

July 12, 2016



# THE BULLETIN

FLORENCE EXCHANGE CLUB  
THE OLDEST SERVING SERVICE CLUB IN THE SHOALS BEGINNING JUNE 1921

Our mission at HCCNWA is to equip and empower the community to end homelessness through advocacy, education, and coordination of services.

The vision of the HCCNWA is to be the leader in our community's effort to plan, coordinate, and develop resources with the goal of ending homelessness.



The Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama (HCCNWA) is a coalition of shelters, agencies, businesses, municipalities, institutions of higher learning, private citizens, and other interested parties, whose purpose is to increase the capacity to solve the problems of homelessness throughout Northwest Alabama.

Our service area is the counties of Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion, and Winston Counties of Northwest Alabama.

We also serve as the HUD designated Continuum of Care for these six counties. Krista Manchester, executive director of the Homeless Care Council of Northwest Alabama, wants to raise \$200,000 for a Homeless and Poverty Resource Center.

The goal is to raise \$50,000 for Phase 1 of the project, which would secure and develop a location.

The second and third phases involve an additional \$150,000 in fundraising within 24 months, Manchester said.

The funds also could be used to get matching grants for the project.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**July 12**  
**James Wells**

**July 19**  
**Adin Batson**

**July 26**  
**TBA**

### 2016-2017

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**HYDRATE THE HOMELESS**  
TUESDAY, JULY 12TH 1- 3 PM  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - SHEFFIELD

During Hydrate the Homeless, we will be handing out cold water and free cooling items such as fans, chap stick, and sunscreen to those in need.

**DONATION DROP OFF LOCATIONS:**

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| First Presbyterian Church Sheffield<br>130 E. Fifth Street<br>M-F from 9-12 | United Way NW Alabama<br>118 E. Mobile St., Florence<br>M-F from 9-4   |
| The Shipping Zone<br>6355 Hwy 72, Killen<br>M-F from 9-6                    | Room in the Inn Shoals<br>104 S. Poplar St., Florence<br>Mondays, 9-12 |

You can also call (256)764-5892 to schedule a drop off time or with questions.  
[www.homelesscarecouncil.com](http://www.homelesscarecouncil.com)

Adin reports the next speaker will be Mrs. Susan Goode, mayoral candidate in the August election.  
The Tuesday meeting will be in the Roosevelt Room in the Tower.

"When people say we don't have the resources, that's not true," she said. "We just don't have the right access to all those resources."

Manchester said the proposed resource center would solve that issue. She said the wide range of people attending Tuesday's breakfast is an indication of the area's desire to help.



"I see a community," Manchester said. "I see churches. I see agencies, people who care. But we've got to have a centralized place to help them (homeless)."

A January survey from the council revealed there are 337 homeless people in northwest Alabama, which is a 35-percent increase from last year's count, Manchester said.

She said part of the reason for the increase is improvements made in conducting the survey, thanks in part to enhanced relationships and communications with homeless people.

She pointed to the Room in the Inn Shoals project as an example of the area's willingness to help. The program, which started in January 2015, has grown to include 29 churches that provide shelter to homeless residents during winter months.

"What that tells me is that there's a hunger in the community to really make a difference together," Manchester said.

"We are now in our second year as Room in the Inn Shoals. Last winter we housed over 67 guests for a total of 132 nights. We had 17 groups partner with us last winter, and this winter we have over 23 helping. We are now a registered 501C3 and a independent group with a Board of Directors Leadership Team. We have moved from First Presbyterian into our own location at 104 S. Poplar Street in downtown Florence. Our offices and intake center are located there. All of us that work with Room in the Inn Shoals do so on a volunteer basis. We are so excited for what the future holds!"



Congratulations to the members with July birthdays:

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|-----------------|------|
| Charles Cochran | 7/7  |
| John Jackson    | 7/8  |
| Jack Counts     | 7/13 |
| Bill Cadenhead  | 7/29 |

Congratulations to the members who joined in July:

|             |           |          |
|-------------|-----------|----------|
| Ralph Jones | 7/1/1995  | 21 years |
| Jim McLean  | 7/17/1996 | 20 years |