

# Outreach

## Volunteer Opportunities

Fall/Winter 2022/23

Outreach connects people to people. And real connection develops relationships. Below is a glimpse of some of the relationships developed this year:

- 300+ hours tutoring elementary students at Johnson Elementary School (GEF)
- helping distribute multiple tractor trailer loads of food to families in need
- providing leadership development and meals to young adults through Project Transformation
- partnering with Franklin Pride in spring event
- helping Habitat build a home for a family in need
- mentoring local Nicaraguan families who are recent immigrants

Below are many more opportunities in the upcoming months to show God's love to our neighbors and the world. Let us each take a fresh look at the needs of our community and the world around us and ask ourselves how we might use our God-given talents and resources to build new relationships.



# Local Outreach Opportunities

## **BUILDING LIVES FOUNDATION** – Ministry Coordinator: *Tim Gregath*

We help at risk veterans and their families by providing transitional and permanent housing, jobs, addiction counseling, financial assistance, & mentoring. We do this through various veterans' assistance programs, volunteer help, and donations from our community.

## **CENTER FOR LIVING & LEARNING** - Ministry Coordinators: *Bryan Richardson & Fran Clippard*

We are a private, non-profit, residential, supportive living facility that houses adults who have experiences with severe and persistent mental illness. Volunteers are welcomed to help with the organic gardening vocational program.

## **GENTRY'S EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION** - Ministry Coordinator: *Sue Carter*

At Johnson Elementary School, we provide after-school tutoring and enrichment programs for young students who benefit from one-on-one instruction that leads to academic success. Tutoring requires no advance preparation. Sessions last approximately 1 ½ hours one afternoon a week.

## **GRACEWORKS MINISTRIES** – Ministry Coordinator: *Doug Fuqua*

We offer support to low-income residents of Williamson County by providing food, clothing, housing support, and direct financial assistance.

## **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** - Ministry Coordinator: *Cal Cobb*

We seek to put God's love in action by bringing people together to build affordable homes, communities, and hope. We build because we believe that everyone, everywhere should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. We need volunteers to work on job sites & to help feed workers. No experience is required. Our fall build is **October 1, 2022**.

## **LAST MINUTE TOY STORE** – Ministry Coordinator: *Lisa Spencer*

As our name suggests, we provide a LAST CHANCE for families to receive Christmas toys who have not been helped by or missed the deadlines for other local Christmas charities and organizations. Come volunteer with us this December.

## **MIRIAM'S PROMISE** – Ministry Coordinator: *Susan Smith*

We stand in the gap, building bridges through crisis pregnancy counseling and child placement services. We welcome volunteer help with two annual fundraisers – a dinner/art sale in the spring and a golf tournament in the fall.

## **ONE GENERATION AWAY** - Ministry Coordinator: *Candi Heinzman*

We distribute healthy foods to families throughout Middle Tennessee who currently do not have access to food sources due to economics or physical barriers. Sign up in the narthex for a food distribution on **October 29, 2022**.

## **PRAYERFUL HANDS** - Ministry Coordinator: *Cheryl Stanley*

We are a group of people who enjoy knitting, crocheting, or sewing. We gather once a month to work on projects such as prayer shawls for people experiencing difficulties, sleeping mats for the homeless, and other items.

## **PRISON MINISTRY** - Ministry Coordinators: *Gary and Jo High*

We seek to share the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ with those in and released from TN prisons. We serve those with whom we have developed a faith-based relationship through worship, Bible study, correspondence, and Christian mentoring. We seek to address the spiritual needs of inmates, as well as the spiritual, emotional, physical, material, and financial needs of returning citizens as they re-enter society.

## Local Outreach Opportunities (cont.)

### **PROJECT TRANSFORMATION** - Ministry Coordinator: *Ethel Detch*

Our mission is to transform local communities by engaging children, college age adults, and churches in purposeful relationships through leadership development, after-school, & summer camp programming. Volunteers needed each summer to read with children & provide meals for college interns who run the camps.

### **CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** - Ministry Coordinator: *Cheryl Stanley*

We usually host four blood drives a year. The Red Cross provides this service at our church. Volunteer blood donors are always needed. When dates are announced, you may sign up to give blood at the Red Cross website.

### **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH** - Ministry Coordinator: *Marnie Cotton*

We provide opportunities for all women to grow spiritually and to put faith into action in our neighborhood & around the world on behalf of other women, as well as of children and youth.

## International Outreach Opportunities

### **NICARAGUA PROJECT** - Ministry Coordinators: *Gene & Marnie Cotton*

We are a community-to-community outreach program of Christ UMC that seeks long-term relationships in Nicaragua. The project supports "Centro Alternativo Projeto 19 de Julio", a local school in Managua, Nicaragua. While mission trips are currently suspended due to political unrest, we welcome help mentoring Nicaraguan families who are recent immigrants. Donations of hardback Spanish or Spanish/English children's books are also needed, as are donations for education scholarships.

### **RAISE THE ROOF ACADEMY** - Ministry Coordinators: *Marcia & Randy Stoner*

We develop high-quality education centers, provide community health programs, create income generating opportunities, and grow alongside local leaders in three districts of central Uganda. We welcome volunteers willing to sponsor students, help with mailings in our Nashville office, prepare for summer mission trips, and/or travel with us on summer mission trips to Uganda.

When hit with the glint of love's light,  
even ordinary things become holy.

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