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NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Prayer Breakfast: A Time to Celebrate & Give Good News

This year marks the 20th annual Good News Outreach Prayer Breakfast. With four distinct programs reaching across Tallahassee - The Mercy House men's reentry program, Maryland Oaks Crossing affordable housing community, the Food Pantry and Senior Outreach - we have a lot to pray about and Thank God for! The event will take place Saturday morning, October 9th at St. Louis Catholic Church's parish hall. Because seating will be limited due to COVID precautions, a Livestream option will be available.

"The Prayer Breakfast is one of our favorite opportunities to thank God for blessing Good News Outreach," said Rebecca Howard, Director of Operations. "It's a wonderful chance for our Board, staff and other supporters to gather and pray together for our less fortunate brothers and sisters."

"We've all heard breakfast is the most important meal of the day," said GNO executive director Donald Parks. "When people or groups become a Prayer Breakfast sponsor, they are doing some of God's most important work. GNO is a messenger of their generosity."

Whether in person or virtually, you're invited to enjoy a nice meal and food for thought in good company. This year's head table includes Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey, Father Tim Holeda of the Co-Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Sheriff Walter McNeil, and State Representative Allison Tant.

Tant is our keynote speaker. She has spent decades advocating on behalf of our area's most vulnerable

citizens, including children, people with disabilities, and senior citizens. She has founded two non-profits to serve individuals with disabilities. One is a scholarship program called KEYS (Keys to Exceptional Youth Success); the other is Tallahassee's Independence Landing, an innovative housing option for adults with a range of cognitive and physical disabilities.

Allison supports the work of Good News Outreach, in particular the Maryland Oaks Crossing, our Food Pantry, and our programs for seniors. She is impressed by the opportunities for Maryland Oaks Crossing children and their families to be freed from multi-generational poverty.

"I am looking forward to meeting many of the people turning faith into action through the different Good News programs," said Tant. "I hope my story encourages others the same way I get inspired by others involved in making the Big Bend a kind and comfortable place for anyone to live or visit."

Register for the 2021 Prayer Breakfast and you'll play a pivotal role in reducing recidivism, hunger, homelessness, and isolation through uplifting and collaborative efforts in the Big Bend region. Online registration at www.goodnewsoutreach.org is encouraged, but phone calls and mail are always welcome. Please contact Rebecca Howard, 850-412-0016 ext. 5 or dioperations@goodnewsoutreach.org, to learn more about the Prayer Breakfast.

Sponsorship Levels

- Angel - \$5,000 +
- Altruist - \$3,000
- Advocate - \$1,000
- Supporter - \$350
- Friend - \$100

Rep Tant to
talk at Prayer
Breakfast



Students Stretch, Not Slide, During Summer's Beyond Barriers Program

Last month, 11 Maryland Oaks Crossing children returned to the classroom for the 2021-22 school year. Thanks to Beyond Barriers, GNO's summer enrichment program, they are well prepared for another year of learning. The accommodations graciously provided by Generations Church and the academic guidance of four area teachers and other volunteers made it possible for students to grow their reading skills while having fun. Activities, such as the visit from Redemptive Love Farm's petting zoo, became a scientific adventure to share with their teachers and peers, but more importantly, to build up their memory banks.

And speaking of building, just as the Beyond Barriers season ended, good news arrived from Capital City Bank - a \$1,500 donation to enhance the afterschool program. Maryland Oaks residents and GNO ask for your prayers for the highly anticipated delivery of a multipurpose modular classroom.



“The potential for this setting to serve children and families, and also provide community meeting space for adult education and other initiatives is huge,” said Sally Feeher, a Beyond Barriers teacher. “The ongoing involvement pouring into projects like this speaks volumes about the character of our town and makes being a part of GNO so enjoyable.”

Be Fruitful & Multiply

Thus says the Lord in the book of Genesis. And although the 2020 citrus crop is in, you can do just that by donating excess fruit from your trees/shrubs to Good News Outreach next year. Sign up with Tabitha Frazier and her nonprofit Leon County Fruit and Nut Exchange. By registering your trees at leoncountyfruitandnutexchange.org or calling 850-766-3217, volunteer teams will help you glean or pick fruit. Your delicious citrus may directly bless a household served by Good News.



Stuff-the-Truck Fills Houses, Hearts



Also this July: The annual Stuff the Truck food drive at Good Shepherd Catholic Church. “The success of this event made it difficult to move inside GNO's headquarters,” said Board member Bud Fennea, who joined his colleagues and ten volunteers

in unloading a 15-foot Uhaul stuffed with non-perishable foods and hygiene essentials. Parishioners of Good Shepherd were encouraged to bring donations as they arrived for services the weekend of July 10. More than 50 helped manage the collection! With goods overflowing into several personal vehicles, too, these members of our community did more than boost our pantry. Our hearts are bursting with gratitude!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR



Greetings! Glory be to God. It is He that continues to provide and bless the ministries of Good News Outreach.

This has been a wonderful year for Good News Outreach, and we wouldn't be where we are without such generous volunteers and donors! I encourage you to attend our Prayer Breakfast to learn more about our successes, our goals and to meet our amazing 2021 Dove Award recipient.

It is an honor to serve alongside the dedicated volun-

ter Board and the committed Staff of GNO. If you would like to join this dynamic, diverse, and committed group by serving on the Board of Directors, please contact me at 850-933-0377.

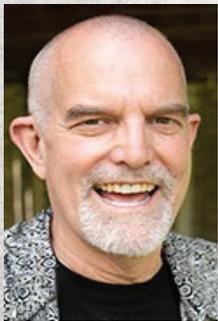
It is a privilege to know that you keep the ministries of GNO in your daily prayers. Stay healthy and help share with others the important work done by Good News Outreach! I hope to see you at the Prayer Breakfast on October 9th.

Blessings,

Linda Barineau

Romans 8:28
Jeremiah 29:11

A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



God's providential hand is certainly at work across our organization! Each day your financial support and prayerful presence make it possible to grow and change alongside the needs of our neighbors. Here are two ways I have really seen Faith in Action around here recently.

With help from the Virginia Glass Fund for Woman's Re-entry, we will begin reentry services to women. The population of women in prison is on the rise and there are few resources for women returning to Tallahassee following their incarceration.

Your support of the Mercy House gives us confidence to provide similar assistance to women.

This summer, Good News

received a tremendous gift from Lutheran Social Services of North Florida: new space to accommodate our growth! The Persis Rockwood Fund for Women and Families enables us to move into a multi-purpose property at 606 W. Fourth Avenue. I look forward to showing you the many ways this office space, climate-controlled warehouse, and 10



two-bedroom apartments will restore hope and improve the quality of life for many.



In the meantime, let's plan to meet in person or spirit on October 9. If you've never experienced the Prayer Breakfast, I encourage you to join in this one. I think you'll be pleased to see and hear how your investment in Good News is helping folks in need have better lives.

In Him who loves us,

Donald Parks

1 Corinthians 1:10 NIV

GET INVOLVED

Food Pantry

- Host a food drive.
- Distribute groceries.
- Bag pantry items.
- Deliver resources.

Maryland Oaks

- Mentor children/parents.
- Lead arts & crafts projects.
- Facilitate science experiments.
- Become a reading coach.
- Beautify/maintain residential areas.

Other

- Phone buddies with seniors
- Sign up for email newsletter access.
- Include GNO in prayer.

CONTRIBUTE

- [Amazon Smile](#)
- [Recurring donations](#)
- [Naming opportunities, planned gifts and endowments](#)
- Participate in a fundraiser:
[Prayer Breakfast](#) (and online auction)
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In July, fueled by friendship with our long-time supporter and 2020 Guardian Angel award winner Virginia Glass, Othell Broger, Broger Real Estate Services graciously donated a 2006 Mazda van! This thoughtful gesture will be a blessing that accelerates the impact of many of our ministries. Thank you, Othell! May God bless you, those who will drive the van and be served by it!



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