



Great Things Are Coming This Spring!

We are excited to announce we're opening a second Thrift Shoppe in Spring 2020! The new store is located at the Stony Brook Shopping Center, just off Capital Blvd on Brentwood Rd.

North Raleigh Ministries first stepped into the business of thrift in 2005. Since those early beginnings, dedicated teams of volunteers and staff have diligently worked to resell donated goods to help fund NRM's mission.

Over the past few years, the volume of donations to our NRM Thrift Shoppe at Harvest Plaza began to steadily increase. It became clear that with the blessing of an abundance of donated goods, NRM needed to grow our mission and open a second store.

Development Strategist Michael Olesen and Chris Daughtey, Store Manager of the new location, have been busy with their team preparing the retail space, assembling store fixtures, and processing donations received from our current location.



Early January in the new NRM Stony Brook Thrift Shoppe location.

We couldn't be more thrilled to expand our community and the many positive benefits it will bring. With this new location, thousands of pounds of goods will be diverted from the waste stream, low-cost goods will be available to a whole new Raleigh community, and we will be able to support many more families and individuals in crisis.

Currently, we're recruiting Production Volunteers to help sort and stock donations in the new store. Weekly shifts of four hours or more are available Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. [Click here if you are interested in volunteering at the Thrift Shoppe Stony Brook location.](#)

We plan to open our doors for business in Spring 2020. Please stay tuned for updates!



On March 13th we're hosting our first Dental Bus in 2020. We anticipate serving over 15 clients at the all-day event running from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The dental event is hosted in partnership with The Church at Six Forks (formerly Windborne UMC), where the event will be located, and Baptists on Mission, who is providing the dental bus and equipment.

We're grateful to provide these important services including cleanings, fillings, and extractions to our clients in crisis who might otherwise put off preventative and even critical dental care.

Volunteers are needed to help with childcare, greeting, and prayer. A volunteer nurse with a current RN, LPN, LVN, or CNA license is also needed. Two volunteer shifts are available, from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm and 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm. If you'd like to help out please contact Lesley Franciscy at lesley@northraleighministries.com to sign up.

The Importance of Life Skills Development

Our clients took huge steps forward in 2019 in our Classes and Groups. Thirty-one adult students developed valuable life skills last year in their journey towards stability, including:

- **Sixteen** students graduating from Financial Peace University
- **Thirteen** individuals participating in Cooking Matters
- **Two** parents joining our Parenting Support Group pilot

One of our graduates committed to significant growth during our nine-week Financial Peace University class. She made a drastic change in her living situation, moving her family of four from an oversized townhome that she could barely afford to a smaller apartment that fit her budget.

What she learned in FPU helped her to prioritize her future and the future of her children. She will be co-facilitating FPU in 2020 and will bring great hope and advice to the next cohorts looking to make strides toward financial peace.

Here's what she had to say about her experience in FPU: "I was able to take away so much from the past 9 weeks. One thing being, I know how important it is to have a budget... Whoever knew how fun it would be to gain control of my finances".

Here's to looking forward to the year ahead and the life change our clients will experience in 2020!



The final numbers are in and we are humbled to announce our first ever Annual Campaign, Open Arms Open Doors, raised a total of \$42,787!!! We came really close to meeting our big goal of \$50,000. We can't say thank you enough to everyone who stepped up in support of our neighbors in crisis!

With this support, NRM will continue to provide and expand critical programs and services to our community, including NRM's:

Large Food Pantry with evening hours to meet the needs of working families

Bi-annual Health and Dental Buses offering free access to important health screenings and dental services

Classes & Groups that help develop important life skills, including budgeting and saving, healthy cooking and eating, and nurturing parenting

Supportive Case Management with Christian clinical staff providing comprehensive support to help clients build resiliency

Thank you to all our donors and supporters who make it possible to provide such important resources to our North Raleigh communities.

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