

Adjusting to some **BIG CHANGES**

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HAW RIVER — Faye Boswell may now enjoy air conditioning through the summer months. It's a big change.

This is the first summer in years that Boswell, president of the Hospice League of Alamance-Caswell, hasn't been involved in planning a weeklong Hospice Flea Market, which the past couple of years was conducted in the steamy former Western Electric plant.

But since the League's year-round store — the Hospice Flea Market and Donation Center —

opened Jan. 28 to replace the annual market, she has been working harder than ever.

Most of her time is spent at the store in Haw River, but she also volunteers at the League's headquarters on 914 Chapel Hill Road in Burlington. Boswell mentioned that the League's headquarters will be moving to the store's location to eliminate the commute

Want to help?

The Hospice Flea Market & Donation Center is located at 1003 W. Main St. in Haw River, and the Hospice League Clothing Store is at 2337 Corporation Parkway in Burlington.

For volunteering information at the Flea Market, call 336-229-0490 and for volunteering at the Clothing Store, call 336-222-8842.

For other volunteering opportunities, call Faye Boswell's cell: 336-213-7901.

time between the two.

"The store has been more of a demand on my time" than the previous once-a-year flea market, she said. Boswell and her husband, who runs the furniture department, volunteer six days a week. "If I didn't have my husband down here every day, it would be

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very difficult to carve a day out to do laundry and grocery shopping," she continued.

Boswell rarely uses her time even to sit. In fact, on a recent day at the store, she excused herself from sorting

the big donation of the day — thousands of books given by a local man — to meet with a reporter.

"This is the first time I've sat down today," she sighed, settling into a hand-me-down chair.

For 21 years, Boswell and the League had collected donations yearly for their five-day flea market, which took about three months to set up. As of this year, this whole process happens weekly.

Having a permanent retail location, the League now

has the freedom to continue fundraising without a deadline. In the past, the League was put in the position of donating the leftovers from the annual flea markets to other charities.

"We were giving away far too much because we couldn't sell it all in five days," Boswell explained.

In its first year, 1990, the flea market was more than successful.

"I had hoped the first flea market would gross at least \$10,000, but it grossed over

\$43,000 in its first year," Boswell said.

Since opening the Hospice Flea Market and Donation Center this year, the League has raised \$401,426.74.

The League also runs a year-round clothing store, which is in its fifth year, and has made more than \$130,000 since November 2010. Both stores are always in need of volunteers, especially young people.

"The League's members are only getting older," Boswell said.