

It's A New Year

From the desk of: Dr. Staples

Needs

Paper Towels

Office Supplies

Cleaning Supplies

Toilet Paper

Our Television Broke!

Recreation Room needs a large screen TV for Boys.

Economy Car Needed!

We need to get an economy car that saves on gas as we are constantly taking boys in our 16 passenger van to counseling sessions, doctors appt's etc. Please consider our need.



The New Year at Anchor House has started in many, many positive ways. First of all let me report on our boys. This past week, every one of our boys made "level" with the exception of one, and he came close. This means the boys acted in ways that showed responsibility and self discipline. We are proud of their effort to start the new year off well.

Buildings: This past year has seen some very real changes here at Anchor House. We have invested heavily into renovating our property and seen a wonderful turn around in this old facility. Many have commented that they had not seen the place look this nice in years. Thanks to so many who made Troxel renovations a reality! We are now turning our attention to doing some work on Sigler Hall. If you or a church team would be interested in coming out and doing some painting or yard work, we welcome you!

Financial Ministry: Anchor House continues to be reliant on the donations of individuals, churches and grants to help us subsidize the care of

looking after boys in need. We also need the special gifts to help us with some of the unexpected needs that come out. The television in the Boys residence burned out last week just as an example. We need to replace this with a large unit. Sometimes our freezers stop working and your special gifts help us. WE are however much more financially sound then we were one and half years ago. This past year, through some special designated gifts from donors, we have been able to eliminate the debt of four of the five officers or staff members that Anchor House had owed money to from years ago. This reduced over \$ 50,000 in debt and we have seen an overall turn-around in the past year of \$ 250,000 in the positive. Thank you for making this happen. Please be assured that we continue to exercise prudence and a high sense of accountability and stewardship in our managing of the finances and resources.

Your continued commitment to our ministry to boys is making a tremendous impact. Please also pray for our boys, who sometimes face very dark challenges and lonely times. Please also pray for Anchor House as we are now in a search process for a Program/Spiritual Director for our boys.

“Anchor House is a Christian residence for boys, providing life skills development, mentoring, support and counseling in pursuit of independence and a brighter future”

Featured Employee *Clinton Saunders*



Clinton Saunders is in his sixth year with us at Anchor House and serves as our evening shift coordinator. In addition to working with the boys and overseeing his shift staff he is recognized by the boys as their "favorite cook". They always enjoy when Mr. Clint fixes them dinner. One of our residents says this of Clint, "Mr. Clint is a good guy and does his job well. He really cares about us. Deep inside, he is a good person." Prior to coming to Anchor House, Clinton worked at the Juvenile Detention Center in Polk City. Clint says he really loves working with the boys and feels that he gets just as much out of it as the boys do. His goal is to really see the boys lives impacted and changed. We really appreciate and value Clinton Saunders - our featured employee!

Graduating from Anchor House



Joseph will be graduating from our program in February after being here one year with us. Joseph has been an exceptional young man that has shown high levels of responsibility, accountability and integrity. For the past several months, Joe has been attending the Adult Ed. School here in Auburndale toward completion of a GED while working at a nearby restaurant and preparing himself for the next steps in life. His goal is to continue his schooling and help his younger brothers who are in the area to make good choices. We will miss you Joseph and we are proud of you! Anchor House Staff!



A special Thanks to all the programs who helped Christmas to be extra special to our residents

This Christmas, many individuals, groups, churches and others brought gifts, sponsored parties and held special services. Special Thanks to Southside Assembly for providing a special party and service, to the Slopers for sponsoring a community party with their community and Mrs. Micki Peace for sponsoring our annual Christmas Party. Several churches and others brought gifts and shared love with our children. Thank you!



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