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A Message from Hope

Fall has arrived in Hickory Nut Gorge with its colors and seasonal change. At Outreach another successful school supply drive was completed even with the challenges of in-school or virtual learning. The Food For Kids program is back in full operation providing meals for our clients' children.

Our logo has been revised to be more colorful and representative of Outreach's mission. The hands represent Outreach's donors and volunteers reaching out to meet the needs of the Hickory Nut Gorge community. The hands also represent our clients receiving the help and support that they so desperately need. The hearts on the hands show Outreach's mission of "serving needs with love & compassion."

Preparations are under way for the Thanksgiving meal distribution, Christmas gift card distribution, and the Angle Tree Gift Program. All of these programs are possible because of the contributions and generosity of Outreach's donors and volunteers. Thank you for your support. Wishing you and your family a happy holiday season.



"Do not let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do."
– John Wooden

Outreach Goes Mobile with a New Van

As Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach has continued to grow in the number of families that it provides services to, it became apparent that there was a need for a van to help support the purchasing and distribution of food in the area. As Covid-19 created food rationing there was a need to visit numerous grocery outlets to meet the requirements of Outreach’s clients. This was a large demand on individual volunteers using their personal vehicles.

A new van was purchased supported by generous grants from both Dogwood Health Trust and RHI Legacy Foundation. We want to thank these organizations for helping to fulfill this need in our community.

The new van features Outreach’s new logo on both sides and the back of the van provides our e-mail address. We are looking forward to the use of the van as Outreach continues to grow.

Ways You Can Help

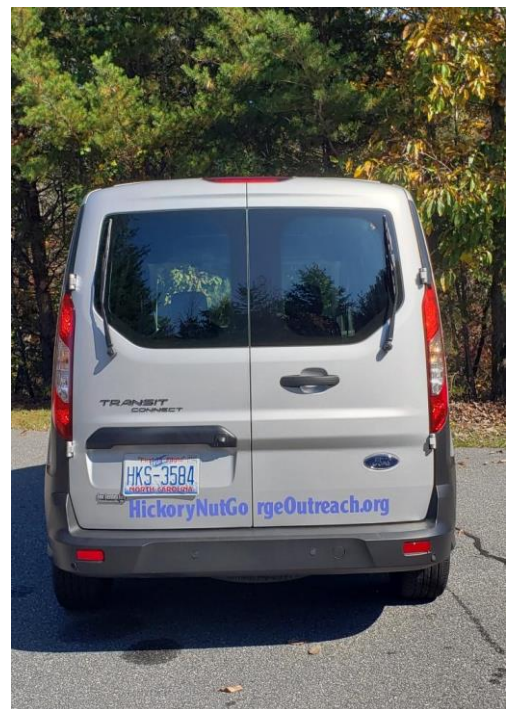
It is more important than ever that we receive support from the Hickory Nut Gorge community. Here are ways you can help!

Financial Support

The best way you can help is through monetary donations. We have received financial support from individuals, businesses, churches and grantors throughout the community and it has helped us stay afloat as we add more clients and provide more food to those in need. 100% of your donation goes directly towards the Food Pantry and Food for Kids Programs, unless you specify one of our other programs.

Angel Tree Gift Cards

If you would like to sponsor a child’s angel from the Angel Tree but are unable to go shopping, then a gift card can be the perfect gift. Outreach will have \$35 gift cards available for purchase and will prepare the card to be given to the child.





Quilting Supply Sale Benefits Outreach

Diane Charboneau was a long-time donor to Outreach and an avid quilter. After she passed away her husband Rob Phillips donated a large number of tubs filled with quilting supplies to Outreach.

Local quilters Mary Ellen Jones, Janel Masson, Nancy Evans and Carol Wolfe (not pictured) held two sales of the supplies. Using contacts with friends, quilt guilds, social media and word of mouth, the group raised a good amount of money to benefit Outreach. Leftover materials will be donated to two local charitable organizations who sew quilts for children in need and women in shelters.

Special Thanks

We are so grateful to those that make financial and in-kind donations. This quarter, we are especially grateful to the wonderful people in the Hickory Nut Gorge community who continue to support Outreach and our clients during the COVID-19 crisis.

- Dean Jones at Sign1 in Arden, NC for donating services to help create our new logo.

Outreach received a very generous donation in the memory of Chuck Hailey by Leanne Craig (Chuck's sister) and Mary Ann Hailey. Chuck worked as a volunteer at Outreach and also had a love of animals. His family's generosity will provide a great deal of help to families/pets in our community.

Who We Served – Food Pantry: January – September 2020

89%	White / Caucasian
11%	Black / African American
0%	Latino
53%	Male
47%	Female
59%	Children (0-17)
34%	Adults (18-64)
7%	Seniors (65+)
95	Average number of families served each month
362	Average number of individuals served each month

Who We Served – Food for Kids: January – September 2020

6	Average # of children receiving weekday school lunches
39	Average # of children receiving weekend backpacks



2020 Calendar of Events

11/2	Angel Tree Donor selection
11/23	Thanksgiving Distribution
11/30	Final day for donors to drop off Angel Tree gifts to Outreach
12/3-12/18	Angel Tree Distribution
12/21-1/1	Outreach Closed
1/4/21	First Day Open

***About Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach:
Our Mission***

Hickory Nut Gorge Outreach is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization serving families in the Hickory Nut Gorge community, which extends into four counties. Our mission is to help eliminate hunger and provide emergency services with love and compassion to those in need that live in our community. Outreach is solely funded through donations from generous members of our community, fundraisers, and local food drives. Outreach does not receive any federal funds. Food and other products are purchased at a minimal cost from the MANNA Food Bank (a Feeding America partner), as well as at local stores. All Outreach programs and activities are fully supported by 40+ volunteers.



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