

## Where grace leads



## helping neighbors in need

# STRONG IN GRACE

In November, GraceWay Village put out a call to fill the food pantry which provides extra meals each week for our guests. **You** filled it up beyond our expectations! At the same time, a donor purchased the needed shelves, and a church group provided the needed brawn to completely refit the pantry. With an average of **450** supplemental food items given out to clients each week, the impact of our pantry is great. All involved are "strong in grace", showing great care for our neighbors in need.

The continual efforts to meet the needs of our community brought a wonderful recognition for all involved in the work of GraceWay Village. We received the Chamber of Commerce "People's Choice Award" in the nonprofit category of their Business and Industry Awards event. Oh, we did have fun celebrating, elevated by the realization that so many recognize the good work we do!



Cold weather support has been a priority, again supported by the efforts of our donors and volunteers. Blankets are available 24/7 during the cold spells, sweaters and jackets given out during meal times, and tents are acquired when a need is known from a guest. **Thank you** to all who have been a part of this concern and support.

Economic concerns for the low income remain very real. There is a slow increase in numbers served onsite each week, while the numbers of families threatened with homelessness living in hotels are decreasing. **They are decreasing due to evictions,** not due to finding an affordable home to live in. These realities continue to propel us forward in our efforts to assist them in every way possible.

Our community of supporters is invaluable to the work done every day at GraceWay Village. It is my pleasure and privilege to be available for conversations regarding the work and the vision. Please don't hesitate in reaching out for a meeting.

With the Lord leading the way, our steps are firm, empowered through the strength of His grace. Be richly blessed!

Cathie Mouring

**CEO** 

# Blessed to be a Blessing

GraceWay Village values all donations given from you, our partners! Clothing you donated for our boutique enabled us to provide free clothing to 2,133 children in 2021. Donations for GraceWay's café program allowed us to provide over **48,500 meals** in the year 2021! Of that number, over 13,000 were to children.



Donations come in all forms and from all ages. Six-year-old, **Grayson Floyd** told his mother, **Tina Floyd**, that for Christmas he wanted to bring Dinosaurs to the kids at GraceWay Village. The recipient of Grayson's gift was all smiles and filled with such joy! May all our faces reflect the joy we have knowing God's gift of salvation to all.

We are thankful to have witnessed the generous heart of this young boy!

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:7

For over 40 years, **Judy Toribio** has been sharing her craft of crocheting. She learned from her mother as she watched her crochet hats and scarves for children battling cancer. Judy and her husband, **Anthony**, have delivered hats and blankets to GraceWay Village on a regular basis for over a year now! We thank them for their faithfulness in sharing the talent God has given her.

We are incredibly thankful for our volunteers at GraceWay Village. With their support and dedication, we can truly help our Neighbors in Need!



"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

Chrystal Netherton COO



# Please consider becoming a Community Care Partner!

#### Since the onset of COVID in St. Lucie County, the following statistics will impress you:

- The GWV Café has provided over 88,500 hot meals free to local neighbors in need.
- 1,200 hot meals are provided each week to individuals and families with children.
- The Children/Teens Clothing Boutique, despite being closed for 4 months during the shut-down, clothed 2,700 children and teens in 2020.

#### The program includes:

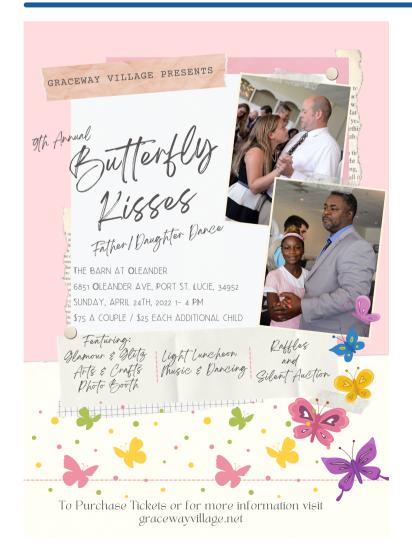
- Logo on GWV website
- Official CommunityCare Partner window decal
- · Quarterly acknowledgment on social media
- Recognition at signature events

#### **Monthly Sponsorship**

**\$50** feeds 14 people once a month or clothes 6 children each month

**\$75** feeds 21 people once a month or clothes 9 children each month

**\$100** feeds 28 people once a month or clothes 12 children each month



# GraceWay Village proudly announces the return of Butterfly Kisses:

The 9th Annual Butterfly Kisses Father/Daughter Dance is back! All have missed this delightful time of fun and bonding that leave lasting memories.

As parents, we know that we "blink", and this precious time of childhood is gone. This is an event where fathers can settle in and soak up the fun, knowing it has a lasting impact on their daughters.

# There are Many Ways to Give

- **Contributions**. Your gift provides food for the hungry and clothing for children and teens. With COVID, the numbers are increasing daily. Join us in helping our neighbors in need! You can now "Text to Give." Simply text "DONATE" to 561-678-0411.
- Nonperishable food items are needed all year round. These items can be dropped off Tues.-Wed. from 11am-4:30pm and Thurs., Sat., and Sun. from 3:30-4:30pm.
- Volunteer at GraceWay Village in the Café or Clothing Boutique, your lives will be truly enriched. To volunteer, call Lori at (772) 332-5578 or email Lori@gracewayvillage.com.



- To donate **brand new underwear and socks**, just go to <a href="http://a.co/5hJuLRo">http://a.co/5hJuLRo</a>, then login to your Amazon account. This link will take you to our wish list. Choose your items and they will be shipped directly to us! Have fun shopping!
- If you currently do not have an Amazon Smile charity, please consider choosing GraceWay Village. We receive a percentage of your qualifying orders at no extra cost to you! To choose an Amazon Smiles Charity, follow these steps:
  - 1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com.
  - 2. Go to your account and select the option "Change your Charity."
  - 3. Select us as the charitable organization to support.
  - 4. Now, SHOP!



# **Contact Us**

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