



THE PROVIDENCE HOME POST

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Here Comes Johnny!

Follow up to our January cover story



Back in January, we told you about Haafee. He arrived at Providence Home late last year, and through God's grace, he entered a life-saving relationship with Jesus Christ - committing himself to the Lord and changing his name back to "Johnny" - his birth name.

Johnny did so well here in such a short period, he decided it was time to move on. But by his own admission, it was too soon. He traveled to North Carolina, working for a spell there and down in Florida, too, before being convicted he

needed to complete his program back at Providence Home.

That's good news for sure!

But just as wonderful news, **Dan**, a fellow resident and great friend he made here, saw Johnny's post about needing bus fare to get back, and it was Dan who paid for his ticket.

While he was on the road, God continued to grow Johnny's faith. And He is doing incredible work in the life of Dan who carries a deep love for and faith in Jesus - and a joyful desire to proclaim Him!

Johnny and Dan. They're two of our whys here at Providence Home.



M & M!

Follow Up: Big Staffing News

M&M! We're not talking the little chocolate candy or the outsized rapper. What we are talking about is **Mike** and **Mark**.

Mike

Our Providence Home family is well familiar with **Mike Byars**. For two years he's served as our program director. Mike's story is so powerful because he was once a resident here.



[Click here to read more on Mike.](#)

It's little wonder Mike's favorite verse is **Joel 2:25-27**: "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten."

The Lord has done all of that and more for Mike, reuniting him with his college sweetheart and now, providing a path for him to return to his expertise in the insurance business while opening up new ministry opportunities.

Mike has a profound love for the resident men here and he will be sorely missed, but as Mike himself will testify, God has been directing these moves from the start because at exactly the right time, He brought us **Mark Davis**.

Mark

Mark had been serving parttime as our caseworker and now steps into big shoes (size 13 to be exact) in taking over as our new program director. But Mark brings with him a true wealth of experience.



After a successful business career, Mark felt the Lord calling him into ministry. Originally from Georgia, in 2004 and at the tender age of 36, Mark moved with his wife and two small children to South Carolina so he could pursue a degree in Biblical education from Columbia International University.

In 2008, Mark graduated from CIU with a B.S. in Family and Church Education Bible.

For nearly a decade now, Mark's passion has been serving the city's homeless community.

Mark's desire is to work with men in need of the Savior, helping them to understand God's true love for them.

Mark has been married to the beautiful Charlene for 30 years and they have two adult children, Alex and Jacob, and one absolutely perfect grandson, Jase.

He is known to annoy South Carolina fans with his avid love for the Georgia Bulldogs.

God speed Mike. And welcome Mark!

You Gave! We're Grateful!

Thank you! God used you in amazing ways to bless our ministry during this year's **Midlands Gives Day**, Monday May 3.



We prayerfully asked God to provide us \$20,000 if that met His approval, and He far exceeded that providing almost \$27,000!

He's just so good and we are so grateful for the way He works through friends like you!

So, bless you!

And also, let's give some major props to our **Providence Home Board of Directors!** Thanks to *100% participation* from our board - we won a special Midlands Gives contest sponsored by Blue Cross Blue Shield South Carolina - and an extra \$1,000 was gifted to our ministry!

Our long-anticipated chapel is coming to life brick by brick. It's a thrill to see the daily progress of the **William "Bill" Cogdill Memorial Chapel** and we give thanks to God constantly for what He's doing here at Providence Home.

Watch Facebook and this monthly newsletter for ongoing updates.



Prayer & Praise for Providence Home

PRAY!

Pray for our **resident men** - especially those who right now are grieving broken relationships - that they would seek Him above all else and allow Him - in His perfect time - to restore the years the locusts have eaten.

Pray for **Mike Byars** as he transitions to a new job and exciting new ministry opportunities as the Lord leads.

Pray for **Mark Davis** as he takes over as our program director that the Lord will use Mark to expand His territory here at Providence Home for His glory.

Pray for continued wisdom and discernment for Executive Director **Rob Settle** as he leads the ministry through exciting changes and growth.

Pray for our **country** that our Supreme Court would stand steadfast in its leaked draft decision regarding Roe vs. Wade; that those who stand for life will be protected and that all God's children will be valued as sacred.

PRAISE!

Praise for our beloved board member, **Tara Whitfield**, who is successfully battling cancer and recovering from surgery.

Praise for our **board members** commitment to Providence Home.
Praise for a successful Midlands Gives Day.
Praise for our **supporters, volunteers** and **prayer warriors**.

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For nearly 60 years, Providence Home has ministered to men in need.

In 1963, Johnny Zenoni, a recovering alcoholic, began by assisting eight men in need. The mission remains the same: to help stabilize the living conditions of dislocated men and to encourage progress in realizing their full personal potential in self-sufficient living through the power of Jesus Christ.



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