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*Where grace leads  
helping neighbors in need*

***Ready... Set... Go!***



**Help is on the Way!** GraceWay Village is moving forward with plans to expand its community outreach with a Family Restorative Living Facility. Families with children who are threatened with homelessness will have a safe place to live while learning and growing in work and life skills.

*“This facility will be the first of its kind in our area. Now more than ever, the need is overwhelming,”* states **Mary Beth Cullins, board chair for GWV.** The new facility’s capacity will house up to 12 families, include a communal living area, classrooms, and offices. Being modeled after a similar organization, Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa, the Family Restorative Living Facility will coordinate mentoring and education through partnerships with other local entities.

*“This isn’t about putting a Band-Aid on a paper cut. The problem is real. GraceWay Village will be a catalyst in breaking the cycle of poverty through education and support that will lead to self-sufficiency. Our vision is for GraceWay Village to ease the lives of families in crisis, while building a foundation for a healthy and self-sustaining life,”* said **Cathie Mouring, CEO of GraceWay Village.**

**To learn more, including how to get involved, call Cathie Mouring at 772-925-3074 or visit [www.gracewayvillage.net](http://www.gracewayvillage.net), or email [info@gracewayvillage.com](mailto:info@gracewayvillage.com).**

## A Visit from Congressman Brian Mast

**Big plans are underway at GraceWay Village.** Congressman Brian Mast returned to GraceWay Village last month. Pictured here, Cathie Mouring, CEO explains the plans of the upcoming Family Restorative Living Facility. This facility will provide temporary housing for families threatened with homelessness, working alongside them to provide essential life-skill training that will lead to healthy and self-sufficient family units.

As of January, 2020, there were more than 950 enrolled in St. Lucie County's public schools as homeless. For 25% of these, going "home" at the end of the day means a small hotel room, temporary campground, or the family car. With COVID hardest on the low-income, these numbers are climbing.



From left, Chrystal Netherton, COO ; Mary Beth Cullins, Board Chair; Cathie Mouring, CEO; U.S. Rep. Brian Mast; Matt Misiano, board member; and Justin Case, board member

GraceWay knows the community wants to help these families. The time to get involved is now for all who want to help these families regain self-sufficiency, becoming viable community members that will enrich St. Lucie County. The \$3.5 million capital campaign is in full swing, starting with paying off the purchase of the property on Hartman Road in Fort Pierce.

- Your dollars are hard at work within your community, helping your neighbors.
- Weekly, close to 1,000 hot meals are handed out over the 4 serving nights.
- Weekly, an average of 50 children are clothed during the 2 open days.
- Men, women, and children of all races and all ages know they are welcome.
- Thanks to you. Those struggling the most will have the longest economic recovery time from this horrible time of COVID.
- Your consistent partnership is needed for this much-needed help to continue.

**Your financial donations are what makes these things happen!**

**Go to [www.gracewayvillage.net](http://www.gracewayvillage.net) and click on the Get Involved tab for more info.**



Through the strength of Britney Lee, Yvonne, her mother, carries out the mission Britney was not able to do. **The Britney Lee Foundation's mission** is to spread the fearless spirit of Britney Lee to those that could use a bit of sunshine in their life. Britney Lee continues to bring happiness by spreading love through this donation of Easter baskets to the children GraceWay Village serves. More than 200 baskets were given out during the Easter holidays! Thank you Britney Lee Foundation for making so many smile!

## Together... Meeting the Needs of our Community

### Ways to be involved:

1. Slightly-worn clothing for children and teens can be brought to the blue bin at our front door.
2. **Shop at Amazon!** Use this link (<https://a.co/3CjsqoH>) to go to our Wish List and shop for much needed and appreciated underwear and socks!
3. Finally, give of yourself. Become a GraceWay Village volunteer by contacting Lori, our volunteer coordinator, at [volunteer@gracewayvillage.com](mailto:volunteer@gracewayvillage.com) or 772-332-5578.



*Keep your eyes open for the May/June Newsletter which will share an exciting way for you to do so!*

*You love the work we do.*

*You care greatly about your neighbors in need.*

*You wonder what you can do to help more.*



## Troy and Diane Drawdy, Lead Supporters



First introduced to GraceWay Village in 2009, I served two terms on the board of directors. I fell in love with the vision and heart for helping others in our area. Over the years, I have seen first hand the impact GWV has on so many people that they openly embraced.

It has always impressed my husband, Troy, and I that GWV does so much with such a small budget compared to other local nonprofits. Cathie Mouring, the Chief Executive Officer, is a dear friend of mine, and I love that she works so closely with other services in our area to

maximize our community needs. We are thrilled that Chrystal Netherton is the Chief Operations Officer. She is a ball of energy and loves our cause!

Without the many volunteers we are blessed to work with, GWV would be unable to accomplish its goals. Please consider becoming a financial partner with us to better the lives of our local neighbors.

***It takes the support of us all to make a difference.***

*<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' Matthew 25:35, 40*

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**To Volunteer:** Call 772-332-5578  
or email [volunteer@gracewayvillage.com](mailto:volunteer@gracewayvillage.com)

**To Donate Goods:** Bring to 1780 Hartman Road, Fort Pierce, Monday-Thursday, 11:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. or call 772-925-3074 to arrange another time.

**Become a Community Care Partner, supporting the work done daily for our neighbors in need. Learn more at [www.gracewayvillage.net](http://www.gracewayvillage.net).**



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