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A Message from Hope

It's been another wonderful summer in the Hickory Nut Gorge Community. We hope that you and your friends had the opportunity to experience all that Lake Lure has to offer. Outreach completed another successful School Supplies Drive sending our client's children back to schools with backpacks filled with required supplies. Outreach is welcoming Monica Faherty as the new Secretary on Outreach's Board.

As we head into Fall, preparations are underway for the Thanksgiving meal distribution, Christmas gift card distribution and the Angle Tree Gift Program. See more information about these and other events in this newsletter.

Thank you for all you do to support Outreach. Your financial and in-kind contributions are what enable us to continue serving the needs of clients in the Hickory Nut Gorge community. We continue to welcome your thoughtful support. Here's hoping you and your family enjoy the Fall season.



***"A life is not important except in the impact it has on other lives."
— Jackie Robinson***

School Supply Drive Update



Once again, Outreach had another successful School Supply Drive. Over 100 children of clients received a backpack and all of the necessary supplies to start the school year. In addition, 32 LLCA shirts were purchased for clients' children as part of their school uniform. Thank you to Cheryl Smith and Dianne Coswell for organizing the school supplies. Thank you to everyone that provided school supplies or financial donations.

Lake Lure Arts and Crafts Festivals



The Spring Arts and Craft Festival was held in Late May. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this a success.

The Fall Arts and Crafts Festival will be held October 15th and 16th. Thank you to the 95 vendors that have signed up to participate. We look forward to another successful festival raising funds to help support Outreach.

Outreach Program Updates

Outreach's **Scholarship Program** recently awarded a client with a scholarship to help continue her education. The client completed her Certified Nursing Assistant degree and has been accepted into the RN program. Please consider donating to the Scholarship Fund.

Angel Tree gift cards are going to be increased to \$50 for this upcoming Christmas. If you would like to sponsor a child's angel from the Angel Tree but are unable to go shopping, a gift card can be a perfect gift. Cards are available at Outreach for purchase.

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.

Volunteer Special Thanks

Patrick Bryant volunteered at Outreach for 8 years and most recently served as Secretary on Outreach’s Board. His contributions to the Outreach Programs and Fund raising events are much appreciated. Patrick will continue to be involved in the Lake Lure Community but is moving on from Outreach’s Board. Thank you for your years of service.

Special Thanks

Thank you to Bob Young of Deer Valley Farms for a donation of 100 pounds of beef.

Thank you to Society of St. Andrew Gleaners for their continued donations of produce to Outreach.

Outreach’s volunteers continued to step up when asked to provide cookies for the Lake Lure Olympiad. Thank you for your donations.

A big THANK YOU to the Hickory Nut Gorge Community. With out the support of our local churches, organizations and individuals, Outreach could not have the programs that are so desperately neede3d by our clients. Thank you again.

Welcome New Outreach Board Member



Monica Faherty was born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA. She worked for 42 years as a speech-language pathologist and teacher of children with hearing loss. She lives with her husband, Richard Merwin, in Lake Lure and has three children. She is a member of the Lake Lure Lions Board, Lake Lure Bookies Book Club and the Newcomers Club. She has been a volunteer at Outreach since 2021.

Who We Served – Food Pantry: January – June 2022

76	Average number of families served each month
313	Average number of individuals served each month

Who We Served – Food for Kids: January – March 2022

38	Average # of children receiving weekend backpacks
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Families in Need of Support (FINS)

51	Number of families served year to date.
\$12,700	Amount given in support of the FINS Program.

2022 Calendar of Events

10/15-16	Fall Arts and Crafts Festival
10/31	Angel Tree Donor Selection
11/4	LLCA NHS Food Drive Drop Off
11/18	Thanksgiving Box Prep
11/21	Thanksgiving Box Distribution
11/28	Final Day for Angel Tree Drop Off
12/5-23	Angle Tree Distribution
12/23	Last Day Open in 2022
1/2	First Day Open in 2023

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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