



**P. A. T. C. H.**  
People Attending To Christ's House

## Community Service Success Stories

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And, don't allow yourselves to be weary or disheartened in planting good seeds, for the season of reaping the wonderful harvest you have planted is coming! Take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing to others, especially to our brothers and sisters in the family of faith.

*Galatians 6:9-10* The Passion Translation of the Bible

### MISSION SUCCESSES 2013 – PRESENT

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## PREFACE

P.A.T.C.H. (People Attending to Christ's House), is an IRS approved, non-profit organization in the states of Mississippi and Alabama.

P.A.T.C.H. primarily serves senior citizens raising grandchildren. However, when **opportunities** arise, we will expand our service area to include school systems.

### What P.A.T.C.H. is About

The name P.A.T.C.H. was derived from an old tradition where each member in a family was given a patch of land to cultivate. When each person successfully farmed their small garden patches, they - collectively - helped feed large, extended families.

P.A.T.C.H. expands its footprint by partnering with local churches. We ask our ministry partners to seek out and qualify seniors in their congregation and in their local area, who meet our criteria for service. Our non-profit assists *approved* applicants as equipment, volunteers and donations (of cash or materials) are made available.

The needs of the household will be met first with donations of furniture, fixtures and equipment (**FF&E**), secondly from services provided by volunteers and corporate sponsors. After these resources are exhausted, P.A.T.C.H. will cover as many of the remaining needs as possible.

**Below are some  
success stories.**

### Public School Recipients

We were able to obtain, from a local corporation, surplus furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) from three (3) vacated office buildings. Approximately \$400,000 in FF&E was given to the following schools and non-profits. The primary recipients were schools in Alabama's poorest counties.

- The Sunshine School in Newbern, Alabama received the following items:

New desks, ergonomic chairs, 2 drawer files cabinets, and bookcases for all of the teachers. Additionally, furniture was provided for the school nurse, a complete office set-up for the principal, video cameras, rugs, library tables, stacking chairs, study carrels, office supplies, white boards, conference room furniture, pictures, and decorative items. The Sunshine School also received 25 small school desks and matching chairs, plus numerous lateral file cabinets and storage cabinets.

Several boxes of pens, pencils, sticky notes, printer paper, erasers, folders, binders, and paperclips were collected from the office desks and supply rooms, which were donated to the students and teachers at the Sunshine School.

We want to commend Michael Ryans, the principal (since promoted), for coordinating the school's parents to load and deliver most of the donated items.

**The labor and trucks needed to deliver the FF&E to the following schools (plus three deliveries to the Sunshine School) was provided by Barry Saunders, with Armstrong Relocation.**

John Essex High School in the Demopolis school system received the following items, with the coordination of Loretta McCoy.

1. 30 chairs
2. 62 stackable plastic chairs
3. 182 open front student desks
4. 2 large storage cabinets
5. 9 rectangular tables
6. 20 round tables
7. 5 computer tables
8. 7 two drawer files
9. 7 four drawer files
10. 9 teachers' desks

One Roof, Birmingham's non-profit for the homeless, received office furniture and a conference room set-up

## Desks for Alabama Schools

Law Lamar (the Founder of The Friends of Hale County, a local non-profit) and I worked with Gary McBay (retired from the Hoover School system) to collect and redistribute hundreds of school desks, across Alabama.

I personally know of no other person who has done as much for the schools and students in the Black Belt of Alabama, as has Mr. Lamar.

Also, many thanks to Douglas Jackson with Boy Scouts of America for sending volunteers to load the delivery trucks. Law Lamar provided and paid for 6 additional workers to help with this Herculean task!

- Other schools in Hale County received 65 large school desks.
- Fayette County received 162 large school desks.
- Gordo Elementary received 120 small desks and 120 chairs.
- Vernon Elementary received 200 small desks and 100 large school desks.
- The following items were donated to the Marengo County School system:
  1. 200 elementary school desks
  2. 5 teacher's desks
  3. 10 tables
- The Hackleburg school system received over 200 desks to replace those lost during the April 27, 2011 tornado.