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SERVING HOMELESS MEN OF SOUTHEAST BALTIMORE COUNTY

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Back River United Methodist Church
544-B Back River Neck Rd
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Dear Congregants,

You are familiar with Churches for Streets of Hope, a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides shelter, case management, and other support services to homeless men 18 and over in Baltimore County. The purpose of Churches for Streets of Hope is to mobilize Southeast Baltimore County to work together for the relief of our area's poor, distressed, and underprivileged and spark hope in our community.

A little over ten years ago a few passionate, concerned, and dedicated citizens in this organization, who recognized the plight of homeless men in Essex, Dundalk, and Middle River, decided to do something. They mobilized churches and volunteers to start a 16-bed cold weather shelter operating November-April. The shelter rotated from one-member church to another weekly, biweekly, or monthly.

Graciously, Boulevard Christian Church in Essex has now provided us a temporary home. It is a blessing to have a consistent place to continue the work we have started. This will enable us to increase our support and provide the needed services to bring relief to our area's poor.

Although we receive some grant funding, we rely on the support of member churches, individuals, organizations, and businesses like yours to help support our programs and services. Our temporary home needs a shower, washer and dryer. Installing a shower and appliances will help the homeless men we serve, as well as other members of the community, to meet their hygiene needs. It will help them prepare for job interviews, employment, doctor visits, improve their appearance, and promote a healthy lifestyle.

We would be most grateful if you would consider providing financial support to our organization to construct a shower and install the appliances. Our **SHOWER FOR LOVE** project cost of construction is \$7,500. Your financial support is crucial to the completion of our project, and any amount you could donate would be appreciated. We anticipate the completion of this project prior to November 2021, our seasonal opening date. To contribute, you can call me to pick up a check (443-226-0027), or mail a check to P.O. Box 34073, Essex, MD 21221.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call. Thank you so much for your kind consideration of our request, and we hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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