

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

All of us at When HELP Can't Wait want to wish you a Blessed Holiday Season. When we look back and try to list all the things we are thankful for, it was very difficult to name them all. As we complete our fifth year of business, we realize how very fortunate we have been by having so many friends and donors who realize the needs of Nursing Home residents across our area. Our number one challenge is raising awareness.

With the help of Community and Church Groups, we have filled every request from the nursing homes we service. Some of those are: The Newcomer's Club of Augusta, Women's Connection Group/Stonecroft Ministries, Church of the Latter Day Saints, The Quest Church, Warren Baptist Church volunteers, St Mark's United Methodist, St Teresa of Avila Catholic Church, The Church of Our Savior Episcopal, Citizens of Georgia Power and Masons from Masonic Lodge #710. Others who deserve our thanks for their own unique contributions are Professional Carpet Cleaners, Buzz on Biz Radio Crew, WAFJ/88.3 Radio, Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, Jeanne's Fashions and Busby's Heat/Air. For those individual faithful donors and Volunteers who have been involved since the beginning and continue to give their outstanding support, we are truly grateful and while too numerous to mention, you know who you are.

- Walgreen's at Fury's Ferry/Evans to Lock has donated much loved chocolates throughout the year – a real treat for those who don't have access to chocolate.
- Dollar General Stores (2 locations) donated all year through our loyal volunteer, Kathy.
- Augusta Weightloss Surgery Support Group donated large size clothing in abundance.
- South Georgia Ladies made very special quilts for all Our Veterans.
- Consign Designs on Fury's Ferry, consistent donations throughout the year.

I was pleased to be involved this year with the Elder Abuse Conference and the Elder Abuse Team (TEAS). We can do so much more for our seniors with a collective effort. I look forward to serving more in 2012 with this group of true professionals.

Briefly, here are some of our accomplishments this past year:

- Numerous Clothes Closets (distributing approx. 4000 pieces of clothing)
- Donated lobby furniture, large Televisions, medical equipment to include one power chair and floral arrangements.
- Performed pampering Hand Spas
- Donated more than 150 new residents 'Welcome Baskets'
- Served more than 6000 residents with comfort or convenience items
- Began activity with our Chaplain Program and provided one Friendly Visitor in every Home
- Coordinated numerous parties/activities with community groups

With the help of all those listed and many more who were not, we have brought good cheer to many residents who otherwise would have been forgotten. Thank you all and I pray your New Year will be the best ever.



Residents enjoying  
one of our  
"Winter Wonderland"  
parties

