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COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

LIAM CONNELL

The COVID 19 Pandemic presents incredible challenges for Good News and for the people we serve. Our Senior clients are dealing with increased levels of isolation and fear. The Food Pantry has seen a dramatic increase in persons seeking food, and we expect the need to remain high for the foreseeable future. Mercy House has been on quarantine to keep the residents safe. Maryland Oaks Crossing residents have children who can't go to school. Thankfully, God is bigger than the challenges we face.

As the crisis persists we remain vigilant and ask that our friends, donors, and residents join us by continuing to pay utmost attention to your surroundings. Our community leaders are implementing and updating orders, trying to balance public health and responsible stewardship. The outlook for the coming weeks seems to be one of caution, and we'll keep doing our part by continuing to observe social distancing (6ft apart), the use of hand sanitizer, and the use of gloves and masks. For more information on how COVID-19 has affected our programs, please visit our website:

www.GoodNewsOutreach.org

Please, stay safe and take care of each other.

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ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST

CHIEF REVELL

Chief Revell was appointed in January. During his 28-year career with TPD, he has worked in nearly every division, including Patrol, Tactical Apprehension & Control (sniper), High Risk Offenders, Financial Crimes and the Chaplain Program, among others. Chief Revell is married to Kimberly and they have five children. Chief Revell partners with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Big Bend to mentor local youth and is also actively involved in his church by serving as the Chairman of Deacons, a Sunday School Teacher, and the Director of the Security Team.

We look forward to having Chief Revell speak on October 24th!



CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

CHRIS MATTHEWS

"Maryland Oaks provides a chance for people facing financial hardship to feel safe and supported. My story is full of obstacles. I am a survivor who has overcome difficulties and instability who now focuses on giving my child a secure and protective environment. Growing up, life was a struggle. My mom had six kids. Raising us wasn't easy. As one of the oldest children, I went out and got a job at 14 to help support the family. I continued to work and go to school until graduation in 2004, when I ventured out on my own, and accepted a promotion to assistant manager at a CVS. In 2008, my son was born. I didn't see my son again until 2018. I was moving around from place to place, trying to care for my child and then finally I stumbled upon Maryland Oaks. Never thought I would meet so many friendly people who treated us like family. When Mr. Jeff said 'Welcome Home,' I really felt at home. I just want to say thanks to the Maryland Oaks staff for giving me the chance to raise my son in this friendly environment."

The pleasure is all ours Chris! Sincerely GNO



MESSAGE FROM BOARD CHAIR

LINDA BARINEAU

Greetings! Thus far, 2020 has been fast-paced and robust at Good News Outreach! We have been blessed with an outpouring of support and volunteerism during the trying time imposed upon our community, our country, and the world by Covid-19.

Record numbers have been served by Good News Outreach since the outbreak of the pandemic. There are thousands that have turned to us for food. Donald Parks and team, including an expanded roster of volunteers, have worked tirelessly in order to meet the vast needs of our community through the various ministries: the Senior Services & Food Pantry, Maryland Oaks Community, and Mercy House. I am happy to introduce new Board of Directors member Lucia Fontela. She brings her vast business knowledge and heart for service to work shoulder to shoulder with other board members that all share the commitment to and vision of continued success for Good News, its programs, and those it serves.

If you are reading this message it is because you have been connected to Good News Outreach in some way! Whether your continued support of Good News Outreach is through program involvement, financial giving, spiritual uplifting, or all three, please know that it is not taken for granted and is greatly valued. We don't want to keep our light under a basket. Please help spread the word about Good News, its ministries and its many needs.

It is an honor to serve alongside the Board and Staff of GNO. Blessings to you and your family! Stay healthy and help spread the important work done by Good News Outreach!

Linda Barineau
Romans 8:28
Jeremiah 29:11

MESSAGE FROM THE MOTHERSHIP

DR. PARKS, MS.
REBECCA, AND MR.
ROB

Greetings from the Mother Ship,

We know that the COVID 19 Pandemic has hurt many people in many ways – death, illness, unemployment, and perhaps most of all, increased fear and isolation. When trouble knocked at our door, Good News' Staff and volunteers responded. By God's grace, our programs continued and expanded!

Our food distribution increased by 380% from January to April.

Volunteers from all walks of life have joined our cause.

We have received an outpouring of financial and in-kind support from long-time supporters and new friends.

You make this possible through your prayers, service, and financial support. In months to come, we will share stories of how lives are being changed daily through Good News. Men returning from prison find new hope; struggling families are housed; isolated senior citizens are supported.

While we are happy to send you a postal copy, we are only able to send our new monthly Good News Spotlight via e-mail. The Spotlight will feature clients, volunteers, and program updates. The e-mail version will also include features not possible in the print version.

Thank you for your support of Good News Outreach. Be safe, and may you and yours be blessed!

In Him,
Psalm 131

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

DARYL JACQUETTE

Hello residents. I am the product of the Maryland foster care system, who, fortunately, got adopted into a wonderful family, providing a stable environment full of love. I also understand tragedy, having lost my father, mother and wife to long-term illnesses. Such a background teaches you that life is not easy, nor a free ride: that succeeding requires hard work and determination on your part and, sometimes a hand up from people that care. As the Director of Housing, I see myself and GNO as the people who can provide that hand up to help you achieve your hopes and dreams. Through new programs, such as "Getting Ahead," we want to help you define your goals and design a plan to achieve them. In my view, this community's purpose is to help those that want to better themselves. Please believe that as the Director: I care about you; I care about your family's safety, security and prosperity; and I will do whatever is within my power to keep this community safe and your dreams alive. I am here to help. Come see me.

We are excited to have you on board and apart of the family Daryl!



COMMUNITY SERVICE VOLUNTEER

KEVIN HARRINGTON

Kevin Harrington is from New Albany, Indiana, where he grew up in an environment of poverty. He's lived in Tallahassee since 1994, when he came here to get his degree in Information Science from FSU. "Seek a servant's heart and mind," he says, and his actions line up with his words. Kevin has been volunteering at GNO since September 2019, but he found out about GNO while volunteering at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, where he helped with food drives for years. He is no stranger to service and GNO is grateful to have such a seasoned veteran of compassion and generosity among its ranks. Kevin has consistently volunteered with GNO during COVID-19. While he is inspired to help the community all the time, the need has seemed even greater to him during the pandemic. "The pantry has gone from serving a couple hundred people a month to over nine hundred people last month," Kevin reports. Several other local pantries were forced to close during the crisis, but GNO stayed open. Kevin cites some of its actions as particularly praiseworthy: first, that Rebecca Howard, the Director of Operations, reached out to extra organizations (including Second Harvest and Trader Joe's) to keep the pantry open despite its unprecedented activity; second, that deliveries were made to seniors and disabled citizens, going so far as Woodville on some routes. He seeks to give back what he has given, and it's safe to say he has certainly succeeded on those counts.

Thank you for your continued generous service, Kevin!