

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!

Growing in Grace

Grace Way Village has become such an integral part of our community's support for our neighbors in need. A brief description of services follows on page 2, as well as an introduction of a new staff member (see page 6) that will greatly enrich Grace Way Village.



Partnering with Mustard Seed for the "Getting Ahead" program, funded by the United Way, six classes between the two have been completed. A social worker hired by the grant will continue to support the graduates in order to sustain and grow the concepts learned in the class. This course empowers the graduates to continue to persevere in their efforts to improve their living dynamics, slowly rising out of poverty. Mustard Seed is the fiscal agent guiding this program with wisdom and opportunities for the students' growth.

Upon its inception, Grace Way Village has planned to build a much-needed Family Transitional Living Facility that will assist homeless families in emergency shelter, as well as providing a safe place to live while improving skills to become a self-sufficient healthy family. Whereas it has been a difficult journey thus far, the need keeps growing, continuing to motivate all involved to continue to pursue this much-needed facility for the sake of the children, who are the future of our community. It is with a voice of praise to the Lord for the support of individuals who continue to step forward in ways that keep moving this effort towards completion! The supporters of Grace Way Village are truly the heart that keep it growing and helping those in great need. To each and every one of you, thank you! May the Lord bless you abundantly for your heart towards your neighbors in need!

In His forever grace,

Cathie Mouring

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Executive Director

**Spring
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.

Donations are accepted 24/7 in our onsite blue donation bin. Specific needs include:

- *Boys' shorts, pant & shirts, sizes 5-12
- *Children's shoes
- *Teen girls skinny jeans
- *Men's pants and shorts
- *New underwear for girls and boys in all sizes

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.

Matthew's Cafe

Matthew's Café provides lunch to all who are hungry and in need on Wednesdays, but its primary focus is the **hot dinner served on Sundays**, 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 specially collected items intended to bless their difficult lives, such as blankets, jackets, reading glasses, throat lozenges, towels, belts, and **men's and women's pants/shorts**. Free haircuts and beard trims are also available.



Hand-held can openers are the requested donation item for the May's Lunch On Us on the 22nd. Another bonus that day is Care Bags will be present with a mobile shower unit, providing a free shower to those in need.

Our Homebound Delivery program is in need of teams of 2 to package and deliver hot meals to seniors and disabled living in public housing. Most teams deliver once a month, although some do bi-weekly or weekly. The time for this ministry is 4:00 pm-6:00 pm on Sundays. Please contact Grace Way Village at 772-925-3074 for more information or to sign up. We would love to have you join us!

As always, volunteers are welcomed at both Matthew's Café (especially the 2nd and 3rd Sundays) and Hope's Closet (on Wednesdays). Please call 772-925-3074 if you are interested in serving your community at Grace Way Village!

"Butterfly Kisses," the premiere father/daughter dance hosted by Grace Way Village, proved once again to be fabulous fun for all.



On April 7, the stunning and distinguished Pelican Yacht Club in Fort Pierce opened its doors to the precious girls with their handsome escorts. The beautifully decorated ballroom overlooking the water hosted activities for the girls to enjoy, a fun photo shoot, delicious food, and a seldom empty dance floor.

Surprising the girls, costumed princesses from South Florida Dance Company paraded in, sharing dancing, conversations, pictures, and dance floor games with the girls. The ever-entertaining DJ, **Chris Calvo of Next Level Entertainment**, kept the event moving with games and lively music, making memories that will last a lifetime.



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All proceeds go to the programs of Grace Way Village, helping our neighbors in need.

"I was encouraged to go last year, but waited until this time. Little did I know how much fun my daughter would have! I should have brought her last year, but I will be back next year," GWV Board Member, Dana Binsbacher said.



This annual event is made possible due to the generosity of the Pelican Yacht Club, along with the talent of their event coordinator, Jackie Dobbs.

Back-to-School Teacher/Non-Profit Expo

Purpose: *To provide all SLC teachers an opportunity to discover the many non-profits in our county that will help their students.*



All St. Lucie County School Teachers

(public & private) are invited to attend at no cost!

Thursday August 1, 2019

11:00 am—2:00 pm

(Come and go as your schedule allows)

Grace Way Village

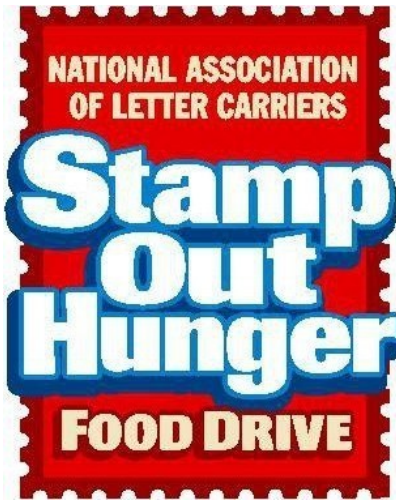
1780 Hartman Road, Fort Pierce

Drinks, snacks, & lunch will be available for purchase.



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Volunteer Opportunities



Grace Way Village is thrilled to partner with Mustard Seed in many areas of reaching our community, one of them being the Letter Carriers Food Drive on **Saturday, May 11, 2019**.

How can you help? **Volunteers are needed from 3 pm—7 pm** at the Council of the Aging, 2501 SW Bayshore Blvd in Port St. Lucie. This is for sorting the many contributions and preparing them for delivery to various organizations for further distribution to our community in need.

Then, on **Tuesday, May 14th**, we will need **volunteers at Grace Way Village** to help unload and organize these donations for easier distribution. Please give us a call at 772-925-3074 or email us at info@gracewayvillage.com if you might be able to help on one of these days. Many hands make light work, so we will appreciate every helping hand!

Volunteer Spotlight



Nancy Ingle has been serving at Grace Way Village for a little over 4 years. She was invited to volunteer by another friend and volunteer. Deciding to give it a try, Nancy discovered that she loved the atmosphere and rewarding nature of helping others. Seeing the excited looks on the children's faces when they are picking out their clothing is very fulfilling!

While helping clients shop for clothing is her primary job, Nancy also sorts clothing, restocks racks, fills in at the Receptionist's Desk on occasion, as well as other administrative tasks, including involvement with Butterfly Kisses last month. We are very grateful for Nancy's faithful commitment of time and energy, always with a smile!

THANK YOU

Board Member Spotlight



Christopher Morhardt is the President and CEO of Florida based Pharus Group, LLC. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and continued his education in business administration and entrepreneurship at the University of Hartford in Connecticut. In addition to multiple achievements and certifications in small business practice, Mr. Morhardt has been honored by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as Young Entrepreneur of the Year and was presented with two Torch awards from the Better Business Bureau (BBB) for business integrity. As a "Serial Entrepreneur" having successfully started, grown and sold multiple small businesses, Mr. Morhardt has over 25 years of successful business management experience and maintains a proven strength in business analysis

and implementation of success strategies for improved performance and profitability. His diverse background experience lends to an ability to balance practicality with comprehensive solutions and problem solving skills.

Chris is passionate about serving the physical and spiritual needs of the community and has found an opportunity to do this through Grace Way Village. He believes that God has created all men and women equal, and we are all important in His eyes. Grace Way Village helps to level the playing field and provides for our neighbors in need throughout St Lucie County. We are extremely grateful for the professional expertise, as well as the passionate heart, Chris brings to Grace Way Village!

New Staff Member



Administratively, growth is occurring at Grace Way Village with the new position of Operations Manager.

Rena Marconi will be overseeing the current programs on-site, coming to us with strong management experience, a heart for helping our neighbors in need, a passion for ministry, and a love for the Lord that leads the work of her heart. She will be on-site every Wednesday, happy to meet you, as well as to provide

tours for those interested in learning more. We count it a privilege to have her join the team working so hard to help others!

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