

What is the Lazarus Society?

The Lazarus Society, a 501c3 non-profit organization, is a faith-based, social service agency that serves the impoverished of Alabama. Our assistance is available to anyone in need; regardless of race, sex, religion or any other classification factor.

The program began in Phenix City in September 1997, with a mission "to provide avenues of assistance for individuals in need; to lead, guide, and empower through understanding, encouragement and Christian love."

Assistance is available for anyone in need who resides in the State of Alabama. Assistance is provided to individuals, families, and the homeless.

We currently assist clients three days a week, Monday through Friday. We open our doors at 9:00 in the morning and help the first 20 who sign in. Approximately one-fourth of those we assist are first time clients.

Do I Qualify?

The only criteria for assistance is there must be a valid need and you must demonstrate both the will and determination to help yourself.

We do not base assistance on race, sex, creed, or residence. We help anyone who has a valid need and lives in the State of Alabama.



What Assistance is Provided?

- ✚ Food
- ✚ Utility assistance (when funds allow)
- ✚ Prescription medication (must have paper scripts)
- ✚ Clothing and household goods
- ✚ Assistance for pregnant women and their babies: layettes and clothing
- ✚ Other services as requested when the need is valid and the Society is able to provide the service
- ✚ Most importantly though, we provide crisis-intervention counseling, encouragement, and assistance to help clients stand on their own

Seconds to Go Thrift Shop

Lazarus has a second-hand store that is a source of financial help for the program. We rely on the generosity of our supporters to stock the shelves with tax-deductible, donated items. Volunteers manage and run the shop.

The shop is a **two-fold blessing**; it provides clients and the public with good, economical place to shop, while the proceeds support the **Lazarus Mission**.



Seconds to Go Thrift Shop
601 16th Street
Phenix City, Alabama
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
10:00 - 4:00

Why is there a Need?

For the past decade, there have been quite a few people in our area who have found themselves out of work through no fault of their own. With the *Economical Trickle Down Effect*, jobs are few and far between and employment opportunities are scarce.

Good, honest people who would like to do things on their own, but just do not know where to begin are finding themselves not able to feed their families, pay their bills or purchase their needed medications.

At the Lazarus Society, we try to help empower people to succeed, not just survive. We try to address the problem and not just the symptoms. For example: A person may come to us for food. Having no food in the house is a symptom to the actual problem. We must determine the reason there is no food in the house. Unemployment, lack of money, missed Food Stamp appointment, or maybe no Food Stamps at all.

Education is often a stumbling block to obtaining a good-paying job. Lazarus helps clients find the right educational avenue towards obtaining their GED. Then, when ready for testing, we assist with the fees required.

An Electric shut off notice is another time when the situation needs to be evaluated. We must determine why they have fallen behind and sometimes why the bill is so high. Counseling on energy conservation is often necessary to keep the monthly bills down. When our funding allows, we are able to assist with utility bills in order to prevent cut off.

Who Provides Support?

First and foremost, the Lazarus Society depends heavily on our dedicated volunteers who give freely and generously of their time, and talent to make the Society what it is. Volunteers council our clients to help them stand on their own, work for the food pantry, work in our thrift store and much, much, more.

Financial Support is received from:

- + Private Donations
- + Local Churches & Organizations
- + Local Businesses
- + Private Grants
- + Russell county
- + EFSP

How Can I help?

- + Volunteer your time!
- + Financial donations
- + Furniture
- + Appliances(working)
- + Clothes, shoes, sweaters, coats, underwear (new or gently used)
- + Toys
- + Household items
- + Canned foods
- + Dry non perishable food
- + School supplies
- + Gasoline cards

Please Help If You Can!

All Donations are Tax Deductable

What Lazarus Has Done

In 2013 Lazarus assisted 1679 clients and 385 of those who came to us for help were new clients. 65,722 pounds of food was given to 1471 hungry families and individuals. Clothing was given to over 600 people. Lazarus assisted with 18 light bills, 7 water bills, 3 rents, 1 birth certificates, 70 prescriptions, 93 families for Christmas and Thanksgiving Dinners, and 71 children for Christmas gifts .

Our ability to serve those who come to us for help is limited to the funds and goods we have to offer and the number of volunteers we have to run the programs of the Society. We currently limit our daily sign-ins to 20. This year we have had very limited funds available to pay utility bills and other necessities requested by those to come to our door for help. Won't you consider donating to the cause? Many are helped by this program and you could help us do so much more for our neighbors who need do much.

"...I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me ... Lord When did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison and not minister to your needs?..."

Civil Rights Assurance Statement
In accordance with Federal law and U. S. Department of Agriculture policy, no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, be excluded from participation in or be denied, or otherwise subject to discrimination under this program.



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Helping others help themselves

The mission of the Lazarus Society is to provide avenues of assistance for individuals and families who are in need; to lead, guide and empower through active intervention strategies using resources from the private community, State and Federal sources, to promote and nurture self-reliance and healthy life styles through understanding, encouragement, and most importantly, Christian love.