

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!

Summer Surge!

In the midst of summer, many things have slowed down due to vacations and our wonderful tropical summer weather. However, the work done thru Grace Way Village continues on, gearing up for the "back to school rush" in the children and teen clothing boutique, Hope's Closet. The food kitchen, Matthew's Café, is bustling with expanded opportunities to feed those who are hungry in our community.



None of this could be done without our committed staff, our faithful volunteers, and the generosity of our donors. As you read over this newsletter, you will see the direct positive impact that each make on our neighbors in need. **Our wonderful volunteers and staff are the engine that propels the work. Thank you! Donors are the fuel that runs the engine.** In stating this, I would be remiss if I did not share about the importance of our Community Care Partners' financial support to Grace Way Village. The truth is that this work couldn't be done without you. It is our greatest hope that each donor recognizes their absolute value to our neighbors in need. Our donors are impacting lives in very positive ways. Thank you so very much!

You can find out more about the Community Care Partner opportunity by visiting www.gracewayvillage.com. Tours are always available on Wednesdays between 11:00 and 4:00 pm. We love sharing about what we do! It is always helpful to call or email us about a planned visit, if you are able to do so.

May the rest of your summer be richly blessed!

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Executive Director

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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.

We are so very grateful to all who have given so generously already! Your efforts greatly bless us!

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, 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.



Towels are the requested donation item for the July's Lunch On Us on the 24th. 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!

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

The snack bar will be open.

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



Homeless Health Center Day 2019



MONDAY AUGUST 5, 2019

10 AM to 2 PM



Presented by
Florida Community Health Centers, Inc.
at Grace Way Village

1780 Hartman Rd, Fort Pierce, FL 34947

For more information please contact Charlette Hayes at (772) 461-1402

- ★ Free Health Screenings
- ★ Free Health & Hygiene Kits
(* while supplies last)
- ★ Hot Meals Provided
- ★ Clothing Boutique for Children & Teens
- ★ Free Showers



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FALL FASHION SHOW

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 09, 2019

HARBOUR RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB
PALM CITY, FL

Cocktail Reception: 6:00 pm

WBNF Show: 7:00 pm

Meet & Greet: 8:00 pm

Tickets: \$75

VIP Dinner Tickets: \$150

Community Thank You's



We are very grateful to Total Life Safety for their great service for our security needs at Grace Way Village! Thank you for being a Community Care Sponsor!

Wawa has recently begun making weekly contributions of food to Matthew's Café! What a great blessing this is to our clients! Thank you!



Thank you to Calvary PSL for the tremendous amount of work done at Grace Way Village on their annual community outreach "Love Your Neighbor"! All ages came out to sort clothes, trim bushes and hedges, wash windows, and so much more! Your gift of time and energy are priceless!



THANK YOU

New Staff Member



Introducing our new Lead Cook of Matthew's Café... BeLinda King began her new role at the end of April. Her leadership in the kitchen, as well as her abilities in food preparation, have proven to bless our clients and volunteers in recent weeks.

After moving to Fort Pierce at the end of 2017, BeLinda unexpectedly fell in love with the community. From a low-income background herself and having several family members with mental health issues, she believes in her heart that her divine purpose is to help those in need. We are grateful to have her as a part of the Grace Way Village team!

Board Member Spotlight



Lynn Hahn has lived in St. Lucie County for 45 years. After retiring from her 30 year career as a school teacher, she decided she wanted to be involved in volunteering to serve the community. Lynn learned about Grace Way Village through her church and began to volunteer at Matthew's Café on Sundays, beginning in 2013. She comes weekly to help in the kitchen, serving the guests with much grace. Lynn is very gratified by the interaction with the guests, hearing their stories and expressions of appreciation.

In 2015, Lynn began serving on the Board of Directors, currently serving as the Secretary of the Board. She is excited to see GWV moving ahead with the original plans of providing a transitional living facility for families, realizing the shocking statistics of homeless in SLC. Counting it a privilege to serve on the board with the other passionate members, Lynn is thrilled to be a part of fulfilling the vision of Grace Way Village. Thank you Lynn for your dedication to Grace Way Village !

We also thank Bryan Wenger for his many years of service on the Board. We will definitely miss his wise input, deep commitment and graceful service to Grace Way Village and our clients! We wish him and his family a blessed farewell on their new adventures in California! Godspeed!



Volunteer Spotlight



Genie Pounds has been serving at Grace Way Village since we opened in 2009. She keeps our displays updated every season, providing a delightful and inviting atmosphere to our families who come to shop at Hope's Closet. While the decorations are her primary job, she also enjoys working with the clients, helping them to shop for their children's clothing,

and restocking the racks. She enjoys the friendships with other volunteers, finding it rewarding to work alongside others who have a heart to provide a pleasant experience for our community families in need. Thank you, Genie, for your precious smile, generous service and faithful commitment!

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