

RESOURCE CENTER & COMMUNITY OUTLET



Our in-house Resource Center is open five days a week and provides food, clothing, and household items to people in our community that are in need due to limited or no income, or in a crisis situation. In 2017, we served 504 families, consisting of 2,194 people. Our estimated poundage of food distributed is 3,507 pounds! This is only made possible by God's grace and over 800 donors who contribute financially and tangibly throughout the year!

Our Community Outlet continues to thrive and we are making the necessary adjustments to maintain our quality and selection. In 2017, we reached \$185,578.00 in net sales, \$2,347.25 value in vouchers given to families we served, and \$820.00 in round-up donations.

Donations of clothing, food, and household items are still needed on a daily basis. Please continue to spread the word and bring your donations in during our open hours, Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm and Saturdays, 10am-4pm. Thank you very much for your willingness to help others!

Interested in helping us by sorting clothing, hosting a Healthy Help Food Drive, going on an outreach or discipling those we serve? Contact Mandi Stewart at 252-321-6857, ext. 201 or mandi@hope-of-glory.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

Relieving Burdens • Empowering Families • Proclaiming Christ!

OCTOBER 6TH 2018

Race starts at
8:00 AM



Located Uptown Greenville behind UBE

516 Cotanche St., Greenville, NC 27858
All Proceeds Benefit Hope of Glory Ministries

You Can Choose **5K** • Run
• Cross Training Run
• Walk

COMMUNITY FOOD CO-OP IMPACT

TOP 6 REASONS TO SUPPORT OUR FAMILIES

- 6 Families have an active savings account they contribute to monthly.
- 5 Families are able to make payments on time for their monthly bills, and no longer late or behind.
- 4 Families are keeping monthly logs of expenses and being more frugal with their income.
- 3 Families are paying down medical bills.
- 2 Families have purchased another home at affordable payments.
- 1 Family has consistently cut down monthly expenses by \$200.

BY THE NUMBERS

- *Co-op food value distributed: \$55,990.86
- *Clothing value distributed (crisis): \$2,056.70
- *Clothing value distributed (Co-op families): \$2,347.25
- *Co-op volunteer hours: 191
- *Cost of food distributed: \$37,091.07
- *Monthly food savings per family: \$169.81

FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

*Last year we received local funding from nine organizations totaling \$53,000! *Special thanks to: Vidant Community Benefits Program, Greenville Noon Rotary, Wells Fargo, Eddie and Jo Ellen Smith Family Foundation, Open Door Church, United Way of Pitt County, First Presbyterian Church, and West Memorial Fund.*

*Unity FWB Church and Christ Presbyterian Church have partnered with us monthly to support our co-op families!

TESTIMONIES

THE VILLEDA FAMILY

"We are the Villeda family. We have been in the program since Sept 2017. Since we entered the co-op we feel happy and satisfied because it has been a great economical and emotional help to our family. The purpose of being in the program is to be able to pay our hospital bills and also to have some savings in the bank. I felt stressed to see how many bills, but now I finished paying a \$130.00 bill! This has been a relief thanks to the co-op. Now we have more food at home because before we were limited in buying food. Now, I make a complete lunch thanks to the people of the co-op that God put in my path. Sometimes I feel lazy to come to the meetings but then I remember that it is worth it. The finance and nutrition meetings have help me a lot. The advice and testimonials are good encouragement for our family."

OUR FIRST GRADUATES!



In December, we celebrated our first graduates, Asraa and Rafaat, who moved their family from Bagdad, Iraq to go to school and provide a peaceful and prosperous life for their children here in the US. After nine months in our program, they were able to pay off two medical bills totaling over \$1,000.00. This was a huge debt canceled, and ultimately freed up money to redistribute towards other family needs. Over time, we shared conversations about life, family, and religion. Though we do hold different religious beliefs, Asraa and Rafaat were shown the love of Christ, and encouraged through the scriptures. Their diligence to the program principles has helped prove the true impact this program, paired with gospel truth, can have on those serious about finding financial freedom.



Outreaches

Reaching our community
for the gospel of Jesus Christ!



Join us Saturdays from 11am-1pm as we love our neighbors!



2018 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Hope of Glory Ministries
103 E. Arlington Blvd., Suite 106
Greenville, NC 27858

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the year, we are in need of people and families to serve in various ways! Opportunities include recreational outreach volunteers every other Saturday, hosting food drives, collecting school supplies and mentoring families.

If you, your family, small group, church or business are able to donate time to volunteer, please contact Cat Knell at 252-227-4684 or thriftdeals@hope-of-glory.org.

IMPORTANT DATES

Outreaches:

April 7th, 28th

May 5th, 19th

June 2nd, 16th, 30th

School Supply Drive:

July 9th– August 20th

5K Race Fundraiser:

October 6th, 8am

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www.hope-of-glory.org



PAVING NEW ROADS



For decades, nonprofit Christian charity across the USA has taken on many missions, methods, and models. The spectrum of services span far and wide, and it is compelling to see the number of nonprofits seeking to change our country and the cities they serve. However, poverty ridden communities and the need for government assistance continue to increase. Interconnected factors contributing to this include, but are not limited to, long-term unemployment, family breakdown, low wages, addiction, trauma, personal debt, poor and uniformed financial decisions, and educational failure. When thinking about these family dynamics, I continue to ask myself, our team and others in the community this question, “Is our work addressing root issues, making true impact, and cultivating lasting change?”

If we are honest, we wrestled with answering this question with a confident “Yes”. That is, until the past two years. Over our tenure, we have seen many families and watched the Lord move in amazing ways. Ultimately, we rest in God’s sovereign redemptive plan as scripture proves He can use any effort (good, bad or indifferent) of man to accomplish His purposes and draw people into the Kingdom through faith in Jesus Christ.

Yet, as believers we must love and serve others with our heart *and* our mind. We must see them in the image and likeness of God, identify their potential, and empower them towards healthy human flourishing. This leaves us with the question, “*What does that look like?*”

Over the past two years, we have diligently reshaped our mission, vision and values. However, a change in methodology was necessary to shift our model from emergency services to empowering families towards financial stability. This shift proved to be a matter of paving a whole new road, learning from old ways, and venturing into a paradigm shift in nonprofit food distribution.

The Community Food Co-op Program is moving families towards financial stability by providing healthy fresh and non-perishable foods twice a month. With an estimated \$150-\$200 savings each month, families are paired with mentors and set goals to redistribute the saved money towards debts, an emergency fund or savings account. Nutrition and finance classes complement their mentorship by teaching them biblical principles related to wellness and stewardship.

As we venture into 2018, we are seeking five new mentors to disciple a co-op family as this component is the crux of true and lasting change. Together mentors and mentees address deep gospel issues, inconsistent lifestyle habits, and biblical stewardship. Would you consider being a mentor and join us in transforming lives? If so, please contact Mandi Stewart at 252-321-6857 ext. 201, or mandi@hope-of-glory.org.



FROM MENTORS JIM AND RUTH COOPER

“We have been working as mentors with two families for about six weeks now. We really wanted to make sure that we “connected” with our families in a way that was helpful for them, and that they would be able to feel comfortable with us as we moved forward. We have seen great improvement in their ability to sense and grasp the importance and benefit of the H.O.G.M. program as it relates to them.

For us as mentors, it has been a blessing as we seek to help them. We feel that although we might be described as “mentors”, we really see these folks as an extension of our family.”