

# TESTIMONIES



THIS ISSUE'S TESTIMONY IS COMING FROM CITA'S FOUNDER, JOHNNY ELLISON HIMSELF. THOUGH HE PASSED AWAY IN 1997, HIS TESTIMONY IS STILL EFFECTING THOSE WHO SEEK HELP. CITA HAS CONTINUED TO OPERATE IN THE SAME FASHION HE DESIRED IN 1969 WHEN HE HAD A VISION TO HELP OTHERS IN NEED WITH NO HOME.

JOHNNY HAD HIS OWN WAY TO DESCRIBE THE HOMELESS. HE REFERRED TO THEM AS THE 'FORGOTTEN'.

JOHNNY SAW THE PLIGHT THAT A PERSON HAS WHEN SOCIETY, FAMILY AND YES EVEN CHURCHES "FORGET" THE STREET PERSON. THE TRAP OF DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COUPLED WITH THE LOSS OF FAMILY, HOME AND JOB RESULTS IN A PERSON THAT MOST FIND IT EASY TO "FORGET". HERE AT CITA, WE DO NOT "FORGET".

CITA, COMBINED WITH THE HELP OF THOSE WHO CARE ARE LIFTING UP THE FORGOTTEN AND HELPING THEM REGAIN THEIR FREEDOM FROM SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND GAIN SELF ESTEEM AND ABILITY AND PRAYERFULLY, A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD.

JOHNNY STARTED HIS MINISTRY IN THE JAILS WHERE HE VISITED REGULARLY TO SHARE HIS EXPERIENCE WITH HIS LORD AND SAVIOR. HUNDREDS CAME TO KNOW THE LORD.

IN 1969, WITH PRAYER AND ADVICE HE OPENED THE CITA RESCUE MISSION. WITH THE MOTTO CHRIST IS THE ANSWER.

IN 1972 HE HELPED TO START THE FLORIDA CHILDREN'S HOME WITH LINDY MCGOWAN.

IN 1997 HE WENT HOME TO BE WITH HIS BEST FRIEND AND SAVIOR. JESUS CHRIST. HOWEVER, HIS TESTIMONY IS STILL AT WORK.

## URGENT NEEDS

**There is an urgent need for some air conditioning work to be done in the dorm building. If any person or business is willing and able to help/volunteer in this issue, please call as soon as possible.**

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## THE WAYS A PERSON CAN JOIN IN SUPPORTING

1. Donations of food
2. Donations of sellable items.
3. Donations of Cash donations.
4. Donations individual and organization time and services.

**If there is any way in which you can help and feel moved to do so, please contact us.**

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## Transient Program

This is a 3-day per month program that allows time and provides resources to clean up and make a decision whether to seek further help.

## Achiever Program

This is a 12-week program that allows time to accomplish set goals. Resources to find work, save money and establish a permanent residence are established with our caring community. After 30 days or once an income is established, the Achiever Resident is required to pay a \$10 fee. Sponsorship is accepted.

## Overcomer Program

This is a 12-week program that allows time and to recover from issues that prevent a person from being able to work. The resident will attend a course focused on living a clean Biblically standard life. An Overcomer Resident is not required to pay for the course, but will be expected to work according to his/her personal ability at an assigned location here on the CITA property. Travel is also limited to certain areas and with a Travel Buddy only. Sponsorship is accepted.



is an independent organization and receives no government grants or funding. All support is voluntary and comes from caring individuals and groups such as churches and local businesses.