

HUMBLE HEART

Happy June! Summer is in full swing at Grace Place, serving several hundred hungry people with every meal! It's an exciting time of year, especially with all the sweet little ones that come to eat. It's also a very humbling time to see the volume of people coming in, so appreciative to enjoy a meal, especially in the cool air, and how far some of them walk with kids in tow to get a good meal.

There is rarely a work day that goes by at Grace Place that you don't learn something new, but this June heat reminded me recently of one of my very first humbling moments... One hot day, I was standing outside the front door where the people were lined up waiting to come inside. It was towards the end of the day, and a lady asked if we could stay open until she could run home and get her three kids to bring them back to get a meal because she was coming from work... I said, "Sure", then she ran off down the sidewalk... I asked someone else in line where did the lady live and they told me her street. Without thinking, I just said, "Wow, that's so far for her to go and come back, to get a meal!" One of our "Regulars" at Grace Place, a tall & quiet man who rarely speaks, was standing in the line and softly asked me "You always had a car?" Puzzled, I asked him, "Sir???" He asked me louder "You always had a car?" At that moment it struck me! I believe I shamefully knew what he might have meant. I answered him, "Yes, Sir." Then he replied, "That's why its FAR to YOU, because that's not far at all, to someone who's never had a car."

That memory has always stuck with me at Grace Place. It's impossible for me to truly understand the life of someone else, the problems they have lived through, or the difficulties they face in their life. But it made me reflect on my own life, and the things that I often take for granted...my family, my health, God's grace, and yes, even my own car.

But experiencing these humbling moments allows us to strive to become better, and reminds us to love those around us unconditionally, as 1 Peter 4:7-10 MSG, teaches us:

"Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide awake in prayer. Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless – cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it."

God bless Grace Place for all it does for the people who come to enjoy a meal, and the opportunities it allows us to grow as people and in our faith, reminding us to not take anything in life for granted while spreading love "as if our life depended on it!"

God bless!
Misty Loe
Grace Place Staff Member



Total Served

MAY 2019

Lunch Meals Served (MWF)

2,933



Food Bags Provided for

461 people

(Given 2 times a month)

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OUR CURRENT NEEDS:

- *Finances
- *#10 (106 oz) Cans of Fruit Cocktail
- *#10 (117 oz) of Baked Beans
- *1 oz Bags of Chips (need enough for 300 people)
- *Plastic Forks
- *Large 26 oz Pepper
- *8 oz Styrofoam Cups
- *Small Stuffed Animals & Children's Books



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