



**TENDER
HEARTS
MINISTRIES**

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A Note from our Founder

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God"
Philippians 4:6

"I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."
Psalms 34:1

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil."
Proverbs 3:5-7

Christmas Day 2009 began of a whirlwind of trials in my life which would illuminate the depths of God's great grace and mercy. That day I was rushed to the hospital and immediately told I had 20 minutes to talk to my sons and my dad before being whisked away to a surgery the doctors were not certain I would survive. I had a ruptured abdominal abscess which had slowly poisoned my body for years. A team of 4 surgeons worked to help me as much as they could, but the rest was up to the Lord. After that surgery, I woke up 3 days later very weak and very sick, but God had spared me.

Over the course of the next 2 years, I underwent a total of 5 abdominal surgeries and had to wear a colostomy bag

for 6 months. It was truly the worst physical pain and mental anguish I had ever known. December 2011 brought the final surgery and reversal of my colostomy. The doctors called me their "miracle patient," but warned me that my future probably held some reconstructive surgery.

Well, 5 years have passed and I've felt great—until recently. After a visit with my doctor and a CT scan, it was discovered that the 2 large mesh pieces in the areas of the reversals have broken. This is not something I can continue to live with, and it must be fixed. In January of 2018, I will undergo high-risk, double major reconstructive surgeries of my abdominal area.

You may wonder why I'm "going public" with such information. Well, it's quite simple. **I believe in the power of prayer!** Prayer not only for myself, my family, and the doctors and nurses, but also for the Tender Hearts staff as they carry on the ministry in my absence. Cyndee, general manager of our stores, and Dawn, operations manager, will need your prayers as they share my duties and confer with me daily. Other staff will



Cyndee, Ainslee, and Dawn

also carry on their daily routines and assist Cyndee and Dawn as they can. Pray for our Board members as they will continue to oversee the ministry.

The above Scriptures are the ones I focused on from 2009-2011 and have seen me through some very dark days. Once again I read those Scriptures, knowing I must rejoice in this trial and trust in the Lord. Though I don't know what my future holds, I mustn't worry because I do know who holds my future! **Please join our Tender Hearts family in prayer over this pressing, urgent matter.**

~ Ainslee

The Greeks had a race in their Olympic games that was unique. The winner was not the runner who finished first. It was the runner who finished with his torch still lit. I want to run all the way with the flame of my torch still lit.
Him.

—Joe Stowell



Ministry Highlights

Back-to-School Tools needed!

Tender Hearts Outreach needs your help in collecting these items for children in need in our community.

Book Bags Composition Books

Glue Sticks Folders

3-Ring Binders Notebook Paper

Crayons Colored Pencils Markers

#2 Pencils Pens: Blue or Black Ink



Back-to-School Tools will be given out at
National Night Out on August 4, 2017
5:00 PM-9:00 PM
at the York Recreation Complex.

You must pre-register for them at our
Community Outreach Extension On
Tuesdays and Thursdays 10-12 & 2-4.
Registration lasts until August 1st.
Questions? Call 803-684-9404



Be sure to like our Tender Hearts

Thrift Stores page on Facebook!



STAFF LUAU AT AINSLEE'S (FUN!!!)

"New Beginnings"

Thursday afternoons are a treasured time in the Tender Hearts Administrative Office. It's the time we flow from lunch chatter into our weekly staff meeting. If you were to listen in on the business of the day, you would hear the opening prayer offered each week by a different staff member. Inevitably, one thing you would hear in that prayer is thanks to God for the incredible privilege of serving Him and others in this ministry. We are blessed with a blend of ladies, each using her skills, gifts, and talents to keep the ministry going forward, striving to do God's will in ways that please Him.

As you can imagine, our office is a busy one, as needs abound in our community, as well as with the activity of our shelter ministry. In answering the phone, we never know the need that we will find beyond that of shelter, food, or clothing. Long-time staff member Judy loves to share the story of the homeless man living in his truck who needed specific medical supplies—very costly ones. Earlier in the day, Ainslee had reported how she had cleared away her extra medical supplies, but, just in case the need arose, she had kept some of her colostomy supplies. Judy was thrilled to be able to call the man back to

tell him she had found exactly what he needed! In her words, "When he came in, we had church!"

Though needs vary, there is one encompassing need in the lives of every man or woman who calls, and that

is the need for a Savior from the sins and woes of Adam's race. Yes, we consider it a bonus and a blessing in our day when we can share the loving message of the Gospel.

We thank God for a staff with hearts to love and serve!



Staff Fellowship Lunch for (left to right): Karen (Bookkeeper), Cyndee (General Manager for Stores), Natasha (Events/ Outreach Coordinator), Ainslee (Director), Jenna (Shelter Manager), Dawn (Operations Manager), and Judy (Public Relations)



Danielle Maurer

Often we hear from our volunteers that in trying to help others by volunteering at Tender Hearts Thrift Stores, they have been blessed themselves. According to our honored volunteer Danielle Maurer, that is just her experience. Danielle became part of our volunteer force by simply walking in

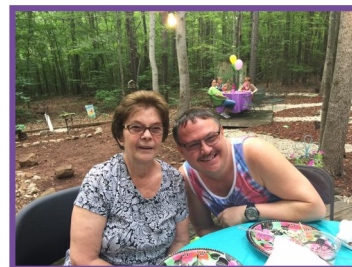
A PASSION FOR VOLUNTEERING

"Faithfulness is not doing something right once, but doing something right over and over and over and over." —Joyce Meyer

and asking if we could use her help. Needless to say we were overjoyed, and we keep her busy three days a week in our Rock Hill store. She assists with pricing, displaying items, and helps keep our clothing and shoe areas in order. Her supervisor praises her willingness to do whatever is asked of her—even the seemingly unnecessary.

What are the benefits of her contribution of time and energy? "I meet a lot of nice people here, and it helps me get through the rough times. I like it here."

Thank you, Danielle, for your dedication.



We are saddened to say good-bye to two faithful volunteers who have served Tender Hearts since its inception. Sandy and Jim Bauwin will be missed from the register at our York store, service on our Board of Directors, and our Newsletter Team. Thank you, Bauwins, and blessings on your move!

Thank You

This quarter's major contributors

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| ♥ Westminster PCA | ♥ Paul Wallace | ♥ Thomas Remmey |
| ♥ Sallie Enloe Circle /Clover ARP | ♥ MayDay Project of Lake Wylie/ Clover | ♥ Kings Mountain Chapel Methodist Men |
| ♥ Clover ARP | ♥ Katy Darnell Circle/Newkirk Baptist Church | ♥ Women of Divine Saviour/Divine Saviour Church |
| ♥ La-Z-Boy Furniture Galleries | ♥ Yorkville Pharmacy | |
| ♥ First UMC Clover | ♥ St. James United Methodist Women | |
| ♥ First Baptist Church—York | ♥ Abiding Presence Lutheran Church | |
| ♥ Jeffrey & DeAnn Harris | ♥ TE Connectivity | |
| ♥ York District Food Service | ♥ Newcomers Club of York County | |
| ♥ United Methodist Women of Wesley/Wesley UMC | | |

*"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?

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." —Helen Keller

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 events@tenderheartsinyork.org

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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.

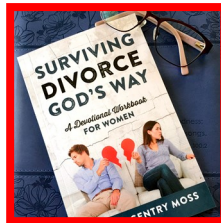


Stewardship Opportunities: Donate with no extra cost while shopping online!

*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 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. Store Hours: Monday-Friday 10 AM-5 PM Saturday 10 AM-3 PM

We truly regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Tender Hearts Wish List



We Have moved! (Look for our sign!)

Thrift Stores

- ~ Furniture
- ~ Appliances

New Outreach

Location:

**425 Blessed Hope
Road**

Food Pantry

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

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