



NEWSLETTER

Merry Christmas



When HELP Can't Wait ended the year with a Christmas to end all Christmases!! Thanks to Air Force personnel from Ft. Gordon, Ga, headed up by Volunteer Coordinator, Senior Airman Ian Holmquist; these young people, both men and women arriving in their Dress Blue Uniforms brought gifts, helped bag gifts, donated

monies and hand delivered all gifts to the Nursing Homes personally. It is hard to say which the residents enjoyed most: the gifts they received or their visits with the good looking delivery personnel. Other volunteers bagged more than 200 gifts and one gentleman signed Christmas cards for every bag!

Making a Difference

Our Spa Specialist Susan McArthur, with the help of her new assistant Donna Prince, performed 52 Spas this year; giving much needed pampering to residents. One lady told Susan, "When you rub my feet, it not only makes my feet feel better, but it gives me a sense of peace and I feel better all over!" That's exactly what When HELP Can't Wait is all about – improving their quality of life!





Five of our homes were adopted by the following:

- Collier Management
- The Church of the Redeemer
- The Missionary Society of Wards Chapel A.M.E. church
- The Oasis de Benediccion Church
- Shanes Rib Shack.



Each of these groups did an outstanding job of providing gifts for every resident and making them feel special. We are eternally grateful for their very generous gifts and time spent. The sheer number of homes that we service makes our task at Christmas time daunting, so the help of these groups was invaluable.

New Donations for Christmas were down this year, but thanks to many loyal donors, a few new ones and the help of the five organizations above, we were able to meet all requirements. We also are grateful to Employees/Agents of Blanchard & Calhoun Realtors, Scott Nixon Blvd. Ofc, Sunday School classes at Warren Baptist Church and Woodlawn Baptist for their group contributions.



We are very pleased to have a new addition, Fran Tryner who serves as our Clothes Closet Volunteer. Fran recently held our first "Clothes Closet", taking the donated clothes to the nursing home; allowing the residents opportunity to 'shop' from their wheel chairs for a new outfit or jacket of their choice. It was a huge success and many more are planned.

the residents of one of our Nursing Homes. They can now enjoy the fresh air in all kinds of weather.



We also were able to donate computer games to the homes that could not afford the Wii game. These Wii look-alike games (much less costly) allow residents to actively participate in games like bowling, ping-pong and tennis from their wheel chairs. We are in hopes that this moving around will help prevent the dreaded pressure ulcer sores that develop from non-activity. The residents are thoroughly enjoying this new activity.

***Above:** Resident picks out pink outfit from clothes closet. **Bottom:** Residents enjoy playing bowling video game*

One of our proudest achievements is the completion of an outdoor covered pavilion we were able to assist with, that is now up and being used by



Other activities this year have included: A wonderful Halloween party given by the Young Professionals of Augusta. Dressed in costume, they provided treat bags for all the residents and varied activities, and everyone enjoyed the visit. At another home, we provided Donuts and Coffee and held a 'Pajama Party', giving each resident an opportunity to pick out new pajamas or gown.

These programs coupled with our 'friendly visitors' doing one-on-one visits and our constant 'small gifting', with the help of our generous donors; will keep us busy in 2009! Be sure and check our website to keep up with all that's happening in our area Nursing Homes. www.whenhelpcantwait.com



**Executive Director
Helen McVicker**

*A SMALL donation
can make a huge
difference.*

Also, we want to thank the many who have sent in their cash contributions – they say 'pennies make dollars' and that is our mantra – no donation is too small. God Bless those who consistently send their donations – they mean the world as we service the many Nursing Homes in the area. We are changing the daily lives of many – with your help!

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Several Ways To Help:
Donate at our revised
website at
www.whenhelpcantwait.com



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When HELP Can't Wait is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations made to our organization are tax deductible. At the current time, administrative costs are kept to a minimum. Our Board of five members is completely a Volunteer board, to include the director. Our Board is comprised of local area business people.

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