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## **Gearing up to Serve**

*By Donna Pygott and Lesley Franciscy*

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began NRM has experienced tremendous change as we've continued to support our neighbors in need. In March, programs were scaled back to ensure everyone's safety and that NRM could keep the doors of the NRM Food Pantry open. We knew this would be a temporary measure and began assessing how to safely resume our full services.

Our Crisis and Development Center team has developed plans to continue providing critical services in our changing world. We've evaluated and evolved our services to not only provide our services safely but to also be more effective in helping our clients achieve long term stability.

### **NRM Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry will continue to offer curbside grocery assistance for neighbors in need of food. In addition, we now offer a free Produce Stand on Thursday's at 2:30 p.m. until supplies last.

### **Guidance and Prayer- new!**

Neighbors in need can now access guidance and prayer by telephone.

### **The Journey Program- new!**

By combining our existing programs in an innovative solution-focused approach, this immersive, 12-week program offers clients the opportunity to achieve life-changing results. The program provides weekly Case Management and Pastoral Counseling sessions, participation in Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, access to peer support from other program participants, and additional resources such as weekly access to the NRM Food Pantry.

### **Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities Program**

Low-income households have limited availability to the basic needs their children need to be successful in school. Research demonstrates that students are more likely to achieve when their basic needs are met. NRM is partnering with Green Magnet Elementary and East Millbrook Middle Schools to help them decrease these achievement barriers and improve overall school success rates. Services may include, but are not limited to, the Backpack Buddies Program, a Clothing Closet, Student Food Pantry, and School Supply Drives.

All of NRM's programs and services are offered in a safe and effective manner allowing us to continue our ministry to serve our community.

### May Food Pantry Impact



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## **The Power of Hope - Client Story**

*By Brent Murphy*

This May, in the North Raleigh Ministries' Crisis and Development Center, we had the opportunity to assist a new family displaying the power of redemption, faith, and hope in God.

The family came to NRM seeking help with food, as their quality of life had been disrupted by COVID-19. Before the pandemic began, they faced housing insecurities because of challenges with income and their leasing community.

The mom started to express a depth of gratitude to God, to whom she attributed her family's well-being and ability to find housing at the last minute. The move provided secure housing, but caused a sense of uncertainty for her two children, nine and fifteen years old, as they transitioned to new schools in the middle of the pandemic. She was assured her faith in God would give them the ability to handle that transition. Though the pandemic caused her to be laid-off from her job, she believed it had a purpose. She was able to be present with her children as they acclimated to new teachers and different learning environments.

She expressed gratitude to North Raleigh Ministries for helping meet her needs. Her prayer requests were all for others and not for herself. She was excited to hear about our new programs and we look forward to growing with her and being a support to her family.

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## Christmas In July

*By Kara Gravinese*



It's that time of year again - time to add some sparkle to your summer! Come cool off with us in a winter wonderland of Christmas treasure at both NRM Thrift Shoppes.

Christmas in July arrives **tomorrow, July 1st** and will run for the whole month of July.

Thrift Shoppe Hours:

- Wednesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

And... starting Tuesday, July 7th both stores will be open for shopping:

- **Tuesday** - Saturday 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The Donation Door Hours remain Wednesday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Don't forget revenue from our stores helps provide essential resources for the community such as the NRM Food Pantry. You can shop with a joyful heart knowing you're shopping with a purpose!

[Click here for more information about the NRM Thrift Shoppes.](#)

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## Volunteers Needed

*by Kara Gravinese*

Want to help make a difference with North Raleigh Ministries or know someone who might?

Help sort and stock jewelry, shoes, books, and clothing in our [Thrift Shoppe – Stony Brook location](#). We're looking for committed, community-minded volunteers who can join us for weekly 4 hour shifts. Openings available Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Contact [volunteer@northraleighministries.com](mailto:volunteer@northraleighministries.com) for more information.

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