



# Grace Place Ministries, Inc.

Ordinary People Serving an Extraordinary God

April 2026

## **LOVE for our Homeless**

This past month we were asked by a local agency to collect information about our unhoused population to help the city better understand the housing crisis in our area.

Over two days, we interviewed 50 people who identified as being homeless. We could have done much more, but we ran out of surveys.

Most of the people we interviewed are people that eat with us each day, "our regulars"! This gave us such an amazing opportunity to get to know them better. The surveys allowed us to connect with them even more and allowed us to ask questions that were very personal. Almost every single person was eager to share their story! Amongst other information, we found out where they've been sleeping, how long they've been experiencing homelessness, and what led them to this point in their life.

We interviewed senior citizens, parents, veterans, and more!! Many had fallen on hard times from the loss of a job and could no longer afford their rent and utilities. Several had to vacate their homes due to black mold and could not afford the rising rent prices in our area. Many parents said they and their children were sleeping in their car. One mother said they had been sleeping in a tent in the woods. One man said he was sleeping in a dumpster. Several were sleeping under a bridge or in a park. A few were sleeping in shelters, and others were bouncing from couch to couch.

Some had just recently become homeless; but unfortunately, many had been homeless for several years.

We were so moved with compassion for each of them! Your heart just breaks for them. While mental illness and substance abuse is certainly a big factor, a lack of education and often a very harsh and poor upbringing is also responsible.

We pray that this survey and information collected will help connect them with agencies that can help them find relief. Meanwhile, we will continue feeding them, clothing them, and trying to give them hope. Also reminding them how much we love them, and how much God certainly loves them !!!

We appreciate you all so much for supporting our ministry at Grace Place...allowing us often to be "more than a soup kitchen". While a warm meal meets a critical immediate need, it also serves as a bridge to connect with people. They begin to trust us. We hope that our soup kitchen serves as a space of a safe refuge from the harsh realities of the street. We try to learn as many of their names as possible, we want them to feel that they are seen and treated with respect and dignity! They are beautiful people, and certainly loved by God!!

Love to you all,

*Misty Loe*

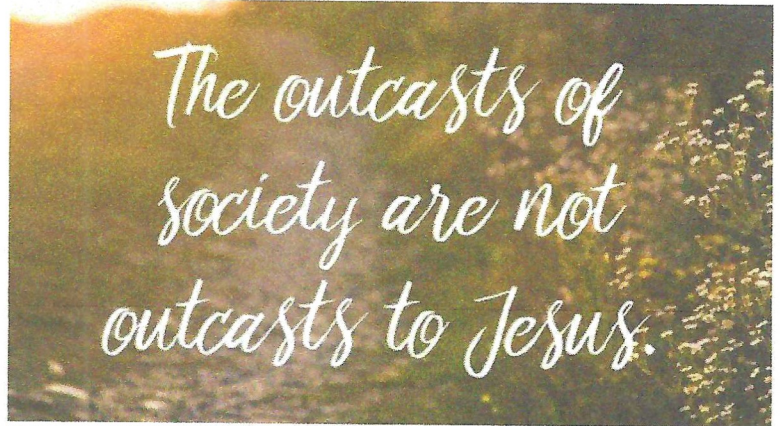
# Total Served in March

# 5,318

Hot meals & Food Pantry

**DON'T FORGET TO SHOW HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS, FOR SOME WHO HAVE DONE THIS HAVE ENTERTAINED ANGELS WITHOUT REALIZING IT! HEBREWS 13:2**

- Our Current Needs:**
- Spring/Summer Clothing
  - Bar Soap
  - Deodorant
  - Socks
  - Bibles
  - Financial Help



*Each one of them could be Jesus in disguise,  
Lord, please help open our eyes to see and our ears to hear!*



WHEREVER  
 there is a  
**HUMAN BEING**  
 there is an  
 OPPORTUNITY  
 for a  
**KINDNESS**

*Please help us pray for all the people who take refuge at Grace Place*



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