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Thanks, JHBC!! | ***Message from the Vice President: Neil Coggins***  Hello to our OMI family  As we all continue to adjust to some sort of new daily normalcy due to the pandemic, OMI continues to provide the services needed to help our clients get back on their feet and move forward with their lives. We have been BLESSED with 4 new board members to help OMI continue to grow and meet the needs of our community. Your continuing support through PRAYER and donations is greatly appreciated and continues to make a difference in the lives of many. May GOD continue to BLESS, PROTECT and PROVIDE for us all.  ***A Note from the Treasurer: Laura Spivey***  Greetings,  Throughout this pandemic, OMI has applied for COVID related funding from Federal, State and Local sources. We have received funding from the Paycheck Protection Plan to pay staff from April – June and from United Way to cover some COVID related equipment costs.  OMI has an increased need to expand our services due to the pandemic. Those experiencing homelessness are in need of expanded services for shelter and assistance with medical needs, mental health, employment, and locating housing. OMI applied for the DHHS Emergency Services Grant COVID funding that became available in June from the Federal Government. OMI plans to hire six new positions from August 2020 through December 2021 with these funds. OMI was recently awarded $346,531 with a reimbursable grant for additional jobs to expand our services.  In August, we received a Grant from Tyson Foods that will support additional operational and staffing needs to ensure clients are provided with their basic needs. This $2,500 grant will support the case management efforts that help clients establish steady income, initiate a savings plan, and stable housing. Thank you so much Tyson Foods!  **OMI Budget at a Glance**  **JUNE JULY**  ***Monthly Budget Required*** *$11,000* ***Monthly Budget Required*** *$11,000*  Donations received $2,980 Donations received $6,240  Grants received $4,635 Grants received $3,568  **Total $7,615 Total $9,808**  **DONATE NOW @** [**www.sanfordoutreachmission.com**](http://www.sanfordoutreachmission.com)  **Your donation will help us become more financially stable and continue our mission of helping others help themselves. Just $15 per month will keep one person off of the street for one night.**  **Go to the link below to donate or visit our website:** [**www.sanfordoutreachmission.com**](http://www.sanfordoutreachmission.com)  ***Employee Recognition - Tyeshia Roberts, Case Manager – Women’s Shelter***  ***Tyeshia Roberts***. is a New York native, Long Island born and bred. Tyesha followed the path life offered her and ended in North Carolina.  When thinking of a career choice she knew she wanted to be in a field that offered assistance to people. She approached this by beginning with the medical field. After spending six years working in this area and several certifications later, her transition came to work with children.  In retrospect, it appeared the path was being prepared for the position she presently fills for Outreach Mission. Previously, she worked as a program assistant for Family Promise of Lee County. It was then she realized she felt passionate about helping people that were experiencing homelessness.  At present, she is the case manager at the women’s shelter. Tyesha wants you to know that OMI operates low-barrier shelters that provide a safe place for women, children, and men experiencing homelessness can call home. These shelters are a temporary setting that assist their clients in putting their lives back together “one piece at a time”.  Tyesha realizes as a case manager it is imperative for her to help provide a strong support system to guide the women and children she serves into stability. She sees clients arrive at the shelter feeling disappointed, lost, confused, heartbroken, and misplaced. She helps them create a plan by setting goals to assist in overcoming barriers they have faced. She guides women facing homelessness in developing and activating strategies to move them to success.  Tyesha said, “We, at Outreach Mission, want all of our clients to achieve success, become independent, and try to become all they can in their lives.”  Sounds like a busy life for a mother of four doesn’t it? She wishes to say “thank you” for allowing her the opportunity to work to see what God has in store for her. This writer, feels after our interview, Tyesha definitely is called to help those that are in need.  ***Stories You Haven’t Heard Yet***  Jenny, a young single woman, had been in the women’s shelter a few years ago when OMI was high-barrier and open only for the nights and stays were very limited, leaving her no choice but to leave after she had exhausted her time limit. Jenny had not found rehousing, so her aunt kept her for a while. Then Jenny and her mom found a place, only to be evicted due to falling behind in the rent. Jenny’s mom had to go to a nursing home. Jenny’s friend offered to let her stay with him. Unwanted, uninvited sexual advances quickly put her in HAVEN. HAVEN limited her stay to three days. Now where does she go? Her aunt tried to help again by contacting 211 to gain entrance to the women’s shelter again. There was no room, she was told. Her aunt contacted me since she and I had worked together at CCCC for many years and knew I am a board member and hoped I could help. After OMI’s president and I spoke (me actually pleading), Jenny had a lottery bed. Jenny and her aunt worked diligently to find an affordable apartment. After only a couple of weeks as a client of OMI, Jenny now resides in a local apartment complex. She has learned budgeting, cooking, being on her own for the first time ever. Jenny is happier than she has ever been and looks forward to her mom joining her as soon as the COVID restrictions are lifted for the nursing home. M. Johnson  Rezoning Application of Lot  OMI applied to rezone one tract of land in the southeastern corner of S. Third Street and Oakwood Avenue from Residential-Mixed (R-10) and Light Industrial (LI) to the Outreach Mission conditional Zoning District to allow the redevelopment of the site as a homeless shelter and social assistance facility for men, women, women with children, and families.  On Thursday, August 18th at 6:00 pm, OMI representatives attended a Public Hearing at the City Council Meeting to speak in favor of the rezoning and to answer any questions about the future building project.  On September 1st the City Council considered the Planning Board’s recommendations and decision from the Public hearings and voted for the rezoning request.  ***This is a big step forward in our efforts to build a new shelter.*** |
| **Facts About Homelessness…**   * **NCCEH** * **JLHCA** * **NCDHHS** * **NC Center for Non-Profits** * **NCCare360** * **NC Housing Coalition** * **National Coalition to End Homelessness**   **Research each one. What did you find?** | ***NC 211*** NC211  Is this a number to be used in crisis? Absolutely! North Carolina 211 is a starting point for finding help in health and human services resources within the caller’s community. It is an information and referral service that individuals and families can call to obtain free and confidential information. This number operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.Phone lines are staffed by trained and caring professionals. These lines are also multilingual.  NC211 can help the caller find and be referred to the organizations in their local area of need including: food, housing, and utility assistance; health care; counseling; senior services; education and employment assistance; financial education; disaster services, and more. In Lee County particularly, Outreach Mission partners with NC211 to aid a person experiencing homelessness. It is the beginning of a system called Coordinated Entry. This is a win-win situation for those that need help in locating shelter.  211 services are available in most parts of the United States. We in North Carolina have this resource 24/7/365. NC211 is administered by United Way of North Carolina. Also, NC211 in our County is funded by United Way of Lee County.  It is our good fortune to have such a comprehensive resource in this area. For further information, NC211 is available online at [www.nc211.org](http://www.nc211.org)  OMI Social Worker Intern Program  Outreach Mission Inc. began a program to engage local college students who would fulfill an internship requirement for their Masters of Social Worker or Bachelor of Social Worker degrees. Lisa Shearer, social worker with Lee County, and OMI’s Board Member Sam Parker will lead this program. The students would work 32 hours per week for a total of 400 hours under the supervision of Sam Parker and Lisa Shearer. OMI will provide an avenue for real life experiences with homelessness.  OMI has contacted local colleges and is currently working with UNC Pembroke, Methodist University, Fayetteville State University, and UNC Greensboro. FSU & MU have proposed two interns to start during the fall semester. These interns will be training to become case managers. |

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