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## **Jesus Was Homeless Celebrated New Facility with Groundbreaking Ceremony**

BRANSON, Mo., April 6, 2016 – Jesus Was Homeless, a local non-profit organization, announced the ground breaking of their new facility in the Branson community. They celebrated the start of construction with a ceremony for the community, guests and volunteers on April 6, at 10 a.m. The groundbreaking event included light snacks and beverages. It also included a small presentation from the Executive Director, Bryan Stallings.

The new facility, located off of Hwy. 76 on Gretna Road, will include classrooms for the Jobs for Life program, a fully functioning kitchen, kids' areas, a telemedicine room, computer lab, café, community garden, thrift store and laundromat. It also will offer an after school program and a multi-purpose auditorium for Gateway Branson Church. Construction started in early April.

"This new location is key to the future of Jesus Was Homeless," said Stallings at the ceremony. "Imagine a place where people in our community can go and be encouraged, develop skills and become citizens who give back to the community. That's what we plan to do in this new location. The new facility will allow us to strengthen the workforce through transforming the lives of the people we serve. We are very excited for the future."

The new location is a significant improvement over the current facility located in the Vista Plaza Shopping Center. The new location will increase operational square footage by more than 13,500 sq. ft. for a total of 17,000 sq. ft. The building will be situated on 1.29 acres and is set to be complete in November, 2016.

Jesus Was Homeless serves approximately 1,200 meals weekly through their Meal Making & Delivery program and have graduated more than 95 students through their Jobs for Life program. For more information about Jesus Was Homeless, or to donate/volunteer, call 417-335-9915 or visit [www.jesuswashomeless.org](http://www.jesuswashomeless.org).

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### **About Jesus Was Homeless**

Jesus Was Homeless is a 501(c)3 organization dedicated to serve the hungry, hopeless and hurting by providing them with opportunities to grow spiritually, relationally and physically. Since being founded in 2008, Jesus Was Homeless has been the leader in the community for providing "next steps" through weekly meal delivery, employment training and access to health care to those at or below the poverty line and those that live in extended-stay motels. Jesus Was Homeless makes a difference by transforming lives, restoring faith, hope, love and dignity in order to break the cycle of poverty for generations to come. For more information, visit [www.jesuswashomeless.org](http://www.jesuswashomeless.org)