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THE GOOD SAMARITAN CENTER

who we are

Affectionately known as "Good Sam," The Good Samaritan Center is a **private, non-profit social service agency**. It is funded by churches, private contributions, and fundraising.

The Center was started in 1972 under the direction and financial support of seven Jackson churches. Since that time, The Good Samaritan Center has grown to include a main office in Jackson and a branch in Laurel, Mississippi.

our mission

The Good Samaritan Center's mission is to assist families and individuals in emergency situations. We work closely with other organizations to form a **"network of helping hands."**

our services

At the moment, Good Sam serves in three main capacities: food, clothing, and advocacy.

The **Food Pantry** is open to Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays to folks, who have complete the interview process. Our "Hub for the Hungry" collaboration with Extra Table stores salvaged food and helps distribute to other charitable organizations throughout the state.

The **Clothing Closet** is open Mondays & Thursdays for clients to shop for free every six months.

what we do

Good Samaritan focuses on families in crisis who are experiencing an unexpected (yet verifiable) emergency beyond the client's control.

Our staff strives to make a "long-term" difference in a person's life by using the occasion of "short-term" emergency assistance.

Our case management team works hard to supply information and make appropriate referrals, to budget counsel and to advocate for our clients. Our case management team also works with area churches to provide guidance in handling the multitude of requests calls that churches receive on a weekly basis.

Our case management team also works hard to possess a very thorough knowledge of what emergency services and funds are available throughout our community.

Our goal is to create a network of emergency assistance and referral. AND **"If we can't help, we should know (or be able to find out) what organizations can assist."**

Our case managers attempt to help all clients determine the basic cause of their emergency so that appropriate changes made in the household, as well as assistance from our office, will work together in order to avoid a reoccurrence of the crisis in the future (i.e. opportunities versus "band-aids", long term solutions versus short term fixes).

our location

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- **Good Sam to Still Host 11th Annual Charity Run**
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