

The PUTNAM HEARTBEAT

Heart of Putnam
Christian Service Center
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OUR MISSION...

to meet the critical needs of people in crisis. We do so by joining with donors, churches, and community leaders to respond through donations of money, time, and goods. This gives us the resources to make a difference in people's lives at times when a helping hand can transform their life experience.

OUR VISION... to achieve & maintain a commitment to accurately access the needs of those in crisis. We provide inspiration, critical support, and guidance to address the effects of unemployment, poverty and homelessness for our clients.

For more information, please contact our office at 2600 Peters Street, Palatka or 386-328-0984.

WE'RE ON AMAZON SMILE...

AmazonSmile is part of Amazon.com and, when you select the Palatka Christian Service Center as your charity, 0.5% of your eligible purchase total will be donated to the Service Center!

There's no cost to you for participating, only the benefit of helping make a difference in the lives of others. For info, visit Smile.Amazon.com, and Thank You for your support!

HURRICANE EFFORTS... Many organizations throughout Putnam County threw their arms open to assist residents and visitors before, during, and after Hurricane Irma. PCSC was one of the many helping clients at our office, in local shelters, and beyond providing food rations, bottled water, clothing, personal hygiene products, and more.



We extend a big 'Thank You' to all of the Volunteers, Emergency Services personnel, Utility Workers, Tree Service Companies, and all those who extended a helping hand to a friend or neighbor, to help those in need. Thank you all for your caring, compassion and patience throughout this ordeal. **It is during times like these that God's love shines brightest.**

1st ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF TREES... the Christian Service Center proudly announces our 1st Annual "Festival of Trees" Fundraiser, which will be held from November 25th to December 9th at Beck Chevrolet-Buick-GMC on Hwy 17 in Palatka. Our event host, Beck Auto Group, will open their doors to the beauty and festive sounds of the season! People of all ages will stroll through the beautiful display of Christmas Trees, sponsored and creatively decorated by local businesses & members of our community!

Twinkling lights, glistening ornaments, ribbons, and special gifts will fill the Beck showroom to create excitement as attendees can purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win a tree! Tasty holiday refreshments and Christmas music add to the fun! **Please come out and Join in the festivities**, which help support the programs and services provided at the Heart of Putnam Christian Service Center. For more information, sponsor registration forms and/or to get involved in this wonderful event, please contact our office. We look forward to seeing you there and thank you, in advance, for your continued support of our mission!



HOLIDAY BASKETS...

The Center is now accepting donations of non-perishable food items for inclusion in food baskets to be distributed to needy persons and families this Holiday Season. Please call us to coordinate a time for drop-off.

HURRICANE ASSISTANCE

Putnam County Disaster Registration... If you have damage from Hurricane Irma and have not yet registered with FEMA, you can apply at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or call [800-621-3362](tel:800-621-3362) or you can visit the Disaster Recovery Center at the Putnam County Fairgrounds, 118 Fairgrounds Rd, East Palatka. Putnam County and FEMA have also made arrangements & FEMA Reps now have a table set up near the exit doors at Lowes in Palatka, at 500 Hwy 19 North, Palatka and are available to assist with your registration, answer questions and/or review your existing case.

PLEASE NOTE: FEMA registrations will be ending the beginning of November.

2018 PLEDGE FORMS – KEEP HOPE ALIVE WITH FIVE...

The New Year is rapidly approaching and PCSC is preparing our 2018 budget and so, we ask that you consider making a pledge for the coming year. **Every dollar counts toward helping people within our community.** Won't you Join the Stewards of God and help Putnam be the come-back County! All we're asking is for your commitment to give \$5 (or more) a month. Pledge forms are available at our office. To make it a routine, you can use your online banking to set up "bill pay" and the bank will automatically send your donation to us for you each month. We also have donation buttons on our website and on our Facebook page (facebook.com/pcsc820). Please help make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

We are actively seeking volunteers to answer telephones (from 2pm to 5pm Monday through Friday), and to assist with client registration/intake and info processing/data entry (Monday through Friday from 9am to 2pm). If you or someone you know are interested in assisting, please contact our office to obtain an application.

ALSO – Watch for the Putnam County Volunteers Fair coming soon!!

THRIFT STORE UNDER NEW MGMT...

The Service Centers' Thrift Store is under new management, organized and looking better than ever! We're open each Saturday (9am-3pm at 2600 Peters Street, Palatka) and plan to expand our hours in the near future. Be sure to stop in and see what's new, as our merchandise changes regularly. Donations are also gratefully accepted of gently used clothing, furniture, appliances, household items, toys, games & more. Please stop at the Store or call us for further details.

VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE...

We are pleased to announce that our newly redesigned website will be up shortly. It will contain information on the various services offered at the Center and links to our partner organizations, as well as information on the many ways that you can get involved. Please visit HeartOfPutnam.com and check it out!

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL... we're setting up an email distribution list and ask that you send your email address to us for inclusion (please send to Karen@HeartOfPutnam.com). This will be a great help to us in minimizing our future postage costs. Thank you in advance!
PLEASE NOTE: Your email address will not be sold or used for any purpose other than correspondence from the Heart of Putnam Service Center. Please contact us for more info.



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LIVING IN THE LIGHT... *(from Our Daily Bread)* It was a dark morning. Low, steel-colored clouds filled the sky, and the atmosphere was so dim that I needed to turn on the lights in order to read a book. I had just settled in when the room suddenly filled with light. I looked up and saw that the wind was pushing the clouds to the east, clearing the sky and revealing the sun.

As I went to the window to get a better look at the drama, a thought came to mind: "The darkness is passing and the true light is already shining" (1 John 2:8). The apostle John wrote these words to believers as a message of encouragement. He went on to say, "Anyone who loves their brother and sister lives in the light, and there is nothing in them to make them stumble" (1 John 2:10). By contrast, he equated hating people with roaming around in darkness. Hatred is disorienting; it takes away our sense of moral direction.

Loving people is not always easy. Yet, I was reminded as I looked out the window that frustration, forgiveness, and faithfulness are all part of maintaining a deep connection with the love and light of God. When we choose love instead of hate, we are showing our relationship with Him and reflecting His radiance to the world around us. "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5).

Choosing to love People well, shows the world what God is like.