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*Where grace leads  
helping neighbors in need*

## ***The Property is Purchased!***



GraceWay Village (GWV) achieved a significant milestone in its quest to build and operate a **Family Restorative Living Facility** by purchasing the property on Hartman Road from Indian River Presbyterian Church (IRPC). The planned facility will offer families threatened with homelessness a safe place to live while they work diligently to become self-sufficient.

The deed transfer took place on June 16, 2021. Lead donors, **William and Estelle Turney**, are pictured on the left with GWV CEO, Cathie Mouring. On the right are **David Sowerby, Esq.**, who has shared his skills from GWV's inception, GWV Board Chair Mary Beth Cullins, and GWV Chief of Operations, Chrystal Netherton.

Started by Indian River Presbyterian Church (IRPC) in 2009, GraceWay Village became independent in 2016. The hearts of those involved from the beginning to those currently striving hard to serve at GWV are eloquently expressed by David Sowerby: *"It feels like IRPC gave birth with great love to GWV. With independence came the adoption where great love clearly remains."*

*"We are deeply appreciative of all of our supporters who made this purchase possible, especially the Turney's who have been actively involved in GWV for several years,"* explained Cathie. *"The community support exemplified by such generosity will be the foundation of getting this restorative facility built!"*

## A Visit from State Senator Gayle Harrell

GraceWay Village was recently honored to receive a visit from **Florida State Senator Gayle Harrell**. As she toured the facility, accompanied by her legislative assistants, **Karen Sweeney and Carrie Lira**, the senator learned the magnitude of what GWV accomplishes on a weekly basis.

Cathie Mouring, GWV's CEO, was also privileged to share the vision of the Family Restorative Living Facility, stressing the great need in St. Lucie County.

At the conclusion of the tour, Senator Harrell was very affirming of the many needs that are being met by GraceWay Village. *"That's terrific. You are doing a great work here!"* In response to the Family Restorative Living Facility presentation, she added, *"The need is so huge, especially the needs for job training and child care. This is fabulous!"*



Many Thanks!



**NO KID HUNGRY**<sup>®</sup>

**No Kid Hungry is the only national campaign** committed to ending childhood hunger in the United States. Childhood hunger is a solvable problem, and we are so grateful they have chosen GraceWay Village to partner with them in feeding families threatened with homelessness. **Their very generous grant will not only support our current program, but will also fund additional delivery sites where families are in need.**



# Our Community Stepping Up

In order to care for those in financial need, GraceWay Village depends on the kindness of others. Kindness and compassion are often demonstrated through participation by local organizations and businesses. Here are some recent examples.



The **St. Lucie County Commissioners** granted funds for the purchase of kitchen equipment, much-needed due to the expansion of our meal program. We were able to obtain a double oven, industrial-sized freezer and other appliances to aid in meal prep.

Especially appreciative is Chef Maria (pictured left)!



**PSL Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan, aka photo bomb**

Then there is the Rotary Club of Port St. Lucie who delivered socks and underwear that were distributed to children of low-income families. **PSL Councilwoman Stephanie Morgan** reminds all that *“it is service above self!”*

Meanwhile, residents of **Harbour Ridge Yacht and Country Club** and **United Way** came together to purchase boxes and boxes of shoes, socks, underwear, and even tents for GWV’s guests and clients.



Left to right: **David McGrath, Jessica Parrish, Cathie Mouring, Chrystal Netherton, Deana Shatley, Lisa O’Neill**

Or, consider the thoughtfulness of **Tom Rhodes**, who owns the Sunshine Coin Laundry on nearby Orange Avenue. He had designated a coin-operated washing machine and dryer for a GWV fundraiser. Lots of quarters later, he presented a generous check to help fight food insufficiency.



**Suzanne P. Dannahower**  
**Chairwoman, St. Lucie County Lil Feet, Inc.**



**Lil Feet of St. Lucie County** partnered with GWV in donating 50 pairs of new shoes for back to school. To all who participated in their shoe drive, the next time you put on a pair of shoes, think of the child who received your pair of donated shoes, and know you have made a huge difference! Thank you for your generous donation!

Finally, there is the consistent contribution from **Rebekah’s Circle of IRPC**. Under the leadership of **Judy Wright, Nancy Bredemeyer and Eileen Richardson**, **Rebekah Circle’s** monthly gifts of *“gently-worn clothing, books and other items help brighten the days of numerous children. We recently began bringing fresh eggs to be included in our food distribution efforts,”* states Nancy.



# Volunteer Spotlight



First learning about GWV while volunteering in the community during the initial COVID lockdown, **Don Fabian** was impressed and wanted to get involved. His first effort included his wife, Michelle, in a group from First United Methodist Church.

He began volunteering regularly in late 2020, doing many “handyman” type tasks, from hanging cookware racks in the kitchen to plumbing and door repair in both buildings.

Don states, *“The entire experience has been very rewarding. GraceWay really makes me feel appreciated and valued as a part of their team. If you haven’t had a chance to visit the facility, you should. Treating clients with dignity, they are providing resources, food, and other items for those in need. I am excited and look forward to assisting them as they move forward with their future expansion plans, a Family Restorative Living Facility. Not only are they doing good things at their location, they are helping and supporting other nonprofits to create a network of goodness.”*

Exemplifying his sincere care for his community, Don also serves our country in the Army Reserves.

**Thank you, Don, for your service to all!**

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**To Volunteer:** Call 772-332-5578  
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**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).**

