








Grove Christian Outreach Center

March 2024



- **PROM is coming!** Donate formal wear, accessories, and shoes for our annual Prom Boutique in April! OR Volunteer with us as we get ready!
- Stay tuned for **April celebrations** of 20 years of the Outreach Center

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 For updated info, visit our website events calendar!				1 Food Pantry + Clothing Closet 9 AM - 1 PM	2 W&M TRIBE Basketball game 2pm
3	4 Seniors Food Pantry 10-11 AM Food Pantry + Clothing Closet 11 AM - 2 PM	5 Homebound packing SHIP Food Demo Food/Clothing 1 - 5:30 PM From His Hands dinners <i>(Cena con Quesito) 5-6:30 PM</i>	6 Clothing BY APPT 10 AM - 2 PM Fresh Food Room 3 - 5:30 PM	7 Closed	8 Food Pantry + Clothing Closet 9 AM - 1 PM  Empty Bowls Annual Fundraiser	9
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MARCHing on in to the Outreach Center!

The groundhog's shadow aside, Spring is coming! We love Spring in the Grove - that has a nice ring to it, doesn't it? Spring means new life and flowers and colors and of course the celebration of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus which gives us all these things and so much more! We live as those who are not without HOPE and we share in that living hope as we work together!

It is through this hope that we can face the tomorrows and provide help wherever is needed most. The past month, we have seen an increase of total needs - from hygiene needs to meals to paying bills - with 21 new households to the Center and a total of 1001 people served through Feb 27, compared to 621 last year!!! The steady increase of people coming to the Outreach Center means that the word is out about our Fresh Food Room and that we can provide assistance to qualifying neighbors throughout Greater Williamsburg. While certain programs will be available only to the Grove neighborhood, such as holiday help and school supplies/uniforms, we will continue to open our food programs and financial assistance to anyone who qualifies for help.

But we continue to need YOU! We can always use help, whether volunteering with us, donating to our operating and programs costs, or hosting a food drive in your school, church, businesses, or other organizations. We'd love to talk with you about getting a

fancy shmancy "**TROTTER BOX**" to load up with donations of food or household goods! Reach out to Allyson@groveoutreach.com to find out more about volunteering or hosting a donation box for us!

We are honored and blessed to be busy and continue to do the work of meeting both tangible and intangible needs of our neighbors in Grove and throughout Greater Williamsburg! Thank you for your ongoing support for all we do.

I want to help!



UPCOMING NEEDS:

PROM BOUTIQUE

- Volunteers needed starting NOW to help get the dresses and other items ready for our Boutique in April!
- Volunteers for Clothing Closet & front desk - training provided!
- Hair stylists, makeup artists, and makeup kits to give away / gift cards for day of prom pampering and more! Help us make this a fun, special day for our high schoolers!



SAVE THE DATES!!!

April 23: GIVELOCAL757

April 24: Open House 20th Anniversary!

April 26: GROVE ART GALLERY!

more info coming soon!

To celebrate our 20 years of service in the Grove, we will host a special artist reception showcasing works from local artists. And we can use your help! **Donate art supplies, or if you are an artist** who would like to help, please contact Robin for more information on this or any of our special events coming up!

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