



The Giving House

The Holiday Season is upon us. We pray in these coming months our communities will be blessed by the generosity of others, random acts of kindness and a brighten spirit of giving to others less fortunate.

Gg's House, along with MANY volunteers hosted our first ever Christmas drive through party for families in December 2020. It was a HUGE SUCCESS; a great deal of fun with many fond memories and long lasting community relationships created.

Since there are organizations able to distribute toys & gifts to families, we've decided to go another direction this year. We have set a lofty goal of providing gifts to local nursing homes, assisted living, group homes, etc. And not just for the holidays, but to show these special residents they're not forgotten. Due to COVID this last year has been especially hard with no visitors allowed and at times confined to their rooms.

We have already created and delivered gifts and will continue until we have made it to everyone on our list (797 elderly residents last count). Many wonderful community members have volunteered to make lap blankets, dementia sleeves, adult bibs and donate little gifts like crossword puzzle books, deck of cards, non slip slipper socks, etc. We're hoping to receive enough cash donations to purchase an interactive pet (Joy For All) for each center. If you are able to help us spread cheer to these special residents through out the year, please feel free to give us a call.

In addition to our elderly residence project, we're helping local schools with items for their "Christmas stores". We are also partnering with several mentors to provide Christmas for their clients. Since many of them are unable to work while they focus on their treatment, we want to relieve their holiday stress.

Gg's House has another idea simmering on our "back burner". We would like to create a Pen Pal program for the elderly. Most would be tickled to receive a card, letter, or a child's drawing monthly. Some will able to write back to their pen pal, while others may not be able to. We are still in the planning stage, but if you or your family would be interested in being a Pen Pal, please email us at ggshouse@yahoo.com, Subject line "Elderly Pals". We will email you once details are complete.

Gg's House will definitely continue to help others we didn't list above. Please understand we're doing our best to brighten people's lives through out the year. We would like to thank all of the people who have helped or will help Gg's House put smiles on faces.



Are you interested in volunteering or supporting Gg's House?

1. Pick items from below to donate
2. Become a monthly donor
3. Hold an item drive (ex. Towel Drive)

Items always needed

Backpacks for adults & kids
Bath Towels
Batteries
Diapers
Kitchen Towels
Pots & Pans
Shampoo & Conditioner
Silverware
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste

Bandages
Bar Soap (travel size & regular)
Clear Storage Totes
Dish Soap
Laundry Soap
Sanitary Feminine Products
Shower Curtains & Rings
Sleeping Bags
Wash Clothes

Contact Gg's House for more details.

We accept donations only on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during regular hours unless pre-arranged. Please do not drop off donations when we are closed.

Gg's House depends solely on donations (and grants) in order to continue our mission helping those in need. Currently, we're able to accept your financial donation using one of the following methods:

*Cash

*Checks

*Venmo– Search for either Angel Sheets or ggshouse

*Paypal– Send it to ggshouse@yahoo.com or use 503-359-3871

*Facebook-Donation Button on our Gg's House Facebook page

*Set up a reoccurring payment to Gg's House at your bank

Thank you to our monthly donors for being a “Piece of our Puzzle”

Would you like to start receiving our newsletter electronically?

If you would, please send your email address to ggshouse@yahoo.com

Volunteer Spotlight

Congratulations

Tom Owen on your retirement.

Tom started volunteering at Gg's House early in 2020, riding shotgun with Steve on his weekly runs and helping load/unload inventory. He's brightened our days with laughter and the best hugs ever. You'd never guess he's 91 years young since he's spry on his feet and totally quick witted. Unfortunately, his doctor told him he needed to retire from Gg's House. We will miss seeing him weekly, but he has promised to visit often.



Tom...THANK YOU from Gg's House.



Question of the Month

Question: Your volunteers must be well paid since they're at Gg's House daily. They're always busy but very cheerful.

Answer: We are totally volunteer. **NO ONE** at Gg's House is paid. We have amazing volunteers who give from their hearts. They do what we ask without any compensation except friendship, laughs and fellowship. Other agencies who have paid staff can't believe our volunteers work so many hours and are cheerful without any compensation. We are so thankful and blessed to have them.

Bits & Pieces

It started with a phone call. A lady asked what Gg's House need. She was given the standard list of items we always need; including hygiene, blankets, coats, etc. When we paused the lady said "What else do you need." We offer to email her our items always needed list. She told us to email the list but to add to it.

We have no idea what will come of this phone call, but we're blessed that someone took the time to inquire about what we need.

"Never underestimate
your ability
to make
someone's life
BETTER
even if you
never know it."

Author Unknown





A Special Letter of Thanks

I would like to thank some of the people I have the privilege to volunteer with, consider my friends and make my time at Gg's House more enjoyable.

We have awesome volunteers who are always willing to roll with the changes. Angel and I were trying to figure a way to allow her to be with her grandbaby instead of at Gg's House every day. Everyone stepped up to make sure that happened. I suggested new hours and they all said "Let's give it a try". When we change how we do things for the 10th time, they just do it without a fuss. They encourage me to be better, supportive and make me smile.

Maxine, Tom, Ron & Becky, Becca, Donna, Krystal and her family.... I love you all dearly.

We've had volunteers do their community service and school hours. I want to thank you for the tasks you've completed which allowed me to continue serving our clients.

Thank you for picking Gg's House to do your hours.

I appreciate the people who come weekly to pick up our expired food for their pigs. Thank you for tolerating us saying "the pig lady or the pig guy is here". Without you we'd be buried in a stinky mess.

Thank you for taking our mess and doing it with a smile.

I have to thank **Rochelle** who comes with a hug and a smile and is always just a phone call away when we have more food than room. Without you it would be more stressful with food going to waste.

Thank you my friend.

To our wonderful Board Members **Cindy, Diana, Melanie, Sheila and Terri**. These awesome ladies help keep me grounded, are very supportive of Gg's House and love me for being myself. They help us with ideas even when it may not be as organized as they wish. Without each of you doing what you do, things would fall through the cracks it would be a bumpier ride and not as much fun.

Thank you my Gg's House Sisters.

Thank You to Angel & Steve for allowing me to become a big part of Gg's House. For trusting me to run Gg's House when you can't be there. I'm honored and humbled.

Steve drives many miles weekly picking up products from seven different stores. He's our heavy lifter/mover, errand boy and much more. He has another full time job, as well as being a Preacher. He's one of the hardest working and giving individual I know.

Thank you for all you do for me and becoming my extra brother.

Angel is the heart of Gg's House. She always builds others up and will only take credit for making a mess (which isn't true). Without Angel Gg's House wouldn't be as amazing as it is. She always thinks outside the box and we're privileged to help make her ideas happen. At times she goes to Gg's House very early in the morning to get things done to take the burden off of me. Her phone rings off the hook most days (weekends included) with people asking for help. I saw her give a person the shoes she was actually wearing that day and other items from her house because they needed them more than she did. She has taught me to look outside of the box, be more spontaneous, to worry less and be more giving.

I love you MORE and you've become my little sister for life

-Tina (Gg's House Treasurer)

*Anything is possible
When you have the
right people there to
support you.
-Molly Copeland*



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Gg's House New Hours

We are hopeful that our new hours will help us serve more people. We will try these hours until January and see if it works, if not we will revisit them.

Please let us know what you think.

Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:00am-2:00pm
Wednesdays & Fridays 12:00pm-6:00pm

Love Story:

Outside Gg's House front door seems to have become it's own little community. As clients are waiting for us to fill their order, it seems they're willing to lend a hand loading/unloading donated items, assisting a volunteer flattening cardboard and even helping put items in vehicles.

This last week we had five different clients (1 homeless, 2 families, 1 single gentleman and 1 mentor) arrive at the same time. While they were making lists of what they needed, a volunteer overheard them actually visiting with one another; with no one impatient as they waited for their orders. When we started taking completed orders out, not necessarily in the order they came in, our clients held the door open no matter who the order was for. They also helped one another load items in their vehicles. Everyone seemed thankful for what they received and left with a smile. It was great for us at Gg's House to see and hear the sense of community.

"And do not forget to do good and share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased"
-Heb 13v16.

VERY REFRESHING!

