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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Empathy in Motion

A walk in different shoes

THE SOUNDS of the self-checkout registers *beep* through the entire store. The short lines of people with baskets and carts move across the reflective tile like a conveyor belt and out the door. *Uh, oh.* A man at the checkout stood frozen. The total amount due on the screen was higher than he knew was on his card. He had to decide what to put back: something he needed or something for his grandkid. His hand hovered over the items, trying to decide quickly so the people behind didn't notice. Luckily, the woman behind him *did* notice. Before he could speak, the woman behind him quietly passed him a few dollars. No hesitation, no grand speech — just a simple nod and a kind smile that said, "I've been there too."

Moments like this don't make headlines, but they are what makes a strong community. Empathy isn't just about understanding someone's struggle — it's about moving toward them. It's choosing to help, even in small ways. It's listening when it would be easier to roll your eyes, huff, and walk away.

Empathy in motion is the teacher who stays after school to help a struggling student. The small business owner who donates meals after a storm. The neighbor who checks in just to say, "How are you doing?" These aren't grand gestures, but they are the moments that build something lasting — connection, trust, and the kind of community where people show up for each other.

That's what this issue is about: people who don't just talk about kindness but live it. Their stories remind us that empathy is not passive — it's an action, a decision, and a way of life.

And in a world that often feels divided, empathy is what keeps us together. It reminds us that our stories are connected, that we belong to each other, and that none of us are truly alone.

As you turn these pages, may you be inspired to move — to listen, to step forward, to choose compassion. Because when we walk in each other's shoes, we walk forward together. And that is what makes a community. **GN**

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JOHNNY HORTON:

FROM SERVING HIS COUNTRY TO SERVING ITS CITIZENS

Johnny Horton leads Bowling Green's
Salvation Army in service.

By Sara Hook // Photography by Amanda Guy

FOR EIGHT years, Johnny Horton served his country in the Marine Corps, and for 20, he has served the citizens of his country as a member of the Salvation Army. His work has taken him to Atlanta, Chattanooga, and Paducah, Kentucky, but he has served right here in Bowling Green for the past three years.

Horton is not just a Salvation Army soldier but also a captain and part of Salvation Army Bowling Green's leadership. It isn't an easy position to get, as officer

candidates must go through an intensive two-year training course before being commissioned as lieutenants, ordained as ministers, and assigned to active duty while continuing to advance their education. Promotion to the rank of captain takes even more education, service, and responsibility.

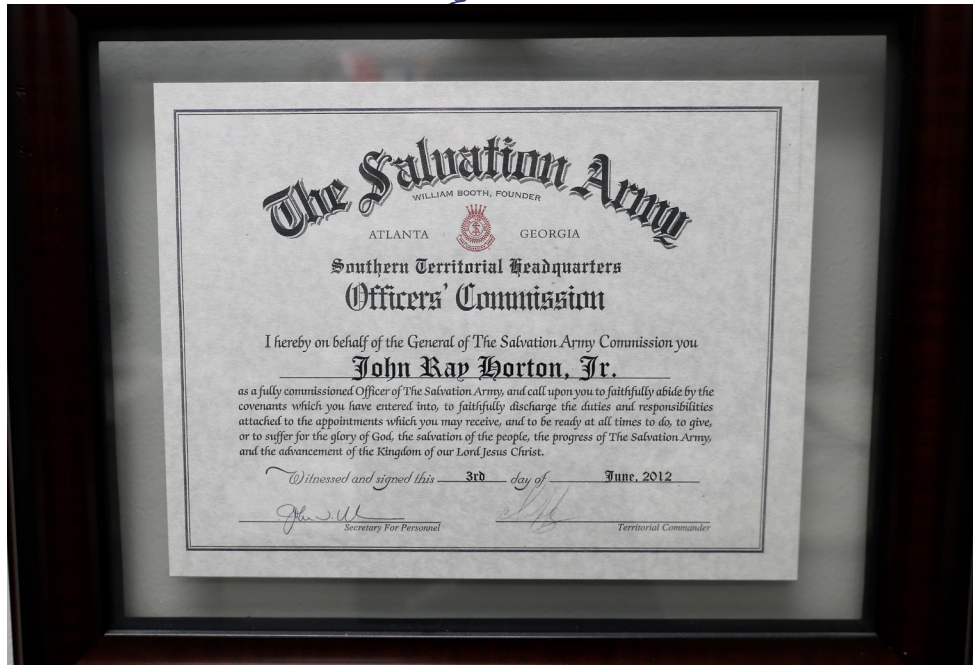
Horton and his wife, Monica, were ordained and commissioned together after his service in the military, and now they work together daily as captains in the Salvation Army. It's a unique situation, Johnny said, and it works out well as

they honor each other's space and respect each other's work.

While in Bowling Green, Johnny said he has been most involved with the Salvation Army's homeless ministry. Parts of that ministry include the Center of Hope, a 77-bed shelter, as well as a soup kitchen and a food pantry. All those aspects allow Johnny to serve, which he feels is God's calling. His time in the military and his work with the Salvation Army are a part of that calling.



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“To help people up and give them a helping hand — that’s what the Salvation Army does,” Johnny said. “That’s why it’s important for us.”

While the Hortons have continued those good works, they have also made some big changes in how service groups reach citizens who are in need.

Just this past August, the Salvation Army opened the Life Navigation Collaborative Center in partnership with LifeSkills, Hotel Inc., Room In The Inn, and Goodwill Industries. It is housed in a renovated Salvation Army building and is a single location for those seeking help to get the services they need. Johnny said his biggest goal right now is to keep that center running and to make it as useful and impactful to the citizens of Warren County as possible.

“That’s the vision right now,” Johnny said. “That’s something that’s been a vision of ours since we moved here.”

Each quarter, the Salvation Army puts on a “Lunch and Learn” for everyone who is interested in the organization. Johnny said that is the best way to figure out how to help.

“I would just ask that if anyone wants to learn more about it and what goes on and how far our reach is if they would just call and ask when the next available ‘Lunch and Learn’ is, and we can set them up,” Johnny said.

The community has already been very responsive to the Salvation Army’s work — Johnny said he and his wife have been honored and privileged to work with the Bowling Green community these last few years.

“[We] just really appreciate the [love] and support this community [has shown] the Salvation Army and the support they continue to give,” Johnny said.

The Hortons’ work has similarly supported the Bowling Green community, but the example they give of a life of service is possibly even more valuable. After all, there’s no telling what a community in service can accomplish. **GN**

Find the Salvation Army Bowling Green at 401 W. Main Ave., online at southernusa.salvationarmy.org/BowlingGreen, or call (270) 843-3485 for more information.



Debbie Harwood, Carolyn Glass, Kathy Fugate,
Susan Homberg, and Krista Graves

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Empowering People



The Empowerment Group helps those falling through the cracks through volunteering and workshops.

By Gabriel Grant Huff // Photography by Adin Parks

W IDOWS, WIVES, veterans, and people with disabilities gather every month to help those falling between the cracks. During these educational workshops at the Bowling Green Library behind Greenwood High School, people discover the means to obtain a home. Others become equipped to navigate the legal system. More learn about weather dangers and scam warnings.

Through this group, food fills hungry stomachs, toys entertain children, and blankets warm shivering bodies roaming the streets.

They call themselves The Empowerment Group Making A Difference. Debbie Harwood works as a leader, though she views herself more as a servant.

The Kentucky native grew up outside Bowling Green in Alvaton as a farm girl and one of eight children. Her parents instilled in her a hard work ethic every day. Growing up with family members, neighbors, and friends who served implanted the importance of recognizing and honoring veterans within her.

Harwood also witnessed the life of service through her parents, seeing neighbors, friends, and strangers reap benefits.

“My mother was a role model and someone in the community that was always giving. She would help neighbors [with] food [and] take them to the grocery,” Harwood said. “She set the example of kindness and giving back to others.”





▲ Empowerment Group members Debbie Harwood and Carolyn Glass give veteran Jason Engleman a handmade gift from the Empowerment Group in the Charter Senior Living Community.

With the right background, skills, and desire, Harwood aimed to characterize her life through service. She assisted others alongside her husband, a disabled veteran, celebrating 50 years of marriage together in 2025. Carolyn Kates Glass also became a key partner in reaching her goals as the two coordinated efforts with agencies to provide information and resources.

In 2023, Glass suggested starting an organization to empower vulnerable people often forgotten by communities.

That March, they began The Empowerment Group.

Developing the organization with Glass enhanced the ability to reach the community through providing workshops, resources, services, and collaborations with community partners.

Professionals, retirees, widows, veterans, wives of veterans, and others now gather together to obtain information and resources to enhance their well-being and to enrich the lives of those in need. Participants learn about home ownership, paperwork to obtain benefits, weather, services, and more.

They collaborate with others to distribute food to those in need, toys to children, and essentials to the unhoused.

“I always had a great desire to give back to our community. I had wonderful opportunities in my career to learn things and had the resources and information to share with others,” Harwood said.

Mothers without transportation receive food for their children.

One homeless man found a home.

Members delivered food daily to a terminally ill veteran until his death.

Help came to a grandmother facing the challenge of caring for her grandchildren after her daughter died homeless. Still dealing with such a traumatic event, the grandmother struggled to give the children the Christmas she wanted them to experience, so The Empowerment Group donated to make that Christmas more possible.

In other words, they empower people to take control of their lives.

“We look at what topics are needed in our community. We also look at projects that are needed in our community, like collecting warm items for The Warming Tree, giving things to Room In The Inn, and collecting toys for Toys for Tots,” Harwood explained.

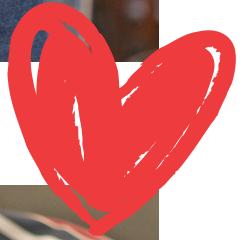


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- Debbie Harwood



▲ Empowerment Group member Carolyn Glass gives Joe Harlan, a senior veteran, a handmade gift made by the Empowerment Group at the Charter Senior Living Community.



Harwood’s group meets at public places — such as the Bob Kirby Branch Library — once and sometimes twice a month. They also offer the community annual veteran lunches, resource fairs, and mental health events.

“We look within the community,” Harwood said. “People will reach out to us and say, ‘I’d like to come to one of your meetings,’ especially if it’s a subject that is of interest to them. That’s one of the magical things about The Empowerment Group: You get to pick and choose what you want to be involved in.”

Sometimes, members only need to offer simple acts of kindness, fellowship, or purpose, an elusive but essential ingredient to a fulfilled life. These acts can be passing out Christmas cards to the lonely at nursing homes. Even donations go a long way.

In any way possible, Harwood welcomes everyone to join the mission of empowerment.

Those wishing to get involved with The Empowerment Group Making A Difference to change lives can visit the group’s Facebook page, where activities are regularly posted. GN



▲ W.D. Anderson’s hand-drawn valentine’s card sits in his shirt pocket as he talks with Debbie Harwood of the Empowerment Group.

FROM BIG SKY TO BLUEGRASS: MONTANA GRILLE'S BOLD JOURNEY

Bringing Big Sky flavor to Bowling Green

FROM THE moment you enter Montana Grille, you know you're in for a memorable evening. The restaurant exudes warmth and charm, from its hand-hewn log walls to the crackling stone wood-burning fireplaces. Cast iron and copper accents gleam throughout the space, adding a rustic elegance to the dining area. Guests can watch the magic unfold in the open kitchen, where the rotisserie and cooking stations bring the heart of the restaurant to life. A full bar serves a wide-ranging variety of cocktails, beer, and wine. For an appetizer, we enjoyed a Tillamook cheese ball — a rich, creamy blend of Oregon sharp cheddar and five-pepper relish infused with fresh spices and rice wine vinegar — served with a towering stack of warm tortilla chips, loaded with double cheese. The iceberg wedge was topped with cubed bacon, tomatoes, blue cheese, and a creamy sherry mustard dressing with just enough tangy and slightly sweet flavors to elevate this above a typical steakhouse salad.

For entrees, the chicken Alfredo had a rich, creamy Alfredo sauce with tender chunks of chicken, Parmesan cheese, and a blend of flavorful spices. If you're a fan of this filling and indulgent pasta dish, this is the place to get it. A wagyu strip steak, garnished with fresh, well-seasoned broccoli, came with a choice of one accompaniment. We selected the loaded baked potato,





which was piled high with butter, sour cream, cheese, and bacon — so much so that it made the dinner plate difficult to lift. This was one giant, delicious potato!

Montana Grille also offers a wide selection of burgers, sandwiches, seafood, and a kid's menu, including noodles with cheese sauce and chicken fingers — dishes sure to please even the pickiest toddler.

Montana Grille is a beautiful rustic restaurant, perfect for romantic celebrations or business lunches. It's one of the best dining spots in Bowling Green. **GN**

GOOD NEWS IS COMING TO DINNER!

We will feature a local food critic's thoughts as they dine in Bowling Green. This month Eve Vawter visited Montana Grille.

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Welcome the *seasons* for celebrating

March opens our doors to renewal, warmth, and a spirit of togetherness.

AS WE step into March, the anticipation of spring fills the air, bringing with it a sense of renewal and warmth. This is a season for celebrating with family, whether it's through hearty meals or sweet indulgences during Easter gatherings. Each recipe in this collection reflects the spirit of togetherness and comfort that defines this time of year, inviting you to create lasting memories around the table. **GN**

Spicy Deviled Eggs

Submitted by Betty Ingram

12 eggs, hard boiled, shells removed, sliced lengthwise
1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix
1/2 t. cayenne pepper
2 T. sweet pickle relish
1/4 c. mayonnaise
1/4 c. ranch dressing, pourable
1 t. yellow mustard
paprika, for dusting



Carefully scoop egg yolks into a bowl; mash with fork until they have a grainy consistency. Stir in ranch salad dressing mix, cayenne pepper, and pickle relish; mix well. Add mayonnaise, ranch dressing, and yellow mustard. Place mixture into a pastry bag. Pipe yolk mixture into egg white halves. Dust the tops with paprika. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Submit your recipes to be included in Good News Magazine and the Exchange Cookbook: www.southernaprons.com

Glazed Ham

Submitted by Rebecca Durham

1 ham, 6-7 lbs.

1 c. brown sugar

1 can orange juice concentrate

Place ham in a baking pan, fat side up. Combine the sugar and juice in a small mixing bowl. Pour half the juice mixture over the ham. Cover loosely with foil. Bake at 325° for 30 minutes per pound. About 30 minutes before ham is done, remove it from the oven. Score the fat and spoon mixture over the ham. Return it to the oven. Bake 30 minutes, uncovered at 400°.

Ham & Cheese Quiche

Submitted by Peggy Dunivan

2 c. sharp cheddar cheese, shredded

1 cup ham, chopped

1/4 c. onion, finely chopped

2 eggs, beaten

1/2 c. mayonnaise

1 c. milk

1 deep dish pie crust, 9", uncooked

Preheat oven to 375°. In a large bowl, combine cheese, ham, onion, eggs, mayonnaise, and milk. Pour into pie crust and bake for 45 minutes or until golden brown.

Sweet Milk Dinner Rolls

Submitted by Linda Womack

1 pkg. dry yeast, active, 1/4 oz.

2 c. warm milk

1/2 c. sugar

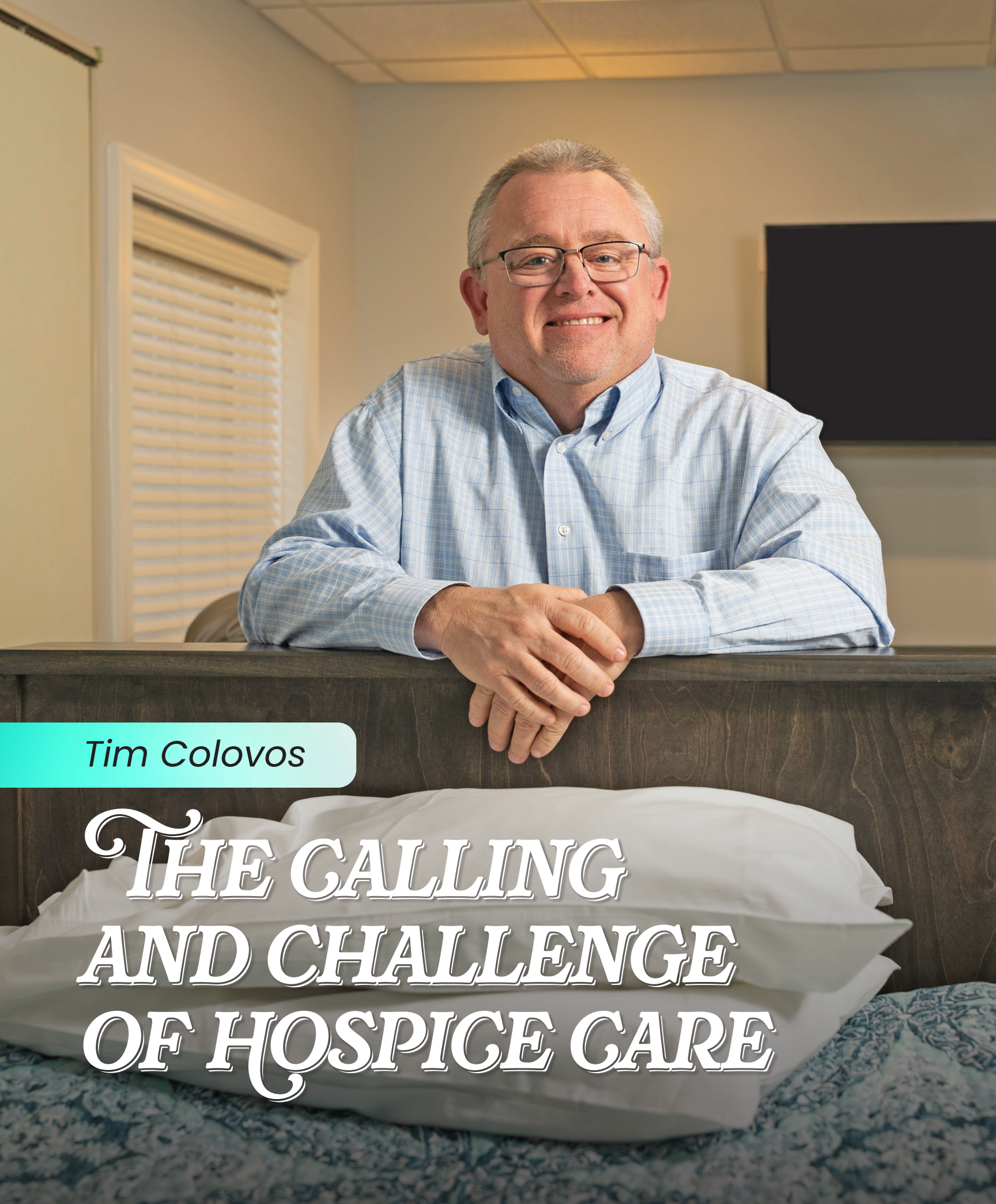
2 T. butter, melted

1 t. salt

4 to 5 c. AP flour


In a large mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in warm milk. Add sugar, butter, salt, and 3 cups flour; beat until smooth. Add enough remaining flour to form a soft dough. Turn onto a floured surface, knead until smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise in a warm place until doubled, about 1 hour. Punch dough down. Turn onto a floured surface, dividing dough into 16 pieces. Shape into a ball. Place 2 inches apart on greased baking sheets. Cover and let rise until dough is doubled, about 30 minutes. Bake at 350° for 35-40 minutes or until golden brown.





Tim Colovos

*THE CALLING
AND CHALLENGE
OF HOSPICE CARE*



TIM COLOVOS BRINGS STRENGTH AND COMFORT TO HOSPICE OF SOUTHERN KENTUCKY.

BY RICHARD J. KLIN // PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADIN PARKS

HOSPICE OF Southern Kentucky (HSK) has been in Bowling Green for around 45 years and has grown steadily to the point where it has served thousands of people. It has received strong recognition as one of the top hospices in the United States.

Chaplain Tim Colovos serves as the spiritual outreach liaison at HSK. It is an understated job title that doesn't convey how complex his role really is. Colovos functions as a spiritual counselor, dispenser of knowledge and comfort, and has a wide-ranging influence on entire families.

Colovos has been serving churches in the Bowling Green area since 1989. His initiation into the world of grief counseling came about because of a random, brutal act. In 1992, Colovos, then a youth pastor, was informed that a student's father had been murdered in a random shooting. With the wife in shock, Colovos was the one who broke the horrifying news to this man's two children. "That propelled me," he recounted, "into this traumatic scene. I just feel when people are at their worst is when I need to be at my best."

Hospice care is a complicated melding. The doctors and nurses are a key part of care, and all patients have access to them, as well as access to

an aide, a social worker, and Colovos's service as chaplain. "A lot of times," he explained, "I play the role of liaison between the family and the church or community of faith."

Colovos, of course, devotes pastoral care to the patient, but the patient often is not capable of conversing. And because hospice stays can last many months, there are lots of opportunities to meet with the families. "I get to know them, and they get to know me. And this is also the bittersweet part of my job. I fall in love with these families."

Colovos must also be prepared to deal with the delicacy of family interactions. He takes



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- Tim Colovos

pains to emphasize that everyone grieves differently. There are times when siblings are on opposite pages — one sibling might be good with the care the parent is getting, and the other sibling might not be good with it. His job is emphatically not to play police officer but to emphasize what hospice care offers. “Sometimes I can see there’s maybe some discord in the family. I try to help put that together. That’s a benefit of being connected to hospice: We have such a good reputation in our community and surrounding communities that we serve. The interchange with the families is the beauty of it.”

Some patients, sadly, are without a family for a variety of reasons. For these cases, HSK will utilize the services of the 11th-hour volunteers, which is for people with 24 hours to live. Volunteers will sit with that patient for those last 24 hours so they don’t pass away alone.

Hospice care does not end when the patient passes away. Colovos takes part in many of the funerals. HSK has a bereavement coordinator whose team stays in touch with the family for

the first year. Colovos said firsts are always difficult — the first birthday or the first holiday. During those times, the bereavement team will contact the family to say, “We’re with you. We want to encourage you.” HSK also offers grief classes.

Two key phrases in HSK’s mission statement are “excellent service” and “compassionate care.” That is a complicated mandate and one that HSK obviously performs amazingly well. Colovos has been with hospice since 2023, and in that time, they have seen over 1,000 deaths.

Colovos’ role — and hospice work in general — is difficult. He is not always able to shut it off at the end of the day and not take the work home. “I believe it is a calling,” he said. “That doesn’t mean that I am more superior than anyone else. It’s a calling that I believe is from the Lord and my faith. I am glad that I have been given the opportunity to do this.” Hospice offers to mend hearts back together. It’s something beautiful to see. **GN**



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Darby Meredith

SPREADING CHRISTMAS JOY

TOYS FOR TOTS PROVIDES GIFTS ACROSS SOUTH CENTRAL KENTUCKY.

BY AMANDA E. WEST // PHOTOGRAPHY BY AMANDA GUY

ON CHRISTMAS morning, sirens trilled, and horns blared as a host of flaming red fire and rescue trucks whirled into the Bowling Green Housing Authority, with an entourage of vehicles following behind. Instead of the traditional method for delivering Christmas presents — Santa’s sleigh guided by Rudolph — dozens of firefighters from the Bowling Green Fire Department, along with volunteers from the Marine Corps League, as well as volunteers from across South Central Kentucky, gave “the big guy” a little extra help.

When Marine Corps Veteran Don Butler stepped out of the all-terrain vehicle as “Santa,” representing the South Central Toys for Tots organization, he donned a pair of bright red pants, a matching sweater, and a red baseball cap bearing the Marine Corps emblem. Butler’s telltale snow-white beard, wire-rimmed glasses, and festive Christmas shirt delighted hundreds of families across the housing complex who dashed to their windows and outside onto their sidewalks. Volunteers and members of the U.S. Marine Corps went door to door, handing out toys, books, and bicycles.

Darby Meredith pressed the siren one last time before climbing down from the seat in the firetruck. As the delightful scene unfolded before

her, pride at what she and a team of volunteers had accomplished surged in Darby’s chest. She and her parents, Chris and Kelly Meredith, had volunteered with the Toys for Tots program since she was in the second grade. This year, the program chose Darby, now a freshman at Greenwood High School, as one of only 42 youth ambassadors. Countless hours of shopping, sorting donated items, matching the names and ages to the correct gift bags, loading the truck, and sharing the Toys for Tots program over the past year finally came together to create the perfect day for Darby and hundreds of families.



As a family, our goal is to remain as involved as possible in this wonderful program.

– Kelly Meredith



Though Darby is actively involved in the a cappella choir, National FFA Organization, Young Life, and is a member of the Greenwood Lady Gator golf team, she somehow found time to raise awareness for Toys for Tots. She promoted it at her high school and community events. Last fall, she hosted the first Taillights and Toys Car Show to benefit the toy drive. Through her dad's employer, Med Center Health, she and her dad secured a new community partner who welcomed the placement of approximately 40 Toys for Tots donation boxes inside Med Center Health's facilities. For the first time, families in

Clinton County — close to 400 families — were able to receive gifts because of this partnership.

The Bowling Green Housing Authority wasn't the only place where toys were distributed. Darby's mom, Kelly, said, "Our main distribution took place on Saturday mornings in December when families that signed up for assistance came to the 'North Pole' at their assigned times to collect their toys."

Toys for Tots volunteers distribute collection boxes beginning in October, so the community has time to donate, and volunteers have time to deliver items to the "North Pole" for sorting, packing, and distribution.



“Our Toys for Tots campaign currently serves 23 counties in Kentucky, and though we won’t have the numbers for 2024 until after this article is printed, we served almost 20,000 children in 17 counties in 2023,” said Kelly. “As a family, our goal is to remain as involved as possible in this wonderful program. Darby hopes to be reappointed as a youth ambassador each year until she ages out of the program at 18 years old. We hope to continue to enhance awareness about the program so that members of our community who need assistance can continue to be served. Darby also plans to continue bringing awareness with her annual car show in the fall, and she is currently working to host a first-ever golf scramble later this spring or this summer.”

According to its website, in 2024, the national Toys for Tots organization distributed approximately 25 million items to more than 10 million children from newborn to 12 years old. This included over 300,000 children who are considered at risk, as well as over 200,000 children through its Native American program. It also distributed over 4 million books through their literacy program, along with distributing packets to families in Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico who were affected by recent natural disasters.

Darby’s dad, Chris, said, “Toys for Tots is a year-round program. During times of community need, such as the tornado of 2021, they provided items to children and families. Additionally, we have a nursing home campaign that we also run throughout the year in which we partner with 17 local nursing homes to provide items such as hygiene products, craft supplies, small gifts for bingo, and small items such as word searches, baby dolls, and coloring books.”



Chris continued, “Everyone benefits from this program. As a family, we have been able to bond and grow by serving others. Every volunteer has the benefit of helping those in need, and our community partners like Med Center Health get to help as well. Most importantly, the children who receive toys have a Christmas they might not otherwise have, and they get to experience the joy of the season.” GN

For up-to-date information on how many families were served, follow Toys for Tots Southern Kentucky on Facebook or go to: <https://bowling-green-ky.toysfortots.org>.



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– Chris Meredith



Katie Cash and Amanda Ashley

*THE HOUSE
MANAGERS OF
ST. GIANNA*

AMANDA ASHLEY AND KATIE CASH SERVE DAILY AT THE ST. GIANNA CRISIS PREGNANCY HOME.

BY SARA HOOK // PHOTOGRAPHY BY AMANDA GUY

SOMETIMES, IT'S the little, day-to-day kindnesses that change a person's life, and two women at the St. Gianna Crisis Pregnancy Home embody that principle well. Amanda Ashley and Katie Cash serve as house managers, and they spend each day helping the mothers at St. Gianna prepare for their future.

Ashley worked as a community health worker before joining the home, and Cash was pursuing a career in management at Honey Baked Ham. Both felt personally led to their roles, and both have been an inspiration to their co-workers and those in their care.

As daytime house manager, Ashley helps with intake, locating resources like counseling referrals, SNAP benefits, and mentorship connections, as well as with the household itself. While a mother is at St. Gianna, she is provided with most of her basic needs free of charge, including shelter, evening meals, and maternity and baby items. This is possible because of the generosity of donors both inside and outside South Central Kentucky. Ashley is the one who makes sure they have what they need. That job is central to the purpose of St. Gianna.

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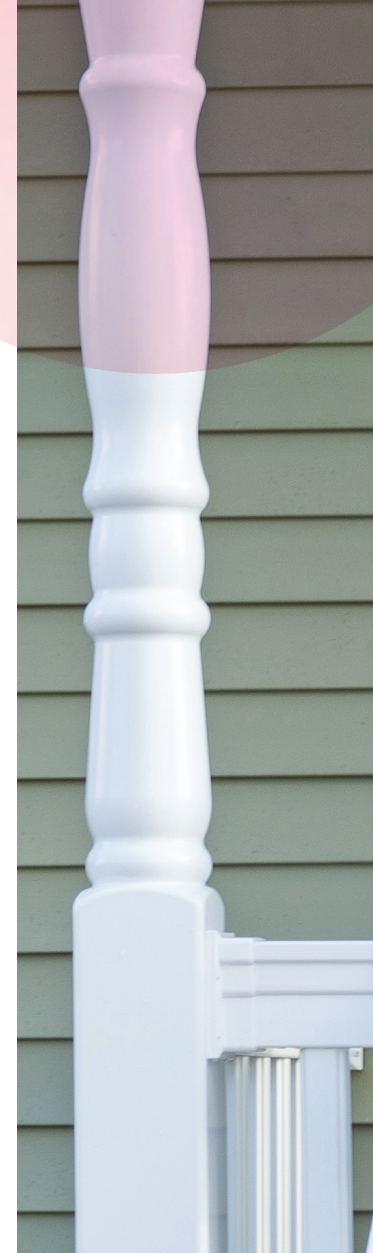
support financially, having all their basic needs met," Ashley said. "That way, they can not only save the money to get themselves on their feet with their family but just kind of be able to take a breath and not live in that state of stress. And that way, they can go forward in their life with their babies."

Ashley can relate personally to the women she serves, having gone through a crisis pregnancy herself. She was homeless for a time and without a place like St. Gianna to turn to. Still, she wasn't alone.



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“I really just had to kind of pull myself up by the bootstraps, but I had a lot of women that came to me in my life that were very supportive, and that really helped me out a lot with just leadership and advice,” Ashley said. “I just felt really, really called to do this work because I had been helped in that way.”

Cash said she also had a deep understanding of the circumstances the women she serves are facing, but her call to action came from a series of coincidences one Sunday on the way to and during Mass. At the time, she lived south of Nashville and was on her way to the Fathers of Mercy gathering in Auburn, Kentucky. St. Gianna came up in a sermon she was listening to during the drive, again in the Mass itself, and then a third time when a family member suggested she would be a good fit for the organization. At the time, Cash had just begun a career in management, and she didn’t understand why she would have gotten that comment.

“Why would she say that?” Cash said. “She knows that I have this job that I’m doing really well in — and in that moment that she said that, I knew that I was being called to do it.”

Cash is now the live-in evening house manager, assisting the women in the home with dinner prep, chores, and preparing for the next day. It hasn’t been easy changing careers, and it’s a job that has required her to grow in her faith.

“I was already a person of faith, but I have fought a lot of spiritual warfare since coming here, and I’ve had no choice but to become stronger,” Cash said.

She has found hope in the relationships formed between the women in the house.

“Sometimes they’re each other’s greatest support, and I think that that’s been a beautiful thing to see,” Cash said. “That’s definitely something that gives me hope and was a pleasant surprise because you never know, with living with women, how that’s going to go.”

Both women have hope for the organization’s future. Ashley hopes that one day, the organization will grow and have the capacity for more women and that St. Gianna may one day be able to take in mothers with an extra child. For Bowling Green as a whole, she hopes more women in the community find the mentorship they need, especially those in crisis.



“I hope that I can speak with each of these women [and] help them feel like they deserve more and [that] they deserve a great life, and so does their child,” Ashley said. “They can live a life that they love and that’s really healthy for them.”

Through those everyday interactions, Ashley and Cash are helping mothers in crisis do just that. Their compassion and drive to serve are inspirations that stretch beyond St. Gianna to Bowling Green. It’s a lesson that anyone can learn from. **GN**

To learn more about the St. Gianna Crisis Pregnancy Home, visit stgiannacph.org or email info@stgiannacph.org.



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Ice Cream for Breakfast! - Feb. 15



Photography by Gretchen Clark

At Chaney's Dairy Barn, a cherished generation-after-generation dairy farm with Jersey milk cows, families gathered for the beloved Ice Cream for Breakfast event.



1. David Gray 2. Amelia Mcheffey, Mary Foster, James Swan, Piper Swan, and Josh Swan 3. Hannah and Charlie Medrano 4. Aaron, Isaiah, and Ruthy Lamb 5. John Kilengenber 6. Luke Smalling

Motown - Feb. 15



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The stage glowed as a full orchestra struck the first chord, filling SKyPAC with the unmistakable sounds of Motown. Strings, horns, and percussion blended seamlessly as singers took the spotlight, breathing new life into timeless classics. The audience was transported through Motown's golden era.



1. Barbra and Jay Bush 2. Billy Duvall Jr. singing with Motown Band
3. Ricky Wright, Cindy Postin, and Jackie Wright 4. Annie Bland and Anne Jackson

Table Top Game Night - Feb. 8



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Every second Saturday of the month, families, friends, and newcomers gather at Barnes & Noble book store, board games in hand, eager for the challenge.

1. Noel Greer 2. Jason Pfeil 3. Wyatt Rector and Jordan Pierce 4. Abel Sanchez
5. Christopher Airbock 6. Mike Prior and Joseph Basham



7. Sevanha Kessinger 8. Jamie Kessinger 9. Darrell Pace
10. Shayla Rucker 11. Jamie Kessinger