



Heart for Winter Haven | Year In Review | January 2023

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HEART House: A Place for Personal and Spiritual Growth that leads to Transformation

**BEE GALLISON, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH
& DEVELOPMENT**

You may have heard that one of our vision goals is the launch our city and life transformation center, HEART House, by December 31, 2025.

HEART House is a day center that offers a range of programs and services designed to support individuals in their personal and spiritual growth. These programs include personal growth workshops, self-care workshops, counseling and therapy, an adult learning lab, GED classes, credit repair classes, Bible studies, support group meetings, community meals, and transformation ministry training. The center provides a safe and supportive environment for individuals to focus on their inner well-being and spiritual connection to God.

HEART House's trained staff, facilitators, and therapists provide the tools and resources necessary for individuals to make positive changes in their lives and grow in their faith. ♥

HEART House

Hope • Educate • Achieve • Restore • Transform

The Beatty Beat

BRAD BEATTY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What is a God-sized vision? A younger Abraham heard from God that his descendents would be numbered like the grains of sand. While possibly easier to believe as a young man, still a stretch. But, after a few years (decades!) with no children, God's promise may have seemed almost impossible to the old fellow and his wife, Sarah. Later still, as Isaac lay atop the altar, it was God's promise that secured this father of our faith to remain obedient. And now...

In 2014, when we launched Heart for Winter Haven, we believed that building a connected community of nonprofits, churches, businesses and city leadership would lead to the formation of a structure that would alleviate poverty in all its worst forms in Winter Haven. This God-sized vision, while a work in progress, was further defined when God led us to put an expiration date on childhood homelessness in Winter Haven. **We have committed to ensure that no child will experience homelessness in our community by Dec. 31, 2030.**

It will take more resources, more data, more houses, more workers, more volunteers all coming together with more belief that God can and will accomplish this thing in and through us. Come join with us, at the altar of God, coming together in obedience to Him. By faith, and in community, we will witness this miracle accomplished! ♥



2022 H4WH Programs- BY THE NUMBERS:

- # of Families helped with emergency rental & utility assistance via ERAP (the Emergency Rental Assistance Program): -----> **1,265 families**
- Total ERAP assistance provided: -----> **\$2,489,432**
- # of Families assisted with eviction prevention by our Housing Partnership: -----> **29 families (53 children)**
- Total Housing Partnership assistance provided: -----> **\$39,535**
- # of children moved from "actively homeless" to "housed" via partnership with The Hearth Project and Polk Education Foundation: -----> **17 children**
- Total rehousing assistance provided: -----> **\$33,285**
- # of Life From The Heart graduates (including both the Men's and Women's Jails): -----> **120 graduates**
- # of Faith & Finances graduates: -----> **6 graduates**
- # of counseling hours provided via The Center for Well-Being: -----> **642 hours**
- # of supervision hours invested in developing future mental health providers: -----> **140 hours**



A Year of Growth at H4WH

TABITHA KEITH, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

Our team is as big as it's ever been- and still growing! In 2022 we hired three Care Managers- Brandi Atkins, Maricel Baker, and Cotura Perry, and our first official Community Care Manager- Brian Flores. Brandi brings the encouragement and the drive, Maricel provides the passion and consideration, Cotura dishes all of the professional sass and effortless efficiency, while Brian balances us all out with a level head and deep insight. We also welcomed our new office administrator, Brittany King. Brittany has a brain for numbers and details, and with her creativity and coherency our office is beautifully flourishing. Judy Laws also joined our reception team, quick to share a smile (and a prayer!) with anyone she encounters. Lastly, we are thrilled to announce our new Chief Operating Officer, Terry Henderson. While being the newest member of our staff, he has quickly revealed his value to our team with his approach to procedures and exceptional ability to streamline operations. Welcome all! ♥



Be on the lookout for new faces in 2023... you never know what God has in store!



As One! Vision Banquet

Our annual banquet, **As One! Family**, was a night of celebration, inspiration and joy at Heartland Church last October. It was a packed house of people with our largest attendance so far! Guests were enthusiastically welcomed by our emcee, James Arnold (Executive Pastor at Living Word of Faith Assembly) and the spirited sounds of the First Missionary Baptist Church choir (led by Minister Yvonne Collins). We heard testimonies of faith building from a family kept from homelessness, a father supported through recovery who now serves with us, a family who is growing in their understanding of faith and stewardship, and a couple called to serve in our community with Heart.

Our Executive Director, Brad Beatty, rounded out the evening's speakers, who had each challenged us to see our work in the city much like a patchwork quilt- seemingly disparate pieces that form a beautiful work when brought together in God's kingdom. Brad shared the greater vision to see childhood homelessness eliminated in Winter Haven by Dec. 31, 2030. If you missed it, please feel free to view the entire event or individual speakers at our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/HeartforWinterHaven> ♥



Faith & Finances Graduation

TABITHA KEITH, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS

The summer semester of **Faith & Finances** wrapped up in October and we were delighted to see 6 hard working students through to graduation day in a celebration at the First Nazarene Church! Special thanks to our guest speaker, Hap Hazelwood, for sharing with our students and their families at the ceremony! Over the course of 12 weeks, we peered into our hearts through a faith-based lens, seeing the challenges with our spending and saving habits clearer than ever before.

We are excited to launch our new match-savings program for graduates of the class that will allow them to establish a small emergency fund. The future looks bright for these amazing students! Congratulations graduates! ♥



“We believe each person has inherent worth and value, as we are all created in the image of God.”

Upcoming Events

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| Every Friday | The Heart Place (6:30-7:30pm; Doors open at 6!) |
| 2nd/4th Weds | The Person of Jesus Study (12-1pm) at H4WH |
| Feb 20 | H4WH office closed (President's Day) |
| Mar 3 & 5 | Life From The Heart resumes at both Central County and South County Jails |
| Apr 3 | H4WH 8th Annual Golf Tournament at The Country Club of Winter haven |
| May 4 | National Day of Prayer |
| June 2 | H4WH 9th Birthday |

WAYS TO HELP

- **PRAY!** Jeremiah 29:7
- **GIVE:** To make a **donation**, please visit us at heart4wh.org/donate.
- **SERVE:** Want to volunteer? You can visit heart4wh.org today and check out the SERVE tab! Also, if you would like to volunteer being a mentor for students in our Jobs for Life, Faith & Finances, or Life from the Heart (Polk County Jails), we want to hear from you!
- **SPONSOR:** Sponsorships now available for the 8th Annual Golf Tournament on Apr 3rd. For information, please visit heart4wh.org/golf or email events@heart4wh.org.
- **HOUSING PARTNERSHIP:** We are on the lookout for available land for 3 donated houses (3 lots) to expand this program. If you can help, please email Brad at brad@heart4wh.org.



WE HAVE A NEW CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER!

A new year brings new changes, and "chief" among these is the addition of our first Chief Operating Officer, Terry Henderson! Our new COO will be responsible for business operations, human resources and financial oversight. Terry is a retired IT Executive, most recently with Marriott Vacations Worldwide.

Terry and his wife Tammy are long-term Winter Haven residents and worship and serve at Redeemer Winter Haven, where Terry is a Ruling Elder. Tammy teaches 3-year-olds at Beymer United Methodist Preschool and is Children's Director at Redeemer. They have three adult children – a daughter, two sons, two daughters-in-law and one new grandson. Welcome to the family, Terry!

WE'VE MOVED!

H4WH relocated mid-Dec to the SouthState Bank Ops Center building on the corner of Havendale and US Hwy 17. Our new address is 1951 8th St NW, Suite 100, Winter Haven, FL 33881.

Note: Our PO Box remains the same for mailing purposes (PO Box 2383, Winter Haven, FL 33883).

Heart for Winter Haven 8TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

3rd APRIL, 2023 MONDAY

THE COUNTRY CLUB OF WINTER HAVEN

REGISTRATION	SHOTGUN	PLAYERS	FOURSOME
7:30A	8:30A	\$175	\$700

FOR MORE INFO, VIST: heart4wh.org/golf