

Interfaith Ministries, Inc.

CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA



"Bringing God's People Together To Serve God's People in Need"



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Homeless Shelter is a Real Need

One of our regular Interfaith Open Door clients was recently arrested for sleeping in an abandoned building. Regardless of how you feel about the policies and politics of incarcerating individuals for seeking shelter wherever they can, the need for a substantial shelter for homeless individuals in Calhoun County is real. Interfaith staff delivered white t-shirts, socks and underwear to the client at the Anniston jail to help ease his stay. Every week individuals are incarcerated for being homeless in our community. Please search your hearts and pray that a solution can be found to ease this strain on our community's resources and the lives of our homeless neighbors. There is a great spirit in this community, we are convinced that highlighting such a problem will produce a positive response.



Noble Street Festival

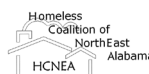


What organization distributes nourishing cuisine all around town 5 days per week all year, but only has ONE fund drive? It's Meals on Wheels! And it's time for MOW's one and only annual fund-raiser, which is ad sales for the Noble Street Festival Guide. Proceeds from the ad sales go directly to Meals on Wheels to purchase meals for those clients who would otherwise not be able to pay. All the money raised from this project serves clients who have the greatest need.

Every year the Noble Street Festival and Sunny King Criterium Bike Race organizations together produce the insert for the local newspapers, reaching about 175,000 readers. The insert is loaded with information and schedules of events for the Noble Street Festival and the Sunny King Criterium Bicycle Races. These events were named a "Top Ten Event" by the Alabama Department of Tourism in 2010. The ads are sold at a discount and consistently drive business into our area. Who can say "No" to spending less money to gain more customers? There is still time for your business or employer to participate! Ad space starts at \$150 for 1/8 page and runs up to \$800 for a full page. (That buys 160 meals!)



Please call MOW at 256-237-4538 or email at meals@interfaithcalhoun.org in order to place an ad. If you or your church would like to be listed on the "Faith" or "Friends" page for a donation of \$25 or more please use the same email or phone number. Deadline for ads is March 24. The Festival is April 8.



That Special Day is approaching – Tax Deadline!

Once again the United Way, in conjunction with RSVP and Jacksonville State University is providing free income tax filing services for those in need. Interfaith Ministries is grateful to be able to direct clients to this service. There are some restrictions/qualifications that need to be met for this service.

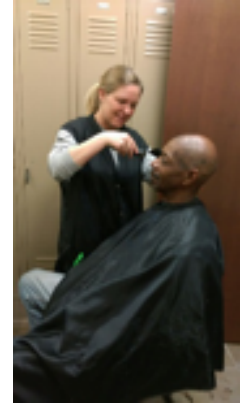
Potential clients must call 888-99TAXAL to make an appointment. The United Way, RSVP, and JSU provide tax professionals for this service, which can help clients prevent future financial issues.

Haircuts



Free haircuts are being offered to our Open Door clients the first and third Mondays of each month. This takes place at The Bridge during regular shower times of 8:30 am to 10:00 am. Interfaith clients have been enthusiastic about this new service.

(Summer Turner, hairstylist)



For more information on Volunteering or to make an online Donation, visit us on the web at www.interfaithcalhoun.org



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INTERFAITH MINISTRIES ADDS VOLUNTEERS!



Ask and ye shall receive. Or, more specifically, ask Esta Spector! In the past two weeks Esta has trained three new volunteers to handle the challenges at Interfaith's front desk. Volunteers for that area were greatly needed, and now Esta has them ready and rarin' to go. Thanks Esta!

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