

## **GRACEWORKS UPDATE**

### **Greater Service in 2021**

Last year's challenges left many in Williamson County and surrounding communities overwhelmed with situational poverty for the first time. Through God's grace, we were there to help 16,823 of our neighbors in need -- 63% more than last fiscal year!

In 2021 we will continue improving the ways we serve. We seek constant feedback, as we listen to suggested improvements from our neighbors, staff, volunteers, and donors. Our focus can be seen in these six goals of our 2018-2021 strategic plan:

- \*intentionally initiate and cultivate existing partner relationships
- \*optimize staff composition, competency and capacity
- \*provide relevant sustainable service through high-quality experiences
- \*ensure highly effective governance and best practices
- \*establish and sustain efficient technology
- \*replicate the GraceWorks mission where God leads

We are now reaching out to the community once again and will use the feedback we receive to create our new strategic plan. With input from those committed to our mission, a solid strategic plan, and your support, GraceWorks is poised to extend compassion to our neighbors in an even greater way!

### **Imagining a New Facility**

What a joy to see neighbors come to GraceWorks desperate for solutions and leave with renewed faith! Neighbors share their pleasant surprise at the dignity and respect they receive as we assist them with their families' needs for food, shelter, and support. We dream of the day when we have adequate facilities to meet even more needs.

With our space at a critical level, GraceWorks staff finds innovative ways to work from two separate, rented buildings. For example, during the onset of COVID-19 and the dramatic increase in demand for food, we were forced to use part of the thrift store to hold pre-loaded carts. Although we use every square inch of our campus for ministry, we have run out of room to grow, and parking is inadequate. Tucked away from the road, our buildings are not immediately visible to those seeking help. Additionally, the new property owner seeks to sell soon.

The time has come to consider a new facility. With anticipation, we are exploring the possibility of a capital campaign that will allow us to purchase property for a new campus. Can you imagine a facility where all those in our community feel the love of Christ as their basic needs are met? We can imagine it too, and with God's help it is within reach! We are thankful for God's grace toward us and excited for even more lives to be transformed because of your generosity. Thank you!