



Open letter of appreciation to our patrons from the desk of the president



Rev. Dr. John C. Dortch, President/CEO

On behalf of the Circle of Hope Ministries, I wish to convey our deepest sense of gratitude for your outpouring of support in response to our previous ads for the Veterans First Thrift Store, located at 612 Robert Smalls Pkwy., Ste. D, Beaufort, SC 29906. (Open Tuesday thru Saturday, from 10am to 3pm). Because you answered our call, our thrift store enjoyed its most successful sales month in the two and a half years of its existence. Sales for the month of October 2023 totaled \$8,940.50, and because we have an all-volunteer staff, none of the sales proceeds were allocated for salaries. After overhead expenses, our net proceeds of \$7,705.00 were transferred to our Capital Campaign Account to help fund the Hope Village Inn affordable housing development. However, because Jim and Kathy Powley, who co-manage our thrift store, are leaving to enjoy their retirement years, we are suspending the operation of our thrift store as of Saturday, December 9, 2023, or sooner, depending on the depletion of the store's inventory. So, we are no longer accepting donated items, until we announce the resumption of store operations. Please know that your support has contributed significantly in moving us closer to achieving our goal to provide affordable housing for our veterans and their families. We now ask for your continued financial support by donating to the Circle of Hope Ministries, Inc., P.O. Box 554, Beaufort, SC 29901. (Ph: (843) 379-9955 or 263-2563). We are a 501c3, nonprofit, faith-based, charitable organization and all contributions are tax deductible. My beloved, I prayerfully wish you, your family and loved ones, peace and blessings from above.