

COMPILED LIST OF RESPONSES FOR ST. PETER'S PARISH COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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ST PETER'S PARISH CHURCH

St. Peter's Episcopal Parish takes a holistic approach to our stewardship and outreach programs by giving through time, talent and wisdom, as well as finances. This holistic approach to our stewardship begins with helping in the local community and working with our community partners. We believe this approach celebrates who we are in Christ, what God has called us to do, and the resources God has given us to do this meaningful work.

As part of this effort, St. Peter's wants to partner with other churches and organizations to help meet the needs of the community and its citizens. We asked each church, agency, organization or other entity to name one or two areas where help was needed the most in services or programs. The submissions included in this document are "job postings" – areas where St. Peter's help would be most beneficial.

This stewardship and outreach effort is in addition to existing critical programs such as Matthews Haven and Meals on Wheels. This new initiative an effort is to expand our work in the community. It is our desire to work with others in the community and to share our gratitude and blessings with those in need as well as those helping to meet the community needs.

If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Guthrie at lismg1@aol.com or Nancy Goodman at beldor69@aol.com

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The following is what we discussed that would be the most helpful to Corinth Baptist Benevolence and beneficial to the community.

1. Financial and labor assistance in building wheelchair ramps and repairing porch/stoops and steps.
2. Community churches form a group to collectively develop plan & procedures so that the above as well as addressing winterizing and safety issues.
3. Develop an educational program for those struggling to pay rent, electric, etc. Perhaps this could be something required when the same family comes asking for more assistance.
4. A better way to disperse information for available transportation. People don't ask until the day before. Or the possibility of each church being responsible for a given month.



Matthew's Haven

Matthew's Haven desires an individual to attend the New Kent County Outreach Council quarterly meetings and represent Matthew's Haven. These meetings are held 4 times annually. The meeting times last approximately 2 hours from 9-11 a.m. Location changes every quarter but always within New Kent. Report required when impacts our charity. Time required: approximately 2-3 hours quarterly.

Matthew's Haven desires an individual to work closely with our partner Bridging Communities and the student volunteer who manages and updates our web site. Student Volunteer changes annually. Requirements include communication to the student regarding adding, deleting pictures, notices, assisting with developing documents as attachments and communication information on the web site. Time required: approximately 1-2 hours monthly. Work may be done from home.

Matthew's Haven desires an individual to manage our coat, undergarment and infant clothing closet. This individual will receive, sort and organize new undergarments, gently used coats and infant clothing as well as layette items. Washing gently used items may be necessary. If requests of tax receipts are located within donations, information needs to be relayed to the proper person to expedite a thank you note and tax receipt. Time required: approximately 2-3 hours monthly. Work will be done at St. Peter's Church, some work may be done from home.

Matthew's Haven desires an individual to assist with fundraising and help with grant opportunities. This may involve development of annual fundraisers as well as hands on activity to promote, expedite a successful fundraiser with other volunteers. Also research and collaborate grant opportunities with one other volunteer. Time required: approximately 3 hours monthly.

Matthew's Haven desires an individual to assist with the weekly call rotation. There are currently 7 volunteers serving in this role. The volunteer will contact our voice mail system for one week every 8 weeks. Calls will come in from clients or agencies needing assistance with emergency food, energy assistance, clothing, baby items, etc. Time required: Approximately 2-3 hours once every 8 weeks. Most work can be done from home.

Matthew's Haven desires an individual to get our Good Egg Award and potential scholarship program for high school students off the ground. This will require promotion of the Good Egg Award at local school systems, churches and other organizations through visits, letter writing campaign and other means to promote the program. An award will be given annually and acceptance of nominations and applications will be required along with preparation of those applications. Time required: approximately 4-5 hours initially (monthly) and then 2 hours monthly to maintain. Work can be done from home, with the exception of promotional visits and meetings.

*Volunteer time above is an estimate and may be more or less depending on the activity. Matthew's Haven can provide a time sheet or letter for employers or others stating volunteer efforts are ongoing and/or completed.

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Mission

United for Food's mission is to address the need for healthy food options for low income families in our community by partnering with local foodbanks and sponsors.

United for Food General Information

- The United for Food Program started in December 2013 in Williamsburg.
- The West Point distribution started in September 2015.
- The West Point food distribution is made possible through a partnership between United Way of Greater Williamsburg and FeedMore Foodbank in Richmond.
- The food distribution occurs on the 3rd Thursday every month
- The West Point distribution has been temporarily held at the YMCA for the monthly distribution. Starting in January 2016 the food distribution will be located at the West Point Armory- 2406 King William Ave, West Point, VA 23181.
- Twenty to thirty volunteers help organize, distribute, load groceries into a shopping cart, and unload the groceries into a vehicle for the clients.

Sponsorship

The food is donated by the FeedMore Foodbank and a local sponsor is secured to pay for the driver, delivery truck, and gas. Each foodbank sets the price of the sponsorship.

- West Point food distribution sponsorship- \$350



Timeframe for food distribution

- The distribution is held on the third Thursday of the month.
- Volunteers are asked to show up 30 minutes prior to the distribution to help unload the delivery truck and stay 30 minutes after the distribution to help clean up.
- During the distribution 20 to 30 volunteers help organize, distribute, load groceries into a shopping cart, and unload the groceries into a vehicle for the clients.
 - West Point Distribution is from 11:00 am- 12:00 pm

What does Food Insecurity mean?

Food Insecurity is the state of being without reliable access to a sufficient quantity of affordable, nutritious food.

Statistics

- On average, the West Point food distribution serves 78 households or 248 individuals each month.
- According to Feeding America, one in every ten residents in King William County is food insecure. Similarly, over 16% of City of Williamsburg, over 9% of James City County, and over 8% of York County is considered food insecure.

Feeding America
Map the Meal Gap 2015
Overall Food insecurity based on 2013

Overall rank based on food insecurity %	County	Overall food insecurity rate based on population	Child food insecurity rate based on population
25 out of 134	Williamsburg City	16.7%	18.0%
98 out of 134	King William (West Point)	10.2%	10.2%
105 out of 134	James City	9.3%	14.6%
116 out of 134	York	8.7%	13.8%

Source: <http://map.feedingamerica.org/county/2013/overall>



PROCLAIMING GRACE OUTREACH (PGO) AND THE THRIFT SPOT

We are in great need of people to volunteer once a month at the Thrift Spot for the following:

Cash Register Workers - there are two shifts on Saturdays, 8-12 and 12-4. We operate the simplest of registers and normally only a one time training prior to the original start date is required. Training can be done in the evening hours if needed.

Set Up and Take Down Crews - We need strong backs to help set out all of our furniture on Saturday mornings (7-8 a.m.) and to take it all back in on Saturday afternoon (4 to 5 p.m.) Normally, these people pick one time or the other, not both on Saturdays.

Melanie King
Proclaiming Grace Outreach



Project Hope at Quin Rivers, Inc. in New Kent County, VA

Community Volunteer

Purpose: The position of Community Volunteer serves as a valued member of the Project Hope team by providing a number of both indirect and direct services that align with the mission of Project Hope at Quin Rivers, Inc. to eliminate violence in our community.

Key responsibilities: The Community volunteer will provide the following services:

- Information distribution and tabling
- Data entry
- Maintenance of office space
- Child care
- Maintenance of social media sites
- Other tasks assigned by the Client Services Director

Location: Project Hope at Quin Rivers, Inc. Office and locations in the community

Job or Position Requirements: The individual must be self-directed, and have excellent verbal and communication skills. Also, the candidate must be willing to work flexible hours and travel locally. Computer skills and record keeping experience are essential.

Support Provided: Training for this position will be provided at a formal volunteer orientation session. In addition, Project Hope staff is available on an ongoing basis to answer questions and provide other assistance as needed.

Please e-mail resume to Emily DeCarlo, Client Services Director, edecarlo@quinrivers.org.

TRANSPORTATION OPPORTUNITIES/PROPOSAL

In response to Nancy Goodman's e-mail about potential services or programs that may benefit the residents of New Kent, I would like to suggest that consideration be given to establishing a faith-based volunteer driver service. The Shepherds Centers of Richmond and Chesterfield provide this service, and more recently the Mechanicsville Churches Emergency Function (MCEF) has established a program for residents of Hanover.

If there is interest among the parishioner of St Peter's in exploring such a service I will be glad to arrange a meeting with the representatives of MCEF. They started a program from scratch and I'm sure they would be willing to share their "lessons learned" with other faith communities considering a volunteer driver program.

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