# MISSIONS

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#### March

#### **Project Safe**

Ashford will be supporting Project Safe this month as we host a collection drive for their most urgent needs. Please see the flyer for the list of items needed and place all donations in the Fellowship Hall.

#### Sparrow's Nest

We will have another opportunity to package and deliver sack lunches to the Sparrow's Nest on Friday, March 31. Please see the SignUp Genius link if you would like to financially donate to this mission.

www.signupgenius.com/ sparrowsnest



**Current Needs:** 

Toilet Paper Paper Towels Soap and body wash for sensitive skin All-purpose cleaner refills Facial tissues Dish soap

Hypoallergenic baby wipes Men's and Women's Deodorant

#### Project Safe Needs List

Project Safe works to end domestic violence through crisis intervention, ongoing supportive services, systems change advocacy, and prevention and education in the community.

During the month of March, we will be supporting Project Safe by donating items from their current needs. Please place all donated items in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your continued Giving Spirit!

# April

#### **Family Promise**

Our next Family Promise host week will be April 9 - 16. The families are housed at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church and this location is where our volunteers will host and bring dinner. Volunteers from Ashford Memorial, Union Christian and Watkinsville First Christian will be helping to fill hosting slots during April 9 -16, so please mark your calendars. The below SignUp Genius link will be updated soon to add dates in April:

#### www.signupgenius.com/ FamilyPromise

#### Summer Food For Kids

Ashford will be collecting needed food items for Summer Food For Kids during the month of April. We will be collecting boxes of Mac N Cheese and 16.9oz water bottles to help prepare OARC's Summer Food For Kids program kick off in May.

# Love Your Neighbor

Ashford members donated 1,138 Jif-To-Go cups for the Oconee Area Resource Council as part of their Love Your Neighbor February Food Drive to benefit Food for Kids. Thank you for your generosity and helping us make a difference in the lives of children in our community!

resource council



Thank you for supporting Food for Kids! Learn more at www.oconeeconnection.org

# Souper Bowl of Caring

Ashford was able to donate 474 food items from our Super Bowl of Caring event on February 12. All donations were delivered to the Food Bank of NE Georgia to fill their immediate needs. Thank you for helping us to Tackle Hunger in our community!



## La Table Fundraiser

The Family Promise annual La Table fundraiser was held on February 28. We appreciate Katie Denman and Mackenzie Beaghan for baking cakes to offer as a part of the La Table Cake Auction. The money raised at this annual event helps to support the Family Promise programs throughout the year and the temporarily homeless families for whom they support.





# **On Going Missions**

#### Area Churches Together Serving

Thank you to our Ashford members who continue to volunteer at ACTS on the 4th Friday of every other month.

Our next opportunity to serve is on Friday, March 24. Please see the SignUp Genius below to offer your time.

#### www.signupgenius.com/ ACTS

#### **Athens Area Homeless**

**Shelter** Ashford volunteers are invited to provide a meal for the 10-15 residents at the AAHS on the 1st Thursday of each month. Please see the SignUp Genius if you would like to participate. Thank you to Laura Beaghan for providing the meal on Thursday, February 2, and Tomi Kiser for providing the meal on Thursday, March 2.

We are in need of a volunteers starting in May for the remainder of the year.

#### www.signupgenius.com/ AAHS

Thank you, Ashford Memorial, for your continued generous and giving spirit!

~ Laura Beaghan Missions Coordinator **Ibeaghan@gmail.com** 706-372-4631

#### Sparrow's Nest

Ashford will be providing 60 sack lunches for our neighbors in need at The Sparrow's Nest on Friday, March 31. Please see the SignUp Genius link if you would like to financially donate to this mission.

www.signupgenius.com/ sparrowsnest



#### Athens Area Homeless Shelter

Ashford members provide dinner to the AAHS on the first Thursday of each month. Thank you to Laura Beaghan for providing the meal in February and Tomi Kiser for providing the meal in March. We are in need of additional meal providers starting in May, please see the SignUp Genius to volunteer your time to this important mission.

#### www.signupgenius.com/AAHS



#### ACTS

Thank you to our Ashford volunteers, Tomi and Tony Kiser, Eileen Hale, Mary Ellen Pruitt, Beth Copeland, Gayle Blount and Ken Carson, who volunteered at ACTS on January 27th.

The next opportunity to volunteer is March 24th.

www.signupgenius.com/ACTS



# Upcoming Fundraisers for Organizations Ashford Memorial Supports

#### Project Safe - Dancing with the Athens Stars 2023

Dancing with the Athens Stars 2023 returns on March 18 at The Classic Center. All proceeds from the show go to Project Safe and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence and their families. www.facebook.com/dancingwithathensstars



### Athens Pregnancy Center - Divine Direction

Join us for APC's annual fundraising event featuring on March 21 with Voddie Baucham as guest speaker. The evening will also include an interactive experience, heavy hors d'oeuvres, dessert and exciting APC expansion updates!

March 21, 2023 6:30pm The Classic Center Athens



#### Oconee Area Resource Council - Books, Boots & Bling

The 2nd annual Books Books & Bling event is coming up on April 14 at the Thomas Cotton Gin. An evening of dinner, music and dancing, while supporting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.



# **Ashford Missions Monthly Giving**

Ashford Memorial Methodist Church is dedicated to helping various missions in our local and global community. Below is a list of our monthly donations to which your tithes allow us to commit and make a difference in our community.

\$300/Month	ACTS
\$200/Month	ESP Global Samaritans (David) Global Samaritans (Joyce) Mercy Health Center
\$100/Month	American Red Cross Athens Pregnancy Center Family Promise of Athens Hope 139 Oconee Food for Kids Project Safe Salvation Army Sparrow's Nest Young Life
\$50/Month	Jenny Hargrove Pencil Fund