

Gg's House recap of a year we won't soon forget....



Well.....where exactly do we start....

From moving to our new location in Forest Grove that technically was ONLY supposed to be storage to the Pandemic and everything in between. IT WAS QUITE A YEAR!!

In January 2020 Gg's House moved into a new "storage" building in Forest Grove, leaving Gg's House to continue operating out of our Gaston location. We realized VERY QUICKLY we needed to start actually operating out of our Forest Grove location in lieu of using it strictly for storage. From that point on we just got busier and busier providing services our guests had come to expect from us.

As we all know COVID hit in March 2020 leaving everyone reeling, closing many organizations our guests typically relied on for a multitude of needs. Due to these unforeseen closures, Gg's House soon became the first point of contact for many by filling those pressing needs. SOOOO, we were attempting to continue our outreach PLUS deal with the additional influx of clients who needed our support. A couple projects we created to help parents deal with the Pandemic were a children's weekly activity bag (to try and help families struggling with children at home FULL TIME and needing a diversions) and an impromptu Food Bank (since established Food Banks were closed due to COVID) held at a local church from June to September. We thought we were done with food in September, but God (and the September wild fires) had other plans for Gg's House in regard to food. We moved the Food Bank to our Forest Grove location and it's continued since. In the month of December alone we gave approximately 10,623 pounds of food to those in need. We also starting a Clothing Closet that we've continued to date.

During the wild fires in September 2020, Gg's House became a drop off for donations from many caring individuals in our community. Gg's House delivered those donated items not only to individuals impacted by the wild fires, but also to the multiple evacuation sites set up around our community.

Once the wild fires died down, Gg's House was thrust right into "Operation Christmas 2020". Because of the on going Pandemic, there were many organizations who traditionally supported those less fortunate at Christmas who could not. So.....Gg's House took on the enormous task of hosting a "DRIVE BY" Christmas Party. We made Christmas for 461 families with a total of 1,334 children much happier. We also gave 159 senior citizens and 120 homeless individuals a reason to smile. Plus.... 41 employees at various care facilities and 4 group homes with a total of 20 residents who received Christmas presents from Gg's House.

While preparing for "Operation Christmas" Gg's House continued our normal operations helping our, Veterans, people in recovery, homeless population, teachers, case workers, nursing homes and of course Open Door and Closet Green, just to name a few.

It was one heck of a year.....one none of us will soon forget. We at Gg's House are forever grateful for the continued support of our community and looking forward to what 2021 has in store for us all.



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.

GG's House depends solely on donations (and grants) in order to continue our mission.....helping those in need. We're currently developing a more user friendly process to accept your donations.....



Volunteer Spotlight

Tom Owens

Tom joined Gg's House shortly after his wife passed. She told him to contact Angel after her death as she knew Angel would find ways to keep him busy AND out of trouble. He quickly became an important piece of our puzzle. We thoroughly enjoy his smile, joking nature and his great hugs. He rides along with Steve to help load /unload our box truck. Tom and Steve handle approximately 7 loads (between 5-10 pallets) each week. He's a very hard worker who will not sit until the truck is loaded /unloaded. While watching Tom load/ unload the truck, you'd never guess he's our oldest volunteer at the young age of 90!! Most days after he helps us here at Gg's House, he'll go home, restTHEN will walk a mile or two.....we ALL want to be him when we grow up!



*Thank You Tom
for all you do for
Gg's House!!*





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Love Story:

Brenda is someone who is experiencing homelessness. She first came to Gg's House looking for help, not only for her, but for the small group she is living amongst. We were able to help with their basic needs. Through listening and sharing, a seed was planted about how to ask for a HAND UP not always a HAND OUT. Angel asked if she was a creative person. Brenda was, so we gave supplies she needed to make Valentines Wreaths.

She was able to sell the wreaths she created instead of holding a sign asking for a hand out. When Brenda stops by Gg's House now she seems more HOPEFUL.

This is one of many examples of how we can help people by not judging their situation, listening before helping and treating them with respect by not putting a label on them.

