

Community of Faith Mission is a faith-based, non-governmental low barrier emergency shelter ministry, which, through the efforts of volunteers, provides emergency shelter and food on a weekly basis from November through March for men, women, and families who are homeless in the Greater Williamsburg, Virginia area.

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Summer 2016 Newsletter



COFM Announces New Executive Director

The board of directors is pleased to announce that Ashley Willis has accepted the position of Executive Director. Filling this position has been an integral part of our strategic plan to ensure the long-term sustainability of the shelter program. Ashley shares the board's values and passion working with the homeless community. Her qualifications and work experience made her an ideal candidate for this position. Ashley's background also includes hands on experience working in homeless shelters and community outreach. She has served on the board of directors since its inception.



Ashley Willis, Executive Director

As Executive Director Ashley will be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the the shelter program. She will provide leadership and direction as well as develop and maintain the organizational structure. She will represent COFM to the larger Williamsburg community. Her official first day will be August 15. You will have the opportunity to meet her at our "Meet and Greet" which will take place October 11. Look for further information in our Fall Newsletter.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." – Matthew 25:35.

Shelter Schedule 2016-2017

Nov.13-20	St.Bede Parish Center
Nov.20-27	Williamsburg Community Chapel
Nov.27-Dec. 4	Crosswalk Community Church
Dec.4-11	Life Church
Dec.11-18	Williamsburg United Methodist Church
Dec.18-24	Williamsburg Christian Church
Dec. 26- Jan.1	Williamsburg Church of Christ
Jan 1-8	New Town United Methodist Church
Jan.8-15	Chickahominy Baptist Church
Jan. 15-22	St. John Baptist Church
Jan.22-29	St. Martin's Episcopal Church
Jan.29-Feb 5	James River Baptist Church
Feb.5-12	Bruton Parish Church Parish House
Feb.12-19	Walnut Hills Baptist Church
Feb. 19-26	Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church
Feb.26-Mar. 5	Hickory Neck Episcopal Church
Mar.5-12	Williamsburg Presbyterian Church
Mar. 12-19	Smith Memorial Baptist Church

See List of Shelter Partners Inside!

Save the Date!

Key Leader Annual Training

Date: Tues. Oct 11

More details to follow in
Fall Newsletter.

Location: New Town
United Methodist Church

Shelter Partners 2016-2017

Our Shelter Partners play a vital role by providing volunteers, food, and support to Shelter Hosts. Thank you!

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

First Baptist Church

Greater City

James City Community Church

Kingdom Life Church

King of Glory Lutheran Church

New Zion Baptist Church

St. Olaf Catholic Church

St. Stephen Lutheran Church

Stonehouse Presbyterian Church

Temple Beth El

Unity Fellowship Church

Williamsburg Baptist Church

Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists

Zion Baptist Church

Board of Directors Transitions

We extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to four of our board members who contributed their time and talent to COFM over the last three years. Thanks to Chris James, Roy Gerardi, Stephanie Turner and Ashley Willis.

New Board Members:

Please welcome our two new board members, Judy Collard, Treasurer, and Sue Xander, Director-at-Large. We appreciate their willingness to serve and look forward to their contributions to our program.

Advisory Council :

New this year is the COFM Advisory Council. We are pleased that Barbara Watson and Roy Gerardi have agreed to join this inaugural Council. They will offer their valuable expertise in the areas of social services and human concerns. Welcome Barbara and Roy!

Additional Changes:

Renee Collins is moving to Vice President. Kathy Banfield will remain as President.



Judy Collard, Treasurer



Sue Xander, Director-at-Large

Hygiene Kit Needs

We collect travel size toiletries year-round for our shelter guest hygiene kits. If you have items to donate, please contact Beth Burroughs at bethb0401@cox.net to arrange a drop off time. Travel size deodorant and tooth paste are our biggest needs at this time. Thanks!

Shelter Manager

Part-time position is available for two nights a week during the shelter season. Training provided. Interested parties go to www.cofm.info for more details.