3 public charity.
12. 2006 - St. Louis FOCUS "What's Right w/ Region Award for Social Justice and Racial Equality" (Paul)
13. 2005 - Established FSBH ministry.
14. 2001 - Started Trucker Church ministry which continues weekly with more than 7,000 truckers in services at TA Truck Stop in Foristell, MO
15. Continuous – Media exposure with local CBS, NBC, FOX News TV segments and St. Louis Post-Dispatch.
16. \$3,800,000 raised from more than 1000 individuals, churches, corporations, service clubs and community groups. Assisted 20,000+ needy with 50% success rate for becoming self-supporting.

**Remember the Gospel-- 1 Cor. 15: Death, Burial and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, Greatest Commandments- Matt. 22:37-40 and Great Commission-Matt. 28:16-20.**

## First Step Back Home,

Inc. 

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



## The Greatest Commandments

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind; and your neighbor as yourself."* (**Luke 10:27**). Who is your neighbor? See the Parable of Good Samaritan (**Luke 10: 29-37**).

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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)

- 800+ people presently homeless in St. Charles, Lincoln and Warren Counties.
- 50 million in US live in poverty. That is a rate of 12.3 percent, or 1 in 7 living in poverty.
- 41.2 million are on food stamps in our nation.
- 13% of Missourians on welfare and SSD receiving below poverty level income.
- Over 50% of the workers in Missouri are not earning a living wage.
- A living wage in Missouri varies from \$25-50/hr. Millions of unskilled employees are making only \$15/hr.

### Wonder why we have so many poor and homeless? **Low paying jobs and indifference.**

## 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

- First Responder to Homeless
- Homeless Prevention
- Provide Basics of Life & Plan for Independence.

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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 needs of the poor 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, and first steps to salvation. Teach plan for independence.

**Independence** = 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** First
- Love the Least of God’s People with **Compassion in Action** (Luke 10:27)

## 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 transitional and permanent housing.

### Employment

- Direct clients to Temporary Labor Agencies.
- Require active job search by client (15 apps) for each night of lodging.
- Provide cell phones/ minutes for job search.

### Food

- Food pantry list displays 59 sites in region.
- Survival food bags available if pantries are closed.

### Clothing

- Provide local thrift shop vouchers.
- Survival backpacks with toiletries – underwear.

### Transportation

- Purchase vehicles for clients when able.
- Bicycles provided when available.
- Auto maintenance, fuel, repairs assistance.
- Rides from FSBH volunteers, family/friends.