

Rotary



Club of Franklin Daybreak

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No Wrong Door is opening doors for Macon families



Sheila Jenkins, director of No Wrong Door in Franklin, said that homelessness is a growing issue in Franklin and Macon County. No Wrong Door operates a resource center for homeless and home-insecure people in the county. They also operate the Downtown Door, which provides an area for homeless people to do laundry, take a shower, get some clean clothes and plug in to resources available to them. Jenkins said that the increasing cost of rent, utilities and food make it more difficult for working families. That, along with substance abuse and addiction, is resulting in the doors of No Wrong Door, being overwhelmed with needs.

"We have people with jobs, who go to work every day, and they live in their cars," said Jenkins.

No Wrong Door recently partnered with the Dogwood Trust Foundation and Discover Church to open a transitional living facility near the church. The family apartments will allow up to four families to live there for a year while they establish stability in their lives. To learn more about programs, services and how you can volunteer, visit nowrongdoorwnc.org

Under Construction: FHS from a bird's eye view



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Tyler Gay, the project manager for the new Franklin High School, told members of the Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak that the school is on target for completion in 2027. Gay said the Franklin High project is one of the largest construction projects in progress in Western North Carolina. Carroll Daniel, based in Gainesville, Georgia, is spearheading the project.

One challenge facing the construction crew is building on the existing site. Gay said there is "no room for construction materials," which is a unique situation for them. The new school will be built on the practice field. In order to begin construction, dirt had to be moved to the Frogtown area as construction workers began digging out the basement of the new school.

At the same time, work is being done on the new stadium, athletic complex and parking lot. Gay said the parking lot will be open when school begins this fall. The new stadium and athletic complex will be open for the 2026 football season.

Projected cost of the project is approximately \$124 million.

Upcoming events

Got school supplies?

The Rotary Club of Franklin Daybreak is collecting school supplies for Macon Program for Progress. If you have school supplies to donate, bring them to our club meeting on Tuesday, July 22.



Upcoming programs

Aug. 22 – Program: Justin Hall, Greeter Audrea Shields-Burch, 50/50 Clint Kendall, Invocation Luke Smith.
Aug. 29 – Program Lindsay Wright (Honduras Missions update); Greeter Vicki Lawrence; 50/50 Dave Jones; Invocation Roger Plemens.
August 5 – Visit from District Governor Alpo Portelli.

Save the Date – Got a Rotary Prospect?

August 26 – Discover Rotary with Billi Black

Events

No Events found

Birthdays



[Lindsay Wright](#)
August 3rd



[Roger Plemens](#)
August 14th

Wedding Anniversaries



[Gregory L. Mullins](#)
July 17th



[Justin L. Hall](#)
July 31st

Years of Service

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