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GREENHOUSE NEWS

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THANKSGIVING AT GREENHOUSE

Happy Fall from Greenhouse Ministries! As you begin to make plans for your family activities this season, we have multiple ways to get involved in the community. **First**, on November 16th we are having a turkey drive and we are asking you to drop off turkeys anytime that day so we can give them away at our Mobile Food Pantry, which is the following day, November 17th. The **second** way to get involved is volunteering at our Mobile Food Pantry. At this event we provide turkeys and a full grocery cart of food to over 400 low income households in need. **Lastly**, we are excited to be a part of #GivingTuesday this year! You've heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but have you heard of #GivingTuesday? #GivingTuesday is on November 28th and it is the international day of giving and you can participate in a very impactful way! This year, all proceeds donated towards our #GivingTuesday campaign will go to a Mobile Food Pantry in 2018! Most of us are not financially able to sponsor an entire Mobile Food Pantry, but if 150 of us donate \$20, together we can!

Please consider any of these options this season of thanksgiving.

BORODASH 2017

Borodash

Help support Greenhouse Ministries, Neema House, Endure Athletics and Possibility Place by participating in Borodash! Borodash is Murfreesboro's annual Thanksgiving Day family event - a 4-mile walk/run through historic Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Register and get more information at borodash.org. If you have any questions related to Borodash, reach out to Rachel Young at rachel.young@greenhousemin.org.

HURRICANE RELIEF

Are you interested in helping with the Hurricane Harvey Relief but you aren't sure how to? We have been partnering with One Generation Away, Feed America First, Team Music is Love and The Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau to give you an easy way to help. We are collecting food and flood buckets (5 gallon buckets filled with cleaning supplies). We have already been collecting food but we have one more food drive on November 10th from 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Come and drop off supplies and show some love to our friends in Texas! It will be a fun day, plus, we will have a special guest appearance from Dawn Rae at Moody Radio Live!



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CLIFF'S NOTES

I love this time of year. I was driving home a few evenings ago and one of my neighbors was burning hickory wood in their fireplace. The smell brought back the feeling of fall with the brisk mornings, the red and golden colors, and getting families together for fun and food for Thanksgiving. We are in the full swing of things for Thanksgiving at Greenhouse Ministries.

From our Turkey Drive, to our Turkey Giveaway and Mobile Food Pantry the following day, and ending with #GivingTuesday, we have many ways to get involved this season, and I hope you do.

Last year at the Turkey Giveaway, we gave a family who was in our parenting class a turkey. She returned after Thanksgiving with a big smile on her face to tell me her story. She had never had a turkey at Thanksgiving before and she told me that because her immediate family couldn't eat the whole turkey she would see if she could get her extended family to come over for Thanksgiving dinner. Because of some strained relationships, they had not been together as a family in over 10 years. She said on Thanksgiving day, all of her family came, and some even brought food with them. "I was amazed at healing took place in our family because of that turkey. How can I ever thank you?"

We never know how God will use our gifts, even something as simple as a turkey. But we know He uses them to bless others. In this season of Thanksgiving, it is easier to give to a good cause because we are reminded of our many blessings that we are so thankful for. I hope that you will pause and reflect on the underserved in our community and needs that Greenhouse Ministries are able to provide not only in this season but throughout the year. I am asking you to financially commit to supporting our clients, programs and our community with a generous year end donation, or a monthly recurring gift.

I thank each one of you for supporting Greenhouse Ministries so we can be a conduit to supply needs to others and also be a place where volunteers can use their talents to be the hands, feet, and ears of Jesus. God wants to have needs met and He wants to allow his children to meet those needs. I pray that you will have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Psm 100:4-5: "Enter his gates with Thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."

PATHWAYS FOR CAREER SUCCESS

We have launched a new program, Pathways for Career Success! This program pairs a client who is struggling with job instability with a community mentor to help them break down barriers to obtaining successful employment. The client will meet at Greenhouse Ministries on a regular basis with their mentor and with our occupational therapy interns to evaluate what needs to be done to obtain and maintain employment. If you know someone who would benefit from the program, or if you would like to become a volunteer mentor, please reach out to Cindy at cindy.williams@greenhousemin.org.

THE PAST MONTH AT A GLANCE



We had an exciting visit this month from the Nashville Corvette Club! Not only did they bring their BEAUTIFUL cars to show us, but they brought a check for \$550 and a trunk full of donations. Thank you for caring about your community! (pictured below)



Garden Patch celebrated the start of fall with their Sneak Peek event on October 2nd. We had a great turn out and we have officially welcomed fall with open arms!



We had another great Mobile Food Pantry this month thanks to our sponsors, Shawn and Jennifer Kaplan with The Coffee Drop Project! Thank you also to Vurban Records for providing the music, and for all of the volunteers who helped distribute food.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 9th, 10-noon:
Volunteer Orientation

November 10, 6:30 to 5:
Hurricane Relief Food Drive

November 16th, 7 to 5:
Turkey Drive

November 17th:
Mobile Food Pantry &
Turkey Giveaway

November 20-24:
Greenhouse Ministries &
Garden Patch CLOSED

MEMORIAL GIFTS:

In memory of: Eleanor Teasley
Donated by: James and Charlotte Watson

In memory of: Joshua Holton
Donated by: his parents

THANK YOU:

- Thank you to Siegel Middle School for donating 1312 pounds of food to our pantry! Our clients lives will be forever impacted by the food you donated.

- Hobgood Elementary School's 6th grade classes also donated 256.5 lbs of food! Thank you Hobgood!

- Thank you to Mayday Brewery for hosting a peanut butter drive for Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee. Because we are a partner agency, we received 137.5 lbs of that peanut butter!

GREENHOUSE NEEDS:

- Canned Chicken
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Fruit