



# The Outreach

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HALO BARGAIN CENTER • COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER • HALO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES  
CENTER OF HOPE • MISSION • DAY FACILITY • CAFE

## *And the story continues . . .*

In our September 2010 issue of The Outreach we shared the story of one of our shelter guests, Carolyn (Susie). After spending many years on the street, homeless-addicted and broken, Susie reached out for help one last time.

She had heard about the HALO Shelter, but just could not face the possibility of rejection. Susie had reached the point of hopelessness. What did she have left? With a cry out to God, she started her walk to the HALO shelter. *“I know in my heart that God walked with me every step of the way. I would not have had the courage to do it, if He hadn’t.”*

That was two years ago. As Susie continued her walk with God, life change was beginning to happen. Having been estranged from her family, Susie took the next step and called home. HALO volunteers were there to support Susie as she made that phone call: *“Mama, this is Susie.”* Susie’s mama had finally heard from her long lost daughter. Tears of joy streamed down everybody’s face that day. The next call would be to her family and to her daughter.

Susie moved into a recovery house, completed drug classes and started HALO’s Journey of Hope program. She attended church faithfully every Sunday and began volunteering full time at HALO. In the Fall of 2010, Susie moved back into the HALO Shelter, this time as the resident manager. Susie’s life was being transformed and hope was being restored. As the women’s cold weather shelter came to a close, God was beginning to open more doors.

Susie completed all the necessary paperwork to get her driver’s license. She was hired at Wal-Mart and within five months, received the *“employee of the month”* award. She learned about setting up a budget and began saving for a car.



**Read the continuation of Carolyn’s story on page 2**



**HALO Administrative Office**

**HALO Thrift Ministry**

**HALO Center of Hope**  
~ Cafe  
~ Shelter  
~ Day Facility

**HALO Reads**

**Community Events**

**Hope And Life Outreach**

701 Snow Hill Road  
Salisbury, MD 21804  
410-742-9356

[www.HALOministry.org](http://www.HALOministry.org)



**HALO TRAINING DATES**

3rd Sunday of every month - 2:00PM

HALO Center of Hope  
119B South Boulevard

(corner of Eastern Shore Drive & S. Boulevard)

For more information and to register, contact the HALO Office @ 410-742-9356.

**Your Gifts Make It Possible!**

JANUARY 2011 - JULY 2012

**MEALS PROVIDED:**  
125,962

**BEDS PROVIDED:**  
Emergency Shelter - 7,360

Dear Friends,

Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your commitment to seeing lives changed. Your enthusiastic, ongoing support and your faithful prayers are the reason for victorious stories.

Just the other day I was serving in the café and I couldn't help but feel "holy goosebumps." What a privilege to be given the opportunity to serve Jesus through this ministry! I so love these men, women and children.

I go to the shelter and my heart breaks as I listen to the stories of physical abuse, sexual abuse, in and out of foster care, self destruction, on and on. I sat there and realized "but for the Grace of God go I."

There has to be a way to reach these wounded hearts. We must share the hope that comes from knowing Jesus Christ.

I'm excited with the new program structure and newly renovated Center of Hope. We will be able to help bring about life transformation through these changes. Be sure to read "Halo Expands their shelter."

Please keep us in your prayers. And remember, without your financial support, there would be no HALO. So, **THANK YOU!** I pray God's richest blessings on you and your family. Love'Em Like Jesus!

*Celeste*



**Executive Director, Celeste Savage serving dinner to our guests in the Café.**



In the midst of all this life-change, God threw in a little surprise. In July of 2011, Susie's daughter Melanie and grandson Brandon came from Tennessee for a surprise visit!! How exciting it was for the volunteers to get to meet her daughter and grandson and to be a part of this awesome family reunion.

Susie's dream of having her family back, being surrounded by good friends, and being drug free had **FINALLY** come true.

*"God was definitely working in my life. He was blessing me in so many ways."*

**BUT . . . THE STORY CONTINUES . . .**

It wasn't long before she purchased a little car and instead of having to follow a bus schedule to go to work, she could now leave at a normal hour to get to work. She continued trusting God and thanking Him every day for His blessings and changing her life. Then, one day on her way home from work, she stopped by and looked at a little apartment. She filled out the application and was approved.

Susie's prayers had been answered.  
Life Change - A Job - Car - Family and Friends.  
And as Susie says after a long day's work . . .

**"There's No Place Like Home!"**

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# HALO Day Facility Celebrates their 1st year of Service



On September 6, 2011, HALO Day Facility opened their doors for the homeless men, women and children to have a place to come in out of the elements. Not only was it a place for them to come in out of the elements, HALO Day Facility was a place for guests to get connected to needed services in our community.

Many organizations such as: Social Services, Health Department and others came in each week to connect and help meet their needs. Other agencies came in and provided Nutrition Classes, Health & Wellness Classes, GED Classes. Along with these, our **HALO Reads**

program was well underway to help adults who needed help learning to read or spell. Weekly Bible Studies were also offered to the men and women.

A special children's area has been set up so that the children have a safe place to play, learn, read and make crafts.

Not only are we providing services to our guests, we are offering friendship and love.

Since opening, over 400 people have come in for services, referrals and just a place to be out of the weather.



Sue, a HALO Volunteer spends time with the children at the Day Facility

If you would like to volunteer in this ministry and "come alongside" of one of our guests, please contact the HALO office @ 410-742-9356 or email: [volunteer@HALOministry.org](mailto:volunteer@HALOministry.org).

## **DAY FACILITY & SHELTER** **NEEDS LIST**

Shampoo  
Soap  
Deodorant  
Toothbrush & Toothpaste  
Razors (men & women)  
Towels & Washcloths  
Twin Sheets  
Blankets  
Women's Hygiene Items  
including Depends  
Men's socks  
Lotions  
Brush/Comb  
Hand Sanitizer  
Kids Coloring Books  
Craft Items

## HALO Expands their Shelter

On November 22, 2011, HALO opened the doors of the Emergency Shelter, but this time instead of only being open for 4 months, the doors would be open for 12 months.

Since opening, we have seen a large increase in the number of women and children finding a safe haven in our facility. For Tara and her family, having a place to go is a real blessing for her and her two children. *"HALO is helping me out tremendously. They are providing us a clean and safe place for us to sleep. It is also a place where I can grow more spiritually."*

In July 2012, we made some structure changes along with program changes. Our new program is designed to help women step up and out of the HALO Shelter and into a place of their own.



Tara and her children enjoying some quality time together at the shelter.

We will still provide an Emergency Shelter, however, our Phase 2 and 3 programs will prepare them for the real world.

Phase 2 offers a 2 week intensive spiritual training period and then a 5 track program (spiritual, educational, career, health/fitness, Life Skills) which will continue for a minimum of 3 months.

Phase 3 program is our Life Application Program. Here our participants will apply what they have learned. This will guarantee success when they transition into a place of their own.

To find out more about our Emergency Shelter and how you can volunteer, please contact the HALO Office @ 410-742-9356. Or visit our website: [www.HALOministry.org](http://www.HALOministry.org)

# TURN YOUR LOVE INTO ACTION!



## Volunteer Corner

To know Betty is to know a person that brings lots of joy and smiles to HALO when she enters our doors!!

Betty has been volunteering with HALO for over 2 years.

### Betty Worth volunteering in the HALO Office.

Whether you find her cooking meals for our guests in the HALO Café; sorting donations in the Thrift Ministry or helping with our mailings in the HALO office, she is always smiling.

Betty lives with her husband Sonny in Fruitland, MD.

Betty tells everyone that she *“loves to serve others, and she loves coming in and working with the wonderful people at HALO.”* *“When you serve others, it gives you a great feeling down deep inside.”*

## Wicomico Day School

### “SOCKED” IT TO HOMELESSNESS

Every year, WDS holds their annual School Spirit week - followed by the end of the week *“Sock Hop”*

This year, as admission to the school dance, WDS Students were asked to donate a pair of new socks. Over 100 pairs of socks were collected. The socks were donated to HALO, to be distributed to the children living in our Shelter.

*Thank you WDS for your continued support of HALO!!!*



Mrs. Moore, Headmaster of WDS donates socks to HALO.

## B.B. & T Bank Employees Lend Hearts and Hands



Employees from BB&T Chesapeake Region in Salisbury were busy helping HALO.

On May 31st, their group volunteered to

serve the lunch meal to our guests.

They also donated many needed supplies to HALO.

Thank you for supporting HALO!!!

## HALO's Harvest of Hope First Annual Gala Event Sunday, October 21, 2012

Dinner - Live & Silent Auction  
Entertainment

Special Keynote Speaker: David Burrier

Watch for more details on this event.

## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

If you have a heart to help other, consider becoming a HALO Volunteer. We have many individual and group opportunities available. For more information on how you can become a volunteer, visit our website: [www.HALOMinistry.org](http://www.HALOMinistry.org) or contact the Administrative Office @ 410-742-9656.



Bargain Center Volunteers Dawn and Angie help out each week in our Thrift Ministry.

Great prices, amazing variety and our selection of merchandise are not the only things that bring people back to the HALO Bargain Center.

*It's the friendly, peaceful atmosphere when you walk in!*

Halo's Thrift Ministry serves as our Bargain Center and Donation Center.

Revenue from HALO's Thrift Ministry supports HALO Ministries programs and services.

So whether you're shopping at our store or donating items that could be sold, you're helping someone in your community.

STORE HOURS AND  
DONATION DROP OFF  
TIMES:  
Monday - Friday  
10AM - 5PM  
Saturday - 10AM - 3PM



Be sure to go online @ [www.HALOMinistry.org](http://www.HALOMinistry.org) to download our monthly Bargain Center calendar.