

# GRACE WAY VILLAGE

It is our desire to serve all with grace who come our way from the "village" that surrounds us. Each program is an integral part in helping the community we serve. All work done at Grace Way Village is dedicated to meeting the needs of the most vulnerable in our community, particularly the children. Please take a few moments to catch up on the latest. You will be impressed!

## Holiday Contemplations

As we enter the season that begins with thankfulness, rushing quickly forward to the night of anticipation culminating in the day of promise, and then settling down to a quiet "pause" that allows a deep-felt contemplation, I find myself doing the same regarding GraceWay Village.

### Thankful for...

- the privilege of helping our community's neighbors in need.
- the volunteers who faithfully serve.
- the donors who sacrificially give, keeping the doors open and the programs running. Literally, they feed the hungry and clothe children in need.

### Anticipating...

- continued growth and service in each of the current programs, enlarging the efforts to reach more people and assist more needs.
- purchasing property that will bring GraceWay Village closer to the original plan of a Family Restorative Living Facility that assists homeless families.
- building the cottages, beginning the much-anticipated service of assisting homeless families to being self-sufficient.

### Contemplating...

- with great praise regarding the hearts of our donors that prioritize helping their neighbors in need through sacrificial giving.
- in awe, the hours and faithfulness of the many volunteers who do the vast majority of work at GraceWay Village.
- and ever-seeking new ways that our neighbors in need can be helped.

Undergirding all of this is the truth that all praise goes to God for His providential oversight. The staff and the GraceWay Village Board use their gifts, their knowledge, and their hearts in service to Him to accomplish all mentioned above.

Going into this most delightful of seasons, may you each be richly blessed. Your involvement represents this truth:

***"They asked only that we would remember the poor, which I had made every effort to do."***

Galatians 2:10

*Cathie Mouring*

Cathie Mouring, CDE  
Executive Director



**Fall  
2019**

# Hope's Closet

Our children's clothing program continues to bless children in crisis. Not only are children provided clothing for school and play, their family is blessed by having these needs met, freeing up needed finances for other responsibilities such as utilities, car maintenance, and other essentials. Weekly on-site workshops in basic life skills are available on Wednesdays when the boutique is open, assisting the guardians in meeting their one requirement to shop again. If timing is right, clients may also enjoy a free lunch at Matthew's Café.

With our client base growing, there is great need for your donations, which are accepted 24/7 in our onsite blue donation bin or in Old Navy at Tradition.

Specific needs include:

**\*Boys' clothing, sizes 5-16**

**\*New (colored, not white) underwear** for girls and boys in all sizes, but especially little boys' size 2 and teen girls' bikinis in sizes 5 & 6.

**If you or anyone you know would like to sponsor an "Undie Drive", please contact us for more info.**

Donations of Bibles (English, Spanish, youth, and large print) are accepted.

They are given out in both Hope's Closet and Matthew's Café. We are so very grateful to all who have given so generously already! Your efforts greatly bless us!

**Please note our Holiday Schedule: We will be closed Wednesdays, December 25 and January 1.**



# Matthew's Cafe

Matthew's Café provides lunch to all who are hungry and in need on Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, but its primary focus is the **hot dinner served on Sundays**, 5-6 pm, both on-site, as well as delivered to two public housing communities for seniors and disabled. In addition, the **4th Wednesday of each month** hosts **Lunch On Us**, a special lunch with **extended hours, 11:30-1:30**, where individuals in need may come to eat and receive additional assistance. All guests receive a bag of nonperishable food, along with special items intended to bless their difficult lives. We seek donations of the following items:

\*blankets

\*jackets

\*reading glasses

\*throat lozenges

\*belts

\*towels

\*men's and women's pants/shorts

**Please note our Holiday Schedule: We will be closed December 25 and January 1. Matthew's Café will continue to serve meals on Sundays throughout the holiday season, with a special holiday meal on Dec. 22nd!**

To help replenish the Food Cupboard, GraceWay Village is hosting a special event on Sat., Dec. 14, "Cookies and Cocoa with Santa!" To participate, we are asking each child to bring 5 non-perishable food items which will go to help feed those in need in our community. There will be arts, crafts, a hot cocoa bar, lots of fun and a special visitor! All are invited! (see page 3).

**As always, volunteers are welcomed at both Matthew's Café and Hope's Closet. Please call 772-925-3074 if you are interested in serving your community at Grace Way Village!**

You are invited!



**When:** Saturday, December 14, 2019

**Time:** 1 PM - 4 PM

**Cost per Child:** 5 non-perishable food items

**Where:** GraceWay Village  
(Matthew's Café)

1780 Hartman Road  
Ft. Pierce, FL 34947

**All food donations will go to help feed those in need in our community.**

Fun includes:

- ❄ Hot cocoa bar
- ❄ Cookie decorating
- ❄ Arts and Crafts
- ❄ Photo visit with Santa
- ❄ Small gift bag



**GraceWay Village celebrates a successful fundraiser in partnership with fashion designer, Sabre Mochachino!**



**MOCHACHINO  
LOS ANGELES  
NEW YORK**

Guests walking into the beautiful Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club for the “Why Not Be Fabulous?” Mochachino Fall Fashion Show presented by GraceWay Village, immediately had their attention drawn to the gorgeous mannequin standing statuesquely on a platform. Discovering it was a live mannequin, (Miss St. Lucie County Outstanding Teen, Mallory Cunningham) their excitement quickened for the upcoming runway show.

Sponsors of the event were all in attendance, supporting both the fashions of Sabre Mochachino and the much-needed work done by GraceWay Village for those in great need within the community. **PNC Bank**, the lead sponsor for a second year, has come alongside GraceWay Village in a strong way, sponsoring two additional upcoming events, all with the intent of assisting the area’s neighbors in need.

*“What an unbelievable runway fashion show, all to help assist GraceWay Village continue providing food to the hungry, clothe children in need, and build a living facility for homeless families to grow into self-sufficiency. Happy to help give hope, love, and food to their clients!”*

-Bernadette Wilkinson, Silver Sponsor



Many guests in attendance had never heard of GraceWay Village and the important work that we do. It was a great privilege to share about ways to become involved, such as doing a nonperishable food drive, a children’s clothing drive, and a blanket drive. As important as all of those are to the clients at GraceWay Village, financial donations are the fuel that keeps the doors open in order to provide those emergency needs. More can be learned by visiting [www.gracewayvillage.com](http://www.gracewayvillage.com).

Looking ahead to next year’s show, we acknowledge a simple precept that guides our planning: **“Let’s make our next step, our best step yet!”** Looking forward to seeing you there!



**Many thanks to our Sponsors!**



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**Gift Bag Sponsors  
Bill & Estelle Turney**



**Just in time for Christmas!**

**Purchase your ticket by Dec. 15 to receive a nice gift certificate for you to present to your loved ones!**

**8th Annual**

# *Butterfly Kisses*

**Father-Daughter Dance**

**A SIGNATURE EVENT**

**Benefiting Grace Way Village**

**Sunday, February 9, 2019**

**1:00-4:00 pm**

**Pelican Yacht Club, 1120 Seaway Drive, Fort Pierce**

*\$75 for father and daughter, \$25 per additional daughter*

*Lunch buffet, dancing, glamour and glitz, arts and crafts, silent auction, special entertainment and more!*

**For registration information**

contact 772-925-3074 or [info@gracewayvillage.com](mailto:info@gracewayvillage.com) or

go to <http://www.gracewayvillage.com/event/butterfly-kisses-father-daughter-dance-2/>



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# Volunteer Spotlight



Three years ago, Bill and Estelle Turney heard about GraceWay Village through a newspaper article. Being highly philanthropically minded, they set about learning more. This meant getting involved in on-site volunteering, attending fundraisers, and serving on committees. Their most recent involvement came with the fashion show where they were the gift bag sponsors, providing goodie bags with special delights for all 135 guests.

Estelle thrives on helping in Hope's Closet and Matthew's Café. Highly impressed with the organization, clothing quality, and "curb appeal" of the boutique, she carries with her the memory of a little girl's expression when she came out of the dressing room wearing a new dress and coat. Clearly, the little girl felt beautiful, and the thrilled responses from the mother and the grandmother still resonate in Estelle's memory. Serving once at an event for the homeless, Estelle knew that GraceWay Village was the real deal when she watched a volunteer be sent to a nearby store to pick up reading glasses for a guest. *"I learned a little more of what they needed,"* Estelle said, *"as well as where GraceWay was at heart—they do not judge. I like that."*

Bill applauds the help provided through the programs. However, he noted that the driving factors for his support were the persistence shown in striving to help more, along with growing community involvement. His strong interest is the Family Restorative Facility where homeless families will receive education and skill training leading to self-sufficiency. With years of philanthropic service behind him, he shares his knowledge and his skills by serving on the Family Restorative Facility Committee.

Both encourage the community to get involved, discovering the areas where they can be of help. With encouragement, Bill said, *"People have good hearts. They just need to know the when, where, what, and how so they can try it and find their spot."* Estelle added, *"Give a little bit of yourself. You will be surprised with what you can do. You may be making the biggest difference in the world without even knowing it, like throwing a small pebble in a pond."*



Thank you, **Treasure Coast Hope for the Homeless** for your generous sponsorship for the 3rd year in a row! Matthew's Café expenses are completely covered for the whole month of December by your gift!

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