

# Planted in Love and Surrounded by Growth



*Voice of the Village*

## Message from our CEO, Chrystal Netherton

As we reflect on the recent months at GraceWay Village, it's clear that our community is flourishing in incredible ways. Our roots are firmly planted in love, and from this foundation, we continue to grow and expand our services to meet the increasing needs.



One of the most significant indicators of this growth is the substantial 35% increase in our Café Program. This vital service, which provides free hot meals to those facing food insecurity, has seen a surge in demand as more families find themselves struggling with the rising cost of living. We rely deeply upon your ongoing support, which allows us to continue feeding those who are hungry and clothing those living in crisis.

We are thrilled that our basic life skills workshops have expanded to include classes in both Spanish and Creole. By offering these workshops in multiple languages, we are ensuring that more members of our community have access to the skills and knowledge they need to thrive.



This growth is a testament to the compassion and dedication that surrounds GraceWay Village. Your financial support helps us remain committed to providing essential services that make a difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us!



*Together,  
Restoring Hope & Renewing Lives,  
Chrystal Netherton*

# DID YOU KNOW?

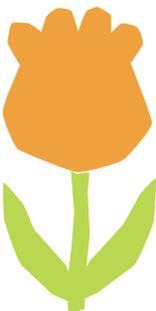
- A total of 35% of the households, just in St. Lucie County alone, fall into the ALICE category (Asset limited, Income Considered, Employed), indicating that they have jobs but struggle to afford basic needs.
- The Federal Poverty level equals an income below \$15,060 for a single-person household and below \$31,200 for a four-person household.
- St. Lucie Co. - approximately 51% totaling more than 136,000 people living below the ALICE threshold.
- St. Lucie County has a food insecure population of 12.3% totaling 41,000 people.
- St. Lucie County schools reported 2,722 homeless students. There are 2,382 children that are being housed by others, 283 are staying in motels and shelters, and 57 are unsheltered.
- Okeechobee County schools reported 355 homeless students. There are 294 children that are being housed by others, 36 are staying in motels and shelters, and 25 are unsheltered.
- In St. Lucie County, the Fair Market Rate for rent is 95% higher than other areas and has increased by over 7.89% in the last year.
- People living on one low-wage salary in St. Lucie County would have to work 98-117 hours per week just to pay their rent.

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

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

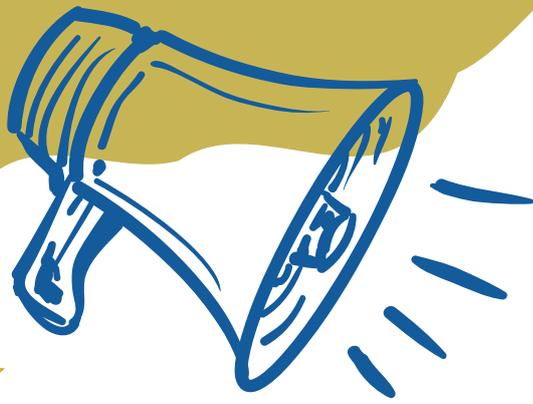
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Partner*



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*Community Partner?*  
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Restoring **HOPE**  
Renewing **LIVES**



**Only 2 Tuesdays left  
this year, it's the perfect  
time to catch up on all the  
happenings here at  
GraceWay Village**

GraceWay Village  
Presents

## Talk About It Tuesdays



Join GraceWay Village  
CEO Chrystal Netherton  
for indulgent desserts  
and a taste of what's  
happening at  
GraceWay Village



**Tuesdays**  
October 29  
& November 26  
5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Cafe Building  
1780 Hartman Rd.  
Fort Pierce, FL. 34947

Your Bakery  
Name Here

*thank you*

*You asked for it... We are delivering!*



  
save the date  
GRACEWAY VILLAGE  
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO A  
*Celebration Under  
the Stars*  
SATURDAY, FEB. 8, 2025





# Volunteer Spotlight



# Operation of Hope

Message from GWV Operations Manager,  
**Chrissie Hoeffner**

Summer has been buzzing at GraceWay Village and we are so appreciative of all our friendly volunteers! From May-July, they cheerfully served over 25,500 meals through the Cafe program!

GraceWay Village was again blessed to have World Changers, a national teen mission organization who volunteered with us for four days in June. This impressive group took on the huge project of preparing both the pantry and the sorting room for new flooring and organizing everything back in place! They also did yard work, washed windows, assisted our clothing boutique clients, and more! We are grateful for them and their willingness to serve.



Thank you to Impact 100 St Lucie for giving your time at GraceWay Village this summer! These fabulous ladies sorted lots of clothing donations, made pantry bags, and lifted our spirits.

A wonderful team of volunteers from Steinger, Greene, and Feiner Law Group tackled the mounting donations that GraceWay Village has been blessed with! This was so needed as our clothing boutique provided 875 children with clothing items over the months of May-July.



GraceWay Village partners with other non-profit organizations and local volunteers to provide free educational workshops each Tuesday and Wednesday for our community. We offer classes in English, Spanish, and are now very excited to announce our newest class in Creole, "Learning English!"

A sincere thank you to all who are serving alongside GraceWay Village to help our neighbors in need!

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

*Blessings,  
Chrissie Hoeffner*

