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*I Myself will search for
my Sheep
and look after them.*



Ezekiel 34:11

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Tokens of Love

Transportation is still a vital need at the house. Whether it's getting the ladies to work or school, bus passes are their only option. Bus passes are \$55 per month, or you can purchase tokens at a lesser value. So, stop by the bus station, buy a pass and drop it in the mail. Or you can send a check with "Bus" written on the memo line and we'll make sure it goes toward their transportation needs. The ladies will appreciate your tokens of love!

The Sheepfold Texas is a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation governed by a volunteer Board of Directors composed of community leaders. Complete financial statements are prepared monthly and completed by a local accountant.

We are privately funded. We accept no funding by the state, otherwise we would not be able to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We receive donations from individuals, churches and businesses.

We are acutely aware of our accountability to God for monies given for the care of the widows and the fatherless.



www.thesheepfoldtexas.org



Shelter, refuge, and a new beginning
for abused women and their children

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What Makes The Sheepfold Unique?

There are many wonderful shelters and social services in Angelina County. And there are none that are alike. They are all woven together like a beautiful tapestry, or a trail of stepping stones that can lead a struggling person on a new path. We live in a giving community, and its fruit is evidence that we care. We care about the homeless, we care about the abused, and we especially care about the children. So, in the vast array of programs available to us, what makes The Sheepfold Texas different?



1) **We are a long-term shelter.** According to the Homeless Coalition in Austin, The Sheepfold Texas is the only long-term shelter in a 15 county area. Our program is designed to help a struggling family for a minimum of 6 months. They are then evaluated, and if they still need our assistance they can stay as long as needed. Real change and restoration takes time.

2) **We only shelter women with children who have no place to go.** Our home is exclusively for women who are homeless and trying to rebuild their lives that have been shattered by a number of life's challenges. Some are recovering from drug addiction and have lost everything. Some have left a violent and abusive marriage and don't know where to turn. Some are in the midst of a divorce, and are having to support their families for the first time...by themselves. Women with children have an enormous amount of stress with trying to hold everything together and keep themselves in a calm state of mind...sometimes they just need a break.

3) **We are faith based.** The only requirement for staying at The Sheepfold is that you must have children, have no place to live, and be open to the Word of God. God's Word is the only tool that can truly change a heart, a mind, a will, and restore hope. Through daily Bible studies our ladies learn to take God's Word and apply it to their daily lives...in real situations. And it works. It changes them from the inside out. Instead of trying to overcome by fixing external things, they are being truly regenerated and renewed on the inside—that creates lasting change.

We provide our residents with a House Manager on duty 24 hours a day. Each lady is matched with a House Manager as a mentor and guide. While staying at The Sheepfold the ladies are able to get their lives together: their lingering paperwork, legal matters, birth certificates, savings & checking accounts. In the meantime, all the things that can stress them out are provided free of charge. They have free shelter, food, clothing, transportation, subsidized day care and more.

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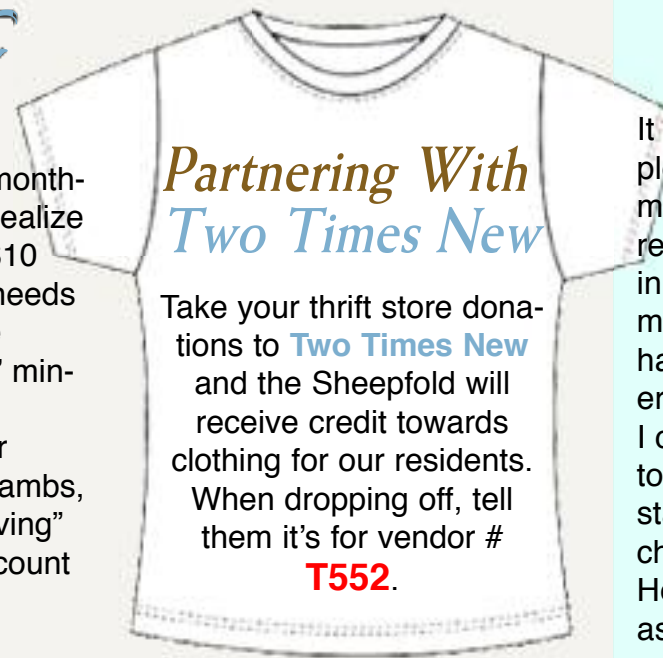


Don't Be Sheepish!

While we have added to the number of monthly supporters, Barnabas is beginning to realize that our goal of 1000 supporters with a \$10 monthly pledge will take some time (he needs to develop some patience anyway)! The Sheepfold Texas is truly a "widow's mite" ministry and no contribution is too small or insignificant, especially in the eyes of our Shepherd. If you want to help feed our lambs, be sure to put "Barnabas" or "monthly giving" in the memo on your checks so we can count your gift toward our goal!

You can now give online through our website!

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Partnering With Two Times New

Take your thrift store donations to **Two Times New** and the Sheepfold will receive credit towards clothing for our residents. When dropping off, tell them it's for vendor # **T552**.

A House Manager is a Local Missionary

It is very rare in today's society that a person can combine their love of helping people and their love of Christ. I first heard about The Sheepfold Texas when I was a mentor at Goodwill Industries while I was looking for a part-time job. My supervisor recommended that I go to the Sheepfold and fill out an application. I must admit that initially, I was uncertain in my ability to do the job. It seemed a daunting task to be a manager/mentor for homeless women and children. What can I teach, what do I have to share? What can I do to make their lives better? Those questions and others were answered within my first few days on the job. I could listen, I could teach, I could serve and I could pray with the ladies. The Sheepfold Texas has allowed me to share my family upbringing with women and children who have not come from a stable or structured environment; plus we can discuss what we have learned at church, or just share the Godly moments that inevitable happen throughout the day. Here I have a chance to express to the families that God is the "X-factor" in every aspect of our lives; whether it is finding a job, disciplining your child, continuing your education or even finding a loving relationship. Being a mentor at the Sheepfold Texas gives me the opportunity to stay "prayed-up" as well as practice what I preach to the residents: perhaps that is what I like the most about my job.

~ Patrice

What Makes The Sheepfold Unique? (Continued)

When we're young we don't always make the best choices, and our choices always lead to consequences—that's when you find yourself stuck in a bad situation with no way out. Unfortunately, those consequences involve innocent children who don't deserve to suffer in such a way. I bet some of you are thinking, "Man, I wish I could have gone somewhere like The Sheepfold when I was a young mother and had no way out of my situation." Maybe you didn't have help when you needed it. But if you're reading this newsletter—somehow you made it through. Perhaps you can give thanks for making it through by helping a young mother who is staying at The Sheepfold. Paying it forward really feels good! It truly is a shelter, a refuge and a new beginning for the families we serve. Our home that can shelter three families at a time. We currently have three women and five kids staying with us. Our prayer is that we can keep them in our care long enough to make a lasting impact on their lives so they never have to return to their abuser or homeless situation. Through God's Word their hope is being restored, they're rebuilding their relationships with their kids, and planning for a better future. And we are very honored to be a part of their lives.



Tracy Pinkerton
Board Member

Shelter Needs

FOOD ITEMS

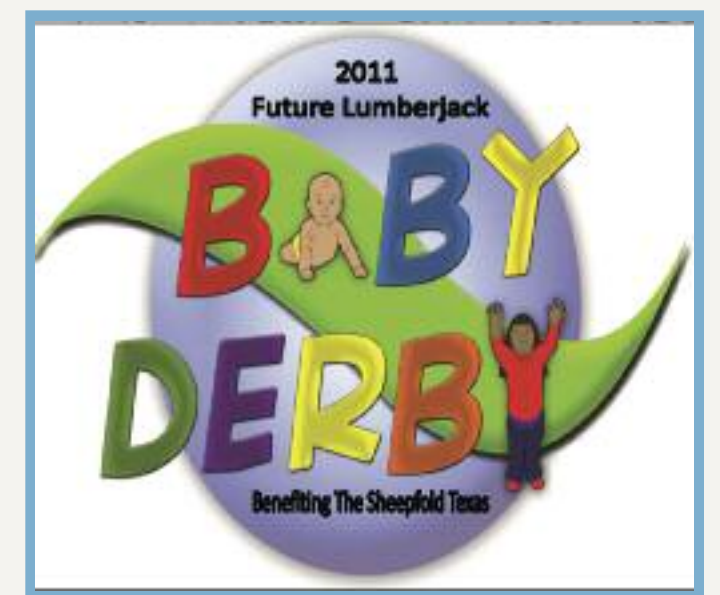
- Baby food
- Canned tuna
- Canned vegetables
- Fruit juices
- Bisquick
- Sugar
- Flour
- Honey
- Pancake syrup
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Ketchup
- Cooking oil
- Rice/pasta
- Breakfast cereal
- Cake mixes
- Frosting

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Pots, pans & skillets
- Knives
- Knife sharpener
- Wooden spoons
- Fabric softener
- Hair brushes
- Clorox wipes
- Hand sanitizer
- Bath Mat set
- Adult school backpack
- Electric can opener
- Diaper genie
- Twin sheets
- Laundry baskets
- 84-inch round table cloths
- Gift Bibles
- Christian CD's
- CD holder

The BABY DERBY is Back!

Join us Friday September 23rd at the Texas State Forest Festival for the cutest race in town! Entry fee is \$10. Call or email us to register: 465-4311/sheepfoldtexas@mail.com. Prizes and trophies will be awarded...Online registration coming soon!



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