

## Story of Hope: TFCE Reaches Out to Our Community in Time of Need

The TFCE Outreach Ministry and our wonderful congregation have been focusing on helping our community during the COVID pandemic. As the economic impact of the pandemic has grown, we are working to provide food and other support to those in need.

Some highlights of our work together:

- The Bailey's Crossroads Ministry continues to deliver dinner once a month to the residents at the shelter. Because we can't gather to cook or serve, we are dropping off meals from Spin Pollo, a Peruvian chicken restaurant in Falls Church. We chose to patronize Spin Pollo because the owner has been donating food to front-line health care workers, and we wanted to express our appreciation by giving him our business. In something of a war of generosity, Jennifer Ritterhouse had to force the owner to take money for the food once he learned we were giving it to the homeless shelter! To add a bit of personal warmth from the church, we are also providing homemade cupcakes to the residents to go with their chicken meal.
- We held a no-contact food drive on June 20<sup>th</sup> to support the FCS food bank. The response was amazing; over 40 people came to the church parking lot to drop off donations, and we took three carloads to FCS to help build up its food stores.
- Our amazing TFCE parishioners are taking steps on their own to offer help. Some have made sandwiches for New Hope Housing, which is helping to feed newly homeless adults. A generous anonymous donor has provided significant funding for Shelter House's back-to-school drive for school supplies for needy children.
- We continue to provide funding from the church to several local community service organizations to include the Bailey's Crossroads Homeless Shelter, Falls Church Community Services Council, Shelter House, and ACFS. Some asked for their annual funding early to help with rising need, while others asked for their funding to be spaced out.
- Our annual project for Rebuilding Together is on hold until the health risks diminish. Stay tuned for an opportunity to help out when we know more!

Thanks to all for serving God's people in need!

