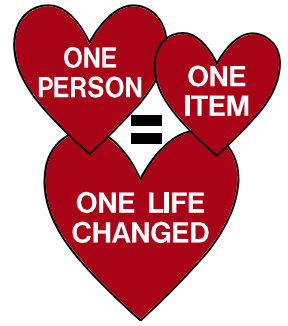




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ONE PERSON, ONE ITEM, = ONE LIFE CHANGED

MISSION STATEMENT: In September of 2018 five groups of Bethany United Methodist Women decided to work together to help women and children in need in our local area. We would select monthly one school pantry or shelter that needed our help. An email would be sent to members with the organization's mission statement and the ten items they needed.

In our area we have three shelters for women: Magdalene House, for women with addiction issues; Hope's House for women who are homeless; Doors to Freedom for teens that were involved in human trafficking. Doors to Freedom is the only facility in South Carolina for this type of treatment. We also supported Pinelands Group Home is for teens at risk.

We found teens were coming to school hungry. Many teens have single moms working one or two jobs without any child support from the father. The Mother has all she can do to pay rent and cover transportation cost for her job. Most of the school pantries need single serving food that the teens can put in backpacks and eat easily during the day and take home at the end of the day. This year we will be filling school pantries at Summerville High School, Ashley Ridge High School, Dubose Middle School and Alston Middle School.

In May we reached out to Dorchester Paws to help abandoned animals.

In March 2019 Del Webb at Nexton was our first community partner to join in the "joy of giving." They plan to continue to participate this year. We would love to have more church members, other churches, and more community partners participate with us or start a similar program. You can participate one or more times. Just select a school or a shelter. Items can easily be delivered to Bethany UMC, Classroom 118 or Nexton Amenities Center or Sue's House in Cresswind. You can be added to our email list by sending your email address to susabelle@live.com.

The more you give, the bigger your heart will grow! It is so easy to make someone happy!

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