

## How many Homeless are in Monroe County?



**According to the most recent PIT (Point-in-Time) count in Monroe County, there are:**

- 47 family units (183 people) with children
- 23% (42) are Military Veterans
- 36% (66) are at imminent risk of losing housing
- 37% (68) are literally homeless

## WHERE ARE THE HOMELESS LIVING IN MONROE COUNTRY?

Tents



Cars



Streets



Motel rooms

Precarious or sub-standard housing



## Who are the Homeless?

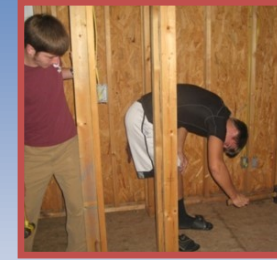
People like you and me Veterans from Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan who may be struggling with employment or even PTSD issues.

Families struggling with debt and unemployment issues

People who are dealing with addiction and mental health issues

Individuals and families who have lost everything.

## What is Shelter My Sheep program?



What makes this program unique is that it will utilize vocational classes at Tellico Plains High School (hopefully expanding to other schools) to build a modular type home that can be moved on a pre-prep site.

## The goal is three fold:

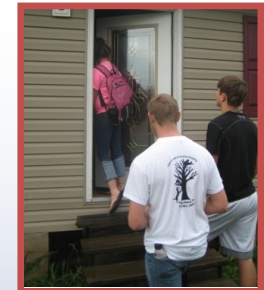
### First:

give students an opportunity to learn a trade and to help others in need.



### Second:

We envision the possibility of creating small transitional communities.



### Third:

We can assist needy individuals / families to find a job and move to an affordable apartment or home.



# What can be done to support Shelter My Sheep?

## Churches and individuals can:

- Commit to pray for this program
- Offer their skills and support (carpentry, electrical, plumbing) to finish a home, prep property, or possibly help to remodel a home.
- Participate in meetings and/or serve on a board or committee.
- Prayerfully consider giving \$100 a month for one year and see what God will do through you. We encourage churches/organizations to hold collected monies until needed.



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## What does SMS need?

### First:

we need 20 churches and/or individuals who will prayerfully discern, and if God leads them, to give \$100 a month for 1 (one) year. That is enough to build one house and get basic utility connections. Thus far, through the support of:

- ♦ Bethlehem Baptist Church
- ♦ Cane Creek Baptist Church
- ♦ Center Presbyterian Church
- ♦ River of Life Church
- ♦ Rocky Springs Baptist Church
- ♦ And caring individuals

SMS house #1 is completed & located at:

313 Church Street Tellico Plains, TN.

We need local banks and property owners:

Second: banks may have property or a foreclosed home they might consider donating to this program. Shelter My Sheep will have a database of churches and volunteers who can remodel homes and prep home sites.



We will work with established non profit organizations like The Way of Hope of Monroe County or Sweetwater Area Ministries who provide: Shelter, Meals, and Support services to help homeless families achieve independence.

# Shelter My Sheep



We are a mission, inspired by God, to unite local churches, community leaders, and students in an effort to provide temporary homes for families in need.

