



## Ladies of Charity of Chattanooga

### *Stories of those we serve*

*Serving the needy  
of our community  
in a spirit of faith,  
humility & simplicity.*

The Ladies of Charity of Chattanooga are dedicated to helping people in crisis — those who would otherwise fall through the cracks in our affluent society. This is why our members contribute and why our volunteers show up on schedule to make our Greater Good Thrift Store thrive. Our store generates much of the funding that allows us to help our neighbors. Please help us in turn by volunteering and/or by donating materially and financially to our work. We, as a community, cannot tell neighbors “no” when their need is real.

#### **Anna’s Story:**

#### **Laundry may sound like a small thing but it was one problem this loving mother didn’t need**

Anna was white-haired, seventy-plus and obviously not wealthy. She had recently opened her home to an adult daughter who had no place else to go after a divorce, job loss (along with medical insurance) and cancer diagnosis. Anna had helped her daughter get into cancer treatment through a community clinic. The treatment and medication had helped.

Just when both Anna and her daughter were starting to feel a little better, the daughter suddenly took a turn for the worse. Tests showed that her pancreas and liver were beginning to fail, possibly due to her cancer medication.

Anna struggled to care for herself and her daughter. When her washing machine gave out, she had no money to repair or replace it. She had no car to use in getting herself and her laundry to a public laundromat. Instead she resorted to trying to wash her family’s clothes and linens in the bathtub, using her own arthritic hands. She asked only for help with a washing machine.

Ladies of Charity was honored to meet Anna’s request for a reconditioned washer, saving that mother’s loving hands for the more pressing task of caring for her daughter.