

## House of Esther Outreach Ministry



“A MINISTRY TO THE COMMUNITY”

House of Esther Outreach Ministry is a non-profit faith-based initiative that endeavors to provide services to those who are homeless or at the risk of becoming homeless in the Greater New Orleans Community and surrounding areas through targeted outreach efforts. Our mission began in 2007 supporting displaced Hurricane Katrina survivors wanting to return to New Orleans by providing information about affordable housing in the New Orleans area and assisting individuals and families that were in the transition process with emergency assistance.



Founder/Director, Pastor Joycelyn Santee continues this effort to the homeless population relenting that “we can no longer stereotype the homeless solely as people bound by drugs or mental illness because, in our society and with this economy all of us are at-risk of becoming homeless.” She further states that “help for the homeless must be re-defined to meet the growing needs of the community due to Homelessness not being just a condition...BUT A MINDSET!”

This journey has lead HOEM to conduct homeless outreaches here in the City of New Orleans such as “Christmas in July,” where HIV, Blood Pressure, and Blood Glucose screening was available onsite to the Homeless community. Information on nutrition, health, medical assistance, and other services in the area was provided. Referrals to Pro Bone Legal services and on-site employment screening provided with information on housing, and addiction services.



The “Hats and Coats for the Homeless,” outreach designed to provide winter clothing items to the homeless in our community; during the cold winter months is held yearly. Members of the business community are invited to offer pro-bono services onsite to help them with legal issues that may have been preventing them from securing employment or maintaining housing; “A Birthday Celebration and Job Awareness Fair for the Homeless” was held under the bridge where we celebrated the birthdays of the homeless with ice cream, cake and gifts; providing employment screenings onsite for potential hiring by companies attending the outreach.

Following the threat of the spread of coronavirus, House of Esther continued its service to the homeless by conducting outreaches to provide PPE items such as face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, food and hygiene product to the homeless community. Information for free COVID 19 prevention, testing, and treatment was also provided for their safety.



Since then, our outreach efforts have expanded despite the COVID 19 Pandemic to include “WORTH IT” Homeless Outreach Banquets, All expense paid overnight Retreats for Women and Men, and our Alive at Five Saturday Service.

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The “Project Rescue” Homelessness Prevention Program Referral and financial assistance service developed to help prevent homelessness continues to be a goal we are nurturing and working toward to be able to provide support for self-maintenance during housing crisis providing families with resources that will provide the support that is needed to help them become a vital contributor to the life of their community.

House of Esther Ministry’s Back on Trach Adult Literacy Program provides GED Tutoring for homeless individuals desiring to attain their High School Diploma.



House of Esther Ministry’s “Warfare in the Wilderness” Devotional featuring some of our team members that became a part of the ministry from the gateway of homelessness.

Some images captured from House of Esther Ministry’s many targeted outreaches.



MEET OUR TEAM: Patricia, Shawn, Norvelle, Courtney, Benita



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