



# Stewpot Newsletter

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## Our Mission

The primary mission of the Stewpot is to Feed the Hungry - "Feed whoever walks through our doors". The Stewpot is open from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday of each week providing a hot meal to the homeless, jobless, elderly, physically or mentally disabled and displaced families in the Greater Little Rock area. The Little Rock Stewpot has served over 1.5 million meals in the last 45 years.

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**Merry Christmas From the Stewpot Board**



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## **Stewpot Meets with Dame Louise Casey**

On November 2 and 3, Dame Louise Casey from the United Kingdom was in Little Rock for a visit focused on homelessness. Since the 1990s, she has held leadership positions focused on services to families and vulnerable people. Prime Minister Tony Blair appointed her to lead the UK's efforts to address homelessness and aid unsheltered persons. She was brought to Little Rock in conjunction with the Institute of Global Homelessness (IGH).

Little Rock is entering into a multi-year partnership with the IGH. While she was in Little Rock, Dame Louise Casey visited several homeless service providers and homeless camps as well as met with civic leaders. The visit was kicked off on Friday, November 2, with a breakfast with Dame Louise and representatives of IGH at 8:15 am at the MacArthur Museum of Arkansas Military History.

Many of the Stewpot board members were at the Stewpot during her visit. She saw the dining room and Stewpot Patrons eating their meal, toured the food storage room, the clothes closet and visited with the nurses from the Baptist Health Community Clinic. Dame Louise had many questions about the operation of the Stewpot which the Stewpot Board members were happy to answer

Below are the sites she visited.

**Friday**

9:45 – 10:30 – Jericho Way

10:45 – 11:30 – Our House

11:45 - 12:15 – Stewpot at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church

**Saturday**

Compassion Center





Front Row - Right to Left: Ellen Russel, Stewpot Board Member; Midory Ngosi-Pinto; Atlas Fellow with IGH; Kathy Webb, Executive Director of Arkansas Hunger Alliance; Dame Louise Casey; and Nancy Howell, Stewpot Board Vice Chair.

Back Row - Left to Right: Charlie Frith, Stewpot Board Chair, Connie Smith, Stewpot Board Member, Herb Rule, Stewpot Board Member; Molly Seeley, Program Manager of the Institute of Global Homelessness; Kay Shurgar, Stewpot Board Manager, and Ed Brown, Stewpot Day Manager

## City teams up to cut homelessness

### LR works with global group

GINNY MONK  
ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

Little Rock officials announced Friday that they will try to reduce street homelessness by 25 percent in Ward 1 by 2020, the first step in a partnership with a group that is striving to end street homelessness in 150 cities across the world by 2030.

The Institute of Global

Homelessness has partnered with eight "vanguard cities" so far. Little Rock will join Chicago as the second city in the United States. Other cities are Adelaide, Australia; Edmonton, Canada; Glasgow, Scotland; Greater Manchester, United Kingdom; Rijeka, Croatia; and Tshwane, South Africa.

The institute is affiliated  
See **HOMELESS**, Page 3B



Arkansas Democrat-Gazette/THOMAS METTHI

**Dame Louise Casey** with the Institute on Global Homelessness talks about her role with the organization during a visit Friday to Little Rock.

## Students from Central Arkansas Christian Bring Socks to Stewpot

Each year the sixth graders at Central Arkansas Christian School lead the charge to raise awareness and money from our campus to provide new, warm socks for the homeless. This year, the students raised over \$1000 and donated over 600 pairs of socks.

This is all part of our school's Mustang Missions effort. We want kids to serve in a way that God is glorified. We strive through these different missions to foster empathy and compassion in our students' hearts and lives. Part of the socks were donated to River City Ministries while the others were donated to The Stewpot. Students passed out socks and helped serve lunch there on Thursday, November 29.



God Bless!  
Stuart Cash

See Photo below. They did a fantastic job.



## Melanie English Brings Coats and Hats to Stewpot

Melanie English, daughter of Becky McCune recently delivered 2 large boxes of men's and women's coats and 25 multi-colored crocheted hats to



the Stewpot. The hats were all made by Becky, Melissa's mother. Becky plans to make some more and will come to the Stewpot with Melissa the next time she delivers hats. **Thanks Becky and Melissa.**

**Shown below are Barbara and Carl from the Clothes Closet with Melissa in the middle showing off the beautiful hats.**



# Stewpot Receives Underwear and Shoes from Westover Hills

Charlie Frith delivered 30 packages of underwear from Undie Sunday at Westover Hills Presbyterian Church. He also picked up and delivered boxes and bags of shoes from Fleet Feet Shoe Store in the Pleasant Ridge Shopping Center and from Go Running Shoe Store in the Heights.







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## **Check out the 2019 Stewpot Photo Calendar**

The cover page for the 2019 Stewpot calendar is shown below. The calendar was created by Charlie Frith, Stewpot Board Chairman, on his Mac computer. It will be hanging on the bulletin board in the kitchen by the 1st of January.





## Stewpot - 2019

Created by Charlie Frith

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### **Baptist Health Foundation Help Assemble the Stewpot Christmas Bags**

Baptist Health Foundation staff got into the holiday spirit by volunteering together at the Stewpot. Our mission is to make a positive impact on the health and well-being of Arkansas families and communities. The team packed gift bags of blankets, gloves, hats, socks and snacks to distribute to the Stewpot patrons. They also helped serve a much needed hot meal to over 100 individuals! Thank you Stewpot for letting us be a part of the great work that you do!

## Here is what was included in the Christmas bags:

Fleece blanket

Fleece lined hat

Gloves

Socks

Candy treat sack

Toiletry bag including razor, soap, toothpaste /brush, washcloth, roll of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, pocket tissues

Box of Cheezits

The photo below shows some of the items in the Christmas bags and members from the Baptist Health Foundation hard at work assembling the bags.





A second group from the Baptist Health Foundation served the meal (See photo below).



## Stewpot Christmas Bags

Christmas bags were handed out to the Stewpot Patrons on Monday, December 17th. Kay Shurgar organized the event. Ed passed out tickets to limit each individual to a single bag. After picking up their bag, each individual received a small homemade cake baked by a group of nuns.

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# I Used to Be Homeless - and Here's What Everyone Gets Wrong About It

By Mark Anthony DiBello, as told to Charlotte Hilton Andersen

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**This is a really interesting article. To read the article  
click on the link below:**

<http://a.msn.com/01/en-us/BBPFXrv?ocid=se>

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# Clothes Closet†

*"I needed clothes and  
you clothed me."*

Matthew 25:38

## **Clothes Closet Update**

Clothing donations have been very strong through the late fall and into December. Bras are an important donated item. We have a group of ladies that sends us 50-75 bras every six weeks or so that they collect through donations. They wash them, and then the bras are ready for the Clothes Closet . We make certain of the sizing ( see photo), place them in plastic bag, mark them, and then they are ready to go. Most of our female clients get a bra. Of course, there are many more items that are important for our clients! Some of the things we depend on our donors for are jeans, shoes, underwear, hygiene items, and warm jackets and coats. How about checking your closets to see if you have some of these items that you could



part with for the Clothes Closet. We truly appreciate everything that is donated!!!

The Clothes Closet wishes one and all a very Merry Christmas!!! We look forward to seeing everyone next year!!!



## Stewpot Video

To see a short video about the Stewpot,  
click on the Stewpot below.

[Stewpot](#)

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## Stewpot Holidays

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King Day

Good Friday

Memorial Day

Independence Day (4th of July)

Labor Day

Thanksgiving

Friday after Thanksgiving

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

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