

Operation of Hope

Message from GWV Operations Manager,
Chrissie Hoeffner

What a fantastic and busy start to 2024 at GraceWay Village! Thank you to Chase Bank for your support of GraceWay Village through continuing clothing donations and volunteering in our Cafe each month! Chase Bank has proven that volunteering can be fun! Just engage some coworkers, friends, club members, Bible Study group, etc. and commit to volunteering once a month at GraceWay Village. It is a great team builder and a wonderful way to serve your community.



GraceWay Village was once again included in Calvary PSL's semi-annual Love Your Neighbor Event. They came as an army of approximately 90 volunteers on this special day and accomplished oh, so much! Our landscaping is now looking beautiful, the halls in our Clothing Boutique are freshly painted, mounds of clothing donations were sorted, pantry items were packed, and more. Thank you, Calvary PSL!

GraceWay Village volunteers are simply amazing and I cannot say enough about each one! They are committed, talented, and giving to our clients and their needs. During the first quarter of 2024, our Cafe Volunteers provided 22,207 hot meals to our neighbors in need and our Clothing Boutique volunteers served just over 600 children in our Clothing Boutique. Thank you all for your enormous hearts!

Volunteer Spotlight



It is such fun when Sunlight Gems Girls Club of Sunlight Church comes to GraceWay Village! They are among our youngest volunteers, but they are some of our greatest leaders. On this last visit, they donated and packed items for the homeless and made blankets for those in need. Then they prayed for those who would receive these items! What a beautiful reminder to us all of the importance of prayer for those we may encounter. Thank you, Sunlight Gems! What a blessing you are!

"For I was hungry & you gave me something to eat...I needed clothes & you clothed me..."
Matt 25:35a & 36a

Blessings,
Chrissie Hoeffner



Hope In Bloom



Voice of the Village

Message from GWV CEO, Chrystal Netherton

As we reflect on the first quarter here at GraceWay Village, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the sense of community that surrounds us. It's truly heartwarming to witness how our collective efforts have made a positive impact on the lives of those who need us most.



A shining example of this community spirit is the involvement of three church groups who generously cook meals for us once a month. This simple act of kindness not only gives our hardworking staff a well-deserved break but also provides a nourishing meal to those who are hungry. It's a beautiful illustration of how small acts of kindness can have a ripple effect in our community, spreading hope.



In moments when I may feel discouraged, I am reminded of the Lord's provision and reassurance. Each day, I witness firsthand how He makes a way, filling our hearts with hope and guiding us on our mission to serve others. Together, we are all on this journey, creating a community centered around hope and restoration.



Without the generous financial support of individuals like you, none of this would be achievable. Your contributions play a vital role in enabling us to continue our work of providing essential services and support to our neighbors in need. If you haven't already, I invite you to consider becoming a community partner with GraceWay Village, joining us in our mission to create a brighter future for all.



Together,
Restoring Hope & Renewing Lives,
Chrystal Netherton

Hope in Bloom

We are excited to share a special opportunity to make a difference in our community while enjoying a lovely luncheon with your friends. Join Chrystal Netherton, our CEO, in hosting a "Hope in Bloom Luncheon: Nurturing Growth with GraceWay Village."

The best part is that GraceWay Village will take care of all the preparations. All we need you to do is extend the invitation. We are aiming to create a cozy and intimate gathering at GraceWay Village where we can share good food with great company and present the opportunity for them to support our meaningful cause together.

If you're interested in joining Chrystal as a co-host for this special luncheon, please contact us, and we will provide more details. Let's come together to nurture growth, spread hope, and make a positive difference in the lives of others.

DID YOU KNOW?

- A total of 35% of the households, just in St. Lucie County alone, fall into the ALICE category (Asset, Limited, Income Considered, Employed), indicating that they have jobs but struggle to afford basic needs.
- The Federal Poverty level equals an income below \$15,060 for a single-person household and below \$31,200 for a four-person household.
- St. Lucie Co. - approximately 45% totaling 12,534 people living below the ALICE threshold.
- St. Lucie County has a food insecure population of 9.5% totaling 30,850 people
- In St. Lucie County, out of 338 people experiencing homelessness, 52 are children, and 313 are unsheltered. Additionally, there are 1792 individual households classified as "couch surfers" indicating those are temporarily staying with others.
- In St. Lucie, the Fair Market Rate for rent is 95% higher than other areas and has increased by over .33% in the last year. People living on one low-wage salary in St. Lucie County would have to work 132 hours per week just to pay their rent. The average rent in St. Lucie County is approximately \$1700 per month. At this rate, most of the people in our community are spending more than half of their monthly income on housing.

Since 2009, GraceWay Village has been serving neighbors in need by providing hot meals to those that are hungry and clothing necessities to children

Join GraceWay Village as a Community Partner

This program includes:

- Business name or logo displayed on the website
- Official GraceWay Village Community Partner window decal
- Quarterly acknowledgement on GraceWay Village's Facebook
- Recognition at signature events

Want to become a Community Partner? Scan the QR code or email info@gracewayvillage.com



Restoring HOPE
Renewing LIVES

GRACEWAY VILLAGE CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO ITS 11TH ANNUAL FATHER-DAUGHTER DANCE

Butterfly Kisses

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024
1-4 O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON
\$75 PER FATHER-DAUGHTER PAIR | \$25 PER ADDITIONAL CHILD
JOIN US AT THE 500 ORANGE VENUE IN FORT PIERCE LUNCH, DJ, ACTIVITY STATIONS, RAFFLES AND SILENT AUCTION
TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS AT GRACEWAYVILLAGE.COM
ONLINE AUCTION MOMS CAN TAKE PART IN THE FUNDRAISING TOO!

NEW THIS YEAR Buy your tickets

Check out the Auction

Thank you for making our Big Dreams, Great Expectations event a tremendous success. Thanks to your generosity, we not only met but exceeded our goal, raising over \$100,000 to complete the Village! Your contributions are pivotal in making a lasting impact, and we are thrilled that every donation will be matched, amplifying the positive change we can bring to the community!

Once again, thank you for being an integral part of this journey!