



**TENDER  
HEARTS  
MINISTRIES**

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# Heart Murmurs

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## A Note from our Founder

*"And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."      Philippians 4:7*

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."      Galatians 22-23*

At times I am truly amazed to sit back and watch some of the ladies, whether currently in our program or our graduates, who have truly grasped the need for a relationship with the Lord. I have seen them, as new Christians, go through trials and hit obstacles that I can't even imagine, yet they are able to handle it with a grace and a peace that only could be from God. I see their actions and reactions, and I see His grace truly working in and through them.

I was recently reminded by a pastor that God will only extend the grace when it is needed. Our loving Father knows each of us and knows our temperament, as well as our weaknesses,

and when we call upon His name and His grace, He stands ready to meet that grace-need, that we might glorify His name in that moment.

It is a joy to see our ladies grow in the things of the Lord. Daily we see them grow in practical ways, such as learning to properly address conflict with others, or to keep a personal calendar in order to be organized and on time. However, when they experience times of trials it is hard for us to watch them in their difficulties, and we know how we respond to them can make a difference in how they perceive the love of God.

In Scripture we are always encouraged to be kind. We never fully know the extent of the struggle another person is facing. We also never know if it could be by our personal kindness that they may be encouraged to press on to overcome their trial.



At Tender Hearts, we wish to live up to our name. We desire to reach out to others—whether dealing with Outreach, House of Hope, or in the realm of our thrift stores—in kindness, love, and compassion.

Please pray for our staff as we are on that continual, daily journey of seeing others in crisis as they go through the conflicts of life. At the same time, we may also be experiencing heartbreak and weariness in our own lives. It is at these times we need you to pray for us and lift up our hands in the battle to accurately interpret the love of God to those who struggle.

~ Ainslee



# Annual Volunteer Banquet



*Tender Hearts volunteers are our super heroes!*



## “New Beginnings”

It's true. There are friends, and there are *friends*. *Friends* are those who lend a helping hand, cheer you on, and faithfully stand by you. They stay in touch and, at times, catch you by surprise with an unexpected kindness. Tender Hearts Ministries, over the years, has found such a *friend* in “Mr. Paul” Wallace.

This Vietnam War veteran was with Tender Hearts Thrift Store on its first day of operation, making the first purchase from our small store on Madison Street; we also know him to be a faithful customer. The joy of seeing Mr. Paul in his red John 3:16 hat is

that we know we will be entertained, as his goal is to leave us smiling.

A few weeks ago, our office staff got a surprise visit from Mr. Paul bearing three small leopard-print bowls. While doing some cleaning, he had been taken down memory lane as he came across them, and he knew we would like to see them.

What our *friend* actually held was the first sale made at our fledgling Tender Hearts Thrift Store. It was a part of our history, and a particular blessing to our founder and president

*“A friend loveth at all times... Proverbs 17:17*

Ainslee Moss who had rung up the purchase. By God's leading, she had stepped out on faith in creating a ministry dedicated to helping others, and to open a thrift store in order to generate needed funding. Due to a change in state regulations, her dream of a girls' home soon died. However, the Lord opened a door in another area—that of a shelter which would be part of a back-to-work program for single women and mothers with children.

It would take some years and the faithfulness of many *friends* to see the dream happen, but

by God's grace, we've sheltered numerous women and have seen lives changed. Through it all, Mr. Paul has been with us, helping, encouraging, and making us laugh.

Thank you, Mr. Paul, for letting us see Jesus in you—and for being our *friend*.



*Our first cashier and customer with the first items sold at Tender Hearts Thrift Store!*



Yvonne Ansel

Martin Luther once said, “Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved.” Anyone who knows our 2016 Volunteer of the Year, Yvonne Ansel, knows that she serves Tender Hearts in an area where the battle truly rages—the toy area of our York Thrift

## A PASSION FOR VOLUNTEERING

*“Faithfulness is not doing something right once, but doing something right over and over and over and over.” —Joyce Meyer*

Store sorting area. We never lack for toy donations, especially that of stuffed animals. Having volunteered with Tender Hearts for eight years, Yvonne has proven to be a woman of great initiative and loyalty, as she takes toys home, if necessary, to make sure they are clean and in proper repair before they go on the shelves in our York store.

Yvonne says her reason for seeking a volunteer position at our store was that the volunteers seemed to be having fun, and she needed something to keep her

busy after her mother’s passing. She loves her co-workers, and she says her experience has proven to be as much fun as it appeared. She says of her ongoing desire to serve, “This may sound selfish, but every day something happens to make me laugh.”

With her extraordinary number of volunteer hours and her faithfulness to her area of responsibility, Yvonne more than deserves this honor of being our 2016 Volunteer of the Year.

## Thank You

*This quarter’s major contributors*

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| ♥ Westminster PCA                                     | ♥ Paul Wallace                            | ♥ Stephanie Prati                              |
| ♥ Mark and Christine Bechtel                          | ♥ MayDay Project of Lake Wylie/<br>Clover | ♥ York Lions Club                              |
| ♥ Jeremiah 29:11 Fund                                 | ♥ Walgreens                               | ♥ York Comprehensive High School<br>Girl VOICE |
| ♥ La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries                        | ♥ The Holden Family                       |  |
| ♥ Gina Winkler  | ♥ St. James United Methodist<br>Women     |  |
| ♥ First Baptist Church—York                           | ♥ Abiding Presence Lutheran<br>Church     |  |
| ♥ Jeffrey & DeAnn Harris                              | ♥ Mount Vernon United Methodist<br>Church |  |
| ♥ Comporium, Inc.                                     |   |  |
| ♥ Rock Hill Ministers’ Wives<br>and Ministers’ Widows |   |  |
| ♥ Larry and Judy Canterbury                           |   |  |

*“Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.”*



—John Wesley

## Want to Volunteer?

*“When action meets compassion, lives change.” —Dave Ramsey*

Volunteers are the life blood of this ministry! Thank you ALL for ALL you do! If you’re feeling the Lord is calling you to volunteer, there are many ways in which we could use your help!

**The York Thrift Store is in need of regular volunteers in the store.**

(803-684-3132)

**The Rock Hill Thrift Store is in need of regular volunteers in the store.**

(803-366-4673)

If you or someone you know is interested in lending a helping hand, please contact the office at (803) 684-3131 or

contact Natasha at  
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## Tender Hearts Ministries

### York Thrift Store

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**"Keeping a tender heart toward those  
in need."**

Tender Hearts Ministries is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and includes two thrift stores, community outreach events, and a shelter for homeless women and their children. Tender Hearts Ministries exists so that those in need may receive food, clothing, shelter, and access to local human service agencies, educational opportunities, and compassion. Our purpose is to provide individuals and families of the community with needed temporary assistance with food and clothing; to provide women and children in crisis situations with food, clothing, and temporary shelter, as well as biblical counseling, and financial and job training. We're also here to provide, through donations and volunteer operation, thrift stores in which persons of all economic standards in our community can shop.

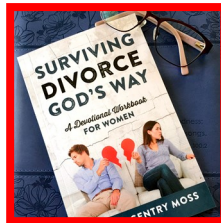


## Stewardship Opportunities: Donate with no extra cost while shopping online!

We are now a part of the **AmazonSmile Program**! When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to Tender Hearts. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/41-2174567> and support us every time you shop.

If you shop online, consider shopping through the [shop.com/tenderhearts](http://shop.com/tenderhearts) portal, and our ministry will receive a percentage of each purchase you make. Percentages, some very generous, vary with each purchase.

As a help for those going through the heartache and upheavals of divorce, we highly recommend this easy-to-read devotional workbook filled with basic wisdom from the Scriptures. Authored by Tender Hearts founder and president Ainslee Gentry Moss, *Surviving Divorce God's Way* is available from Amazon.com for \$14.95, but signed copies can be obtained at our thrift stores for \$10. When purchased at our thrift stores, 100% of the proceeds go to support our House of Hope program.



## New Donations Drop Off Policy

Sadly, we live in a fallen world, and our donations box at our Rock Hill store has had to be removed due to theft and vandalism occurring overnight. To insure that your donations are not stolen or destroyed, we are asking that donations be dropped off at both stores during store hours.

We truly regret any inconvenience this may cause.

## Tender Hearts Wish List



**We Have moved!!!**

### House of Hope

- ~ Employment in York for ladies
- ~ White Towel Sets
- ~ Twin Bed Pillows
- ~ Twin Mattress Covers
- ~ Donation of vehicles so ladies can have transportation to their jobs

### Thrift Stores

- ~ Furniture
- ~ Appliances

### New Location:

**425 Blessed Hope Road**

**Look for our sign!**

### Food Pantry

- ~ Canned Veggies
- ~ Canned Meats
- ~ Canned Fruits
- ~ Paper Towels/ Toilet Paper
- ~ Packages of Pasta or Rice products
- ~ Canned Spaghetti Sauce or Gravy