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Ministries . . . "Ordinary People Serving An Extraordinary God"*

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**TESTIMONIES OF THANKS**

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There have been times in the past almost 16 years of Grace Place that I have wondered if we are making a difference in the lives of the men, women and children that we serve. But after sitting down with some of them to ask questions about what they thought about Grace Place . . . I now know that, by the grace of God . . . we are touching lives and we are making a difference! Here are just a few of the comments:

**Robert M:** *I appreciate Grace Place, and I thank God that ya'll are here for us. I was injured in a car wreck about 3 years ago and had a broken neck and shoulder and I haven't been able to work. I am staying in an abandoned house. I don't know where I would be able to eat if it were not for here. Thank you!*

**Alverne S:** *I like the atmosphere. You don't turn anyone away and you treat everyone the same. Some places make you feel ashamed, but not here. My 3 grandsons come with me and they love it here.*

**Tyreeka G:** *I think of the memories from the times we met for Bible Study when I was 16. I remember when we got baptized in the river. I am now 27 and I will always love and appreciate Grace Place. Thank you.*

**Jeannie M:** *It's a delightful place to eat. Those who serve us are friendly and they always speak to me. The food is wonderful, It feels homey here.*

**Brenda G:** *I am low on food so this place helps me out with feeding my 2 little girls.*

**George N:** *I feel that Grace Place is the greatest soup kitchen in the world! It doesn't just feed people physically but also spiritually. Thank you!*

**Linda S:** *I have been laid off of my job for 4 years and I'm in my mid 60's so I can't find another job because of my age. I also have cancer. I don't like to eat at some of the other places because of fighting and cursing but I love to come to Grace Place because it is so clean and peaceful here. It feels like being home.*

The next 4 comments are from some of "my boys" whom I taught in the Kingdom Kids Club for almost 8 years. They are growing up so fast and come to Grace Place during the summer months and holidays to eat. Here's what they had to say:

**Charles W (13):** *Everybody is nice to me and the food is really good! I feel God in this place. Bible Study was good and when we are here we don't get into trouble.*

**Jeremy S (15):** *It is a safe place for me and my brothers to come to eat. Bible Study was fun and we learned a lot about God.*

**Monyae S (12):** *(He would come to my office door when he was 2 and in diapers and tell me he was hungry. I would fix him a PB&J and walk him back home a block away. He said, I feel good when I come in this place.*

**Raikeem (13):** *I appreciate all that ya'll do for everybody. It feels peaceful in here and I like the food.*

There are many more comments but space limits me. Some said that Grace Place was good for the neighborhood and that the clothes closet helps to clothe kids and grandkids. Others said that they are treated with respect and that people at Grace Place take the time to talk to them. I was so blessed to sit down with just a few to record their words. We never want to exploit the poor by taking their pictures, etc. and make them feel ashamed at the circumstances of their lives. We love them and treat them with respect just as we would want to be treated. None of us ever knows if we just might be in the soup kitchen line some day!

To all of you who have ever prayed for, volunteered, donated to and blessed with financial gifts . . . you make all of this possible and yes . . . we are making a difference!!

I love and appreciate you all!

*Rhonda*

All I have needed Thy Hand  
hath Provided, Great is Thy  
**FAITHFULNESS**  
Lord unto Me.

Summer months are here! We feed so many more children during this time of year! It's also vacation time . . . except for the less fortunate . . . so at Grace Place we actually serve many more, but with less volunteers and less finances. Enjoy your time with family and friends, but please don't forget Grace Place and all the other ministries that serve the poor. Thank you so very much!



Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9



## ITEMS NEEDED

Highchairs & booster seats  
Small stuffed toys  
Household items  
Finances

**GOD**  
is bigger than...

Your past.  
Your depression.  
Your pain.  
Your hate.  
Your anger.  
Your doubt.  
Your fear.  
Your shame & guilt.  
Your eating disorder.  
Your self harm.  
Your anxiety.  
Your loneliness.  
Your scars.  
Your addiction.  
This world!