



**CANDLELIGHT SHOPPING: A GREAT WAY TO ENJOY SHOPPING & DINING IN THE HEART OF DOWNTOWN MELBOURNE**  
 Saturdays beginning Thanksgiving through Christmas 2021

Visitors are invited to stroll the historical district, shop, dine and enjoy the festivities. Visit with Santa Claus, enjoy the tree lighting ceremony and take a free ride on the horse and carriage adventure. The many shops in downtown Melbourne have a wide variety of interesting and unique gift ideas from clothing, to wine, spirits, food edibles, jewelry, souvenirs, antiques and more. Gift cards are also available. Time and dates: 5-9 p.m., Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 11 and 18. For more information: Visit [www.downtownmelbourne.com](http://www.downtownmelbourne.com)



**GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE & HEALING FROM THE TRANSFORMED SHOP**

Within the walls of the Transformed Shop sewing center in Melbourne, former homeless moms in Brevard County are finding hope & healing by creating unique items out of denim and other fabric scraps.

The Transformed Shop is a social enterprise of Melbourne's New Life Mission, a long-term transitional housing for homeless women and children working toward self-sufficiency.

In the Transformed Shop, the women, who are called students in the New Life Mission program, work with staff and volunteers to cut and sew the repurposed fabrics. Like the materials they work with, their lives gain new purpose as they rearrange the scraps of the past into new and beautiful things.

Their creations range from denim key chains, bracelets, earrings to placemats, coasters and wine tote bags. The items are sold online [www.transformedshop.com](http://www.transformedshop.com) or at the store located at 1230 N. Harbor City Blvd., Melbourne, during community events.

All sales go toward supporting the work of the Transformed Shop and New Life Mission. By purchasing these products, you are empowering women to gain valuable skills to break their cycle of homelessness. For information on how to purchase these gifts, contact Amy Lyons at [Amy.L.@NewLife-Mission.org](mailto:Amy.L.@NewLife-Mission.org); visit [www.transformedshop.com](http://www.transformedshop.com); or call 321.480.9100. >>

