# Six Month Reports on Grace's 2024 Outreach Partnerships

## Better Bound Bookstore

On April 1st, we delivered the Grant Check to Better Bound Book Store & Youth Development.

Sharon and Robert Floyd attended Grace on July 7th and presented a Temple Talk during the 10:00 service and followed with a presentation during the coffee time after the service. This was a very powerful and informative presentation and was well attended and well received by the members of Grace.

Sharon and Robert (Floyd) are working with 4 young adults and may add another in the coming weeks. Following are updates on these young adults:

- Aniah Davis graduated with her GED last month and has just been accepted to Clinton College to study Nursing. Aniah sent a nice thank you letter to Grace.
- Layla just enrolled in the GED program last month.
- Jonathan just enrolled in GED program started last month.
- Gemma just enrolled in GED program and may be getting adopted.

At the "Gods Work Our Hands" event at Grace, several good discussions were made with Grace members and a lot of notes of encouragement were written for Aniah, Layla, Jonathan and Gemma. The donations from members "filled an SUV" with donations of books and clothing.

*-Submitted by Bob Schavey, Outreach Liaison*





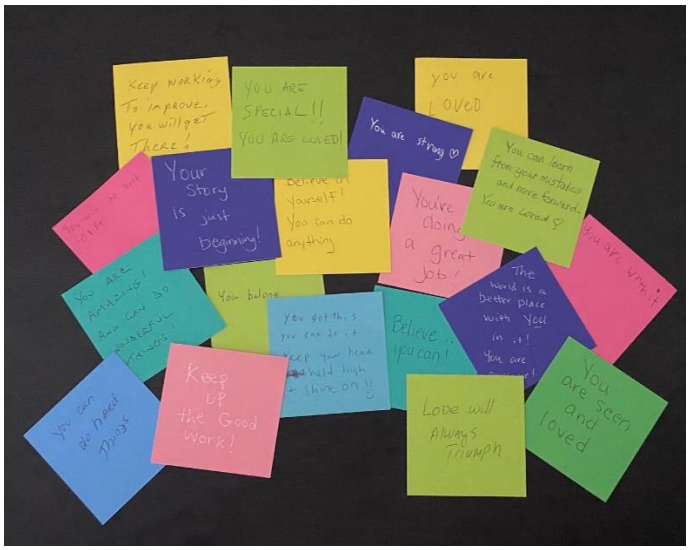
## Children's Attention Home

The Children's Attention Home provides nurturing care and life changing services for youth and families in need. They provide temporary shelter with support and individualized care for children up to the age of 21. Their goal is to provide every child with safety, love, and attention. Most of the children staying at the home are teenagers.

Katy Motsinger, Director of Development and Marketing at the Children's Attention Home spoke to our congregation on July 28. She gave a short Temple Talk followed by a presentation after worship service. The congregation was very receptive and learned all about the work they are doing and how they get additional funds. She also spoke of ways for members of Grace to help by volunteering.

Grace Lutheran had a "God's Work Our Hands" celebration on Sept 8th. The congregation wrote notes inspiration for the children at CAH. We also asked for donations. Children's Attention Home has an online Amazon "wish list" and members of our congregation provided some of these items. The Outreach Committee delivered the notes of inspiration and some additional wish list items.

*-Submitted by Linda Ranges, Outreach Liaison*






## Habitat for Humanity of York County

Three events highlighted Grace Congregation's partnership with Habitat for Humanity of York County in the last 6 months.

First, on August 4, Grace hosted Summersby Okey of Habitat, who offered a temple talk during the service and presented a detailed overview of Habitat's mission and services after the service. Congregation members were encouraged to participate in the upcoming faith rebuild in honor of Earl Gatlin, the Better Together Build.

Second, 7 congregation members participated in that project located on S. Confederate Avenue in Rock Hill on August 24. Painting and other touch-up work helped move the rebuild toward completion.

Finally, as part of God's Work, Our Hands Sunday on September 7, Grace collected cleaning supplies, paper products, cases of water and other items to assist in Habitat's mission. The congregation also wrote thank you notes to Habitat's workers and volunteers. All of these items were delivered to Habitat's offices on September 9.

We are waiting to hear about the dedication date for the Better Together Build and anticipate it happening some time in October.

*-Submitted by Doug Gay, Outreach Liaison*



