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Springtime At Galilean

A Little Store with a Big Heart: Life at the Liberty Trading Post

Just off Wallace Wilkinson Boulevard in the heart of Liberty, you'll find a place that's more than just a thrift store—it's a mission. The Liberty Trading Post has been a cornerstone of Galilean Home Ministries, Inc. for years now. Started by Mrs. Sandy Tucker herself, it was built to help raise money to feed, clothe, and care for the dozens of children living on the property—more than 80 of them at one point. And let me tell you, it's still going strong.

Open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 to 4:30, this little shop is full of big blessings. Folks come from all over to find gently used clothes, toys, books, furniture, and all sorts of household treasures. But what makes this place truly special isn't just what you find on the shelves, it's the people behind the counter.

The ladies who work there? They're the real deal. Kind, hardworking, and always ready with a smile. They're not just ringing up sales—they're making friends, lifting spirits, and keeping the doors open for a ministry that's changing lives every single day.

And if you've got a closet full of clothes you don't wear anymore, or maybe a garage with a few too many extras, don't toss it. Think of us! We're always accepting donations during open hours, and every item you give helps fund the Galilean Home. Whether it's a gently used jacket, a kitchen set, or a box of toys your kids have outgrown, your donation helps keep the shelves stocked and the ministry moving forward.

Meet the Team at Liberty Trading Post

Rita Dalton has been part of the Trading Post family for 23 years. She says what keeps her going is the people—both the coworkers and the customers who feel more like old friends. One of her most memorable moments was during a flood, when folks came together

with donations, supplies, prayers, and a whole lot of love to help get the shop and community back on its feet. "We're one big extended family," Rita says. "Customers even stop in just to visit us—I love my job."

Ashley Farrell has been there three years and loves seeing the smiling faces of coworkers and customers alike. "Every day is a favorite memory," she says, whether it's chatting with regulars or welcoming someone new. "The people here are kind and respectful, and as a Christian, it's a blessing to work in a place built on faith. You won't find another place like it."

Barbara Doud just marked a year, and she's already full of stories—like the time she accidentally rang up a customer for \$12,000! "I was so embarrassed," she laughs, "but the customer just joked with me, and everyone was so kind." She says the Trading Post isn't

just a store—it's a help to the whole community, providing jobs, supporting the Home, and offering a place that feels relaxed and welcoming.

Kaitlyn Wilkerson is the newest face on the team, with four months under her belt, but she's already right at home. "The wonderful customers and my lovely coworkers have made it easy to fit in," she says. "It's a positive environment—and it fits me perfectly."

So next time you're cleaning out, downsizing, or just making room for something

new, think of the Liberty Trading Post. Your gently used items could be someone else's next treasure, and they help us continue the mission at Galilean Home, one box at a time.



LtoR: Ashley, Barbara, Rita, Kaitlyn

A Beautiful Day to Celebrate Our Employees

Tucked away in the peaceful hills by the school, Galilean Home Ministries, Inc. hosted our Second Annual Employee Appreciation Day this past April. With over 150 staff, volunteers, and friends in attendance, the atmosphere was full of joy, laughter, and gratitude as we came together to celebrate the incredible folks who make this ministry what it is.

With so many of us working in different buildings, departments, and roles, it's not often we're all in one place, but when we are, it's something special. Folks took time to reconnect, share stories, and enjoy the spring sunshine together like one big family.

Joey's BBQ kept everyone full and happy with plates piled high, while Meg's Coffey and Vintage Honey served up the sweetest treats—iced lemonade, homemade cookies, and plenty of caffeine to keep the fun going.

Our friend April (a favorite with the kids and adults alike) worked her magic painting faces with butterflies, flowers, and colorful swirls. And if that wasn't enough to brighten the day, the Six Sisters outdid themselves with

stunning fresh flower arrangements that added a perfect touch of beauty and warmth to our tables.

What's a celebration without a few surprises? The door prizes were a big hit—gift cards, a smart TV, a handy tool kit, and even a beach bag brimming with summer goodies. But the biggest cheers of the day came when we announced the grand prize winners. One lucky team member walked away with a 3 Days Off Certificate, and one even luckier person won 5 Days Off!

It was a joyful, heartfelt day that reminded us how grateful we are for each person who pours their heart into Galilean Home Ministries. Whether in the office, the classroom, the Cafe, the thrift store, keeping up with maintenance, or caring for our residents, we recognize that these people are the hands and feet of this ministry, and we know we couldn't do it without each of them.

Just like we couldn't do it without each of you! Whether you donate monetarily, send items off of our needs list, rally up a work team, or simply add us to your prayer lists, you are a true blessing to all of us at Galilean Home Ministries, Inc.



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- ✓ Dryer Sheets
- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Toilet Paper
- ✓ Body Wash
- ✓ Scented Cleaners
- ✓ Air Wick Refills
- ✓ 13 & 33 Gallon Trash Bags
- ✓ Latex Gloves (Medium)
- ✓ Medium Adult Diapers
- ✓ Baby Wipes
- ✓ Large Trash Bags

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