

COMMUNITY CARE

AT GREENVILLE OAKS



*Creating a pathway
of transformation
by providing for
those in need.*

What's In a Name?

Benevolence is a well-known term that has been used for years when referring to charitableness. Our Benevolence Ministry is now Community Care. The decision to change the name of this ministry from Benevolence to Community Care came from a desire to replace an antiquated term with a relevant one. More than that, the name change is a way to clearly communicate the mission and purpose of this ministry.

Community Care. While the name sounds generic, it perfectly summarizes the ministry purpose. The ministry exists solely to care for our community.

The Community Care Team works to help those who come to Greenville Oaks seeking assistance with housing, food, clothes, bills, jobs, transportation, personal finances, etc. There will always be people in need, both within our own church and throughout our community. That is why we have a team who is committed to doing whatever they can to help as many people as possible. Currently serving on the team are: Wade Arnold, Sandra Dunagan, Malcolm Johnson, Kristen Mazza, Bruce Neville, Tim Olree, and Shirley Wilson.

While it takes a team to get the work done, it also takes a church that is willing to support the team and their efforts. The Community Care Team would not be able to meet these many needs if not for the generosity of this church. There are few things that more clearly reflect the heart of Jesus Christ than taking the time to really see, truly love, and generously offer help to those who need it.

May God continue to bless this ministry with the resources it needs to do the incredible work of loving our neighbors, serving those in need, and truly caring for our community.

Matt Mazza
Executive Minister

123*

People helped
from the community

4*

People helped
from Greenville Oaks

7

Community Partner
Donations

**Numbers estimated through June 2022*

Love First



At Greenville Oaks, we believe that God has given us a set of values through which we filter how ministry happens. One of our values is **Love First**. As we focus on inspiring people to follow Jesus, we love because Jesus loves us and every person on earth. Learn how **Community Care** has acted on this value in the past year.



Joe is a senior citizen with health issues who is living on \$1,139/month from Social Security. He has no family or other support (just a 15-year-old dog in poor health). Joe is frustrated that he cannot continue receiving rent assistance if he gets a job. He had been prioritizing his dog's medication and just recently got back on his heart medicine after not being on it for three months because of the cost. Joe is very frugal and has received help from several other organizations (one of whom referred him to us). Even on his minimal income, he has worked his debt down from more than \$12,000 to \$6,000.

We assisted Joe by paying his electric bill and paying off his two small credit card balances. With this help, Joe should be able to survive on his meager income. Removing two credit card debts improved his monthly cash flow and allows him to continue to pay off other debt. Joe was extremely grateful to Greenville Oaks!



Susan is a nurse who was unable to work for about 18 months after health problems and surgery. She used all of her unemployment benefits and savings to pay for medical bills. Susan was starting a new job in two weeks, but was behind on her bills. She needed help catching up on payments until she received paychecks from her new job. Community Care was able to help Susan with rent for one month. Rent would be due again before she received her first paycheck, but our assistance provided a little breathing room to get back on her feet.



Julia was referred to us by one of our members who works at a local school. She is a single grandmother who moved back to Texas to take care of her five grandsons when both their parents were incarcerated. Julia's younger daughter and three of her six children also live with her. Due to a bad experience at a daycare with the one-year-old child, Julia's younger daughter is not employed. Therefore, Julia is the sole financial support for her family. Julia works full-time as a manager at a fast food restaurant (and also worked a second job until late last year).

Julia was grateful for any help we could provide. The Community Care Team was so touched by her situation that they decided to provide rent for two months instead of just one. To stay in touch with Julia, the team spread the payments out (as she needed them) over three months. Julia was at our building to pick up one of the checks during our coat drive and was able to take coats for her grandsons and herself. While she was at the building, she noticed the brochures in the Faith@Home center and took some home regarding Single Parenting, Special Needs Kids, and Dealing with a Difficult Teen.

We encouraged Julia to sign up for SNAP benefits (food stamps). Someone at the school helped her with the application and she should now get those benefits.

In the meantime, the car she had been driving (Julia's daughter's car) was repossessed. Julia did not realize that her daughter was behind on her payments so now she is without transportation. The bus picks up the grandchildren for school and Julia gets rides to work from friends. Help provided by Greenville Oaks is making an impact on this extended family!

2021-2022 Allocations*

** Estimated through June 2022*



Community
\$58,577

Members
\$32,500
(includes #ForCollinCounty)

Community Partners
\$60,000

Personal Thanks



"I cannot believe someone would help me in this way - it's a true blessing."

- Grandmother caring for grandchild, after we paid to restore her electricity

"Thank you for all you have done to help me and my family. Thank you for everything. May the Lord continue to bless you and the Greenville Oaks church richly. I look forward to talking with you again soon."



"I want to thank you and the Greenville Oaks community for being such an amazing blessing in my life during my time of need. The staff explained to me realistic expectations, but I never once felt like I was being judged. Everyone I spoke to was so kind and understanding. My children and I are forever grateful to the Greenville Oaks community. May God continue to bless you all."

- Single father who we helped get caught up on car payments



"I just want to thank you again for helping me take care of my family and get back on track."

- Husband and father whose small business has been suffering since 2020



"Thank you so much for all your help! I am so grateful and thankful! Thank you for following up to check on me and my sons. We appreciate all Greenville Oaks has done to help us. Please keep us in your prayers."



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

All Community Outreach (ACO)
acocares.org

Christian Care Communities
christiancaretexas.org

Cornerstone Ranch
cornerstone-ranch.com

Embrace Texas
embracetexas.org

Hope Restored Missions
hoperestoredmissions.org

The Samaritan Inn
saminn.org

Shiloh Place
shilohplacemckinney.com

Trusted World
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