

Sister Mary Ann Tarboro, NC

Sister Mary Ann has been called many names over her time in Tarboro but one of the best is being described as “an amazing woman”. She is known for her compassion, energy, ideas and her “can do attitude”. She also is fearless and strict, she has to be; she is managing a homeless shelter for thirty men. Many of the men arrive at the shelter fresh out of prison or recovering from addictions with nowhere to go.

“Sister Mary Ann is a good lady to work for if you abide by her rules. You won’t have any problems if you don’t drink alcohol, use drugs, don’t smoke inside or have females visit. Every day you have to pitch in and do your part to make the place work” said John a resident of Tarboro Community Outreach.”

“Everyone of my men have something special to offer, if I can get them to believe in their own goodness I can work with them” shared Sister Mary Ann. “There are some men I cannot reach and they don’t stay for long but the ones that do stay become contributing members. We pray twice a day together, our pray is from Chronicles but adapted : “Oh God, bless me indeed, increase my territory, place your hands upon me, keep me from evil and please don’t let me cause pain to myself or others.” These men become a family for one another. It is powerful to see the change that occurs in them. I wouldn’t trade places with anyone, I see God in each one of them everyday” smiled Sister Mary Ann.

