

More Grace Newsletter

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MORE GRACE OUTREACH

Educational Enrichment:

- *Educational Enrichment hosts 32 students*
- *Students each have a full day of class with classes depending on age group*
- *High School students are taught life skills while also learning standard High School material*
- *Due to smaller class size, students and teachers work together on a personal level for a more dynamic learning environment*

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Educational Enrichment Launches into Fall Semester

On September 12th, the rooms of MGO were flooded with students eagerly (and some anxiously) anticipating the launch of the Fall 2018 Educational Enrichment semester. Students of all ages sat ready with fresh school supplies in their various classes while teachers shared in the excitement of a fresh year.

This year's programs cater to each age group, with classes such as cooking and reading for younger students, with older students studying history, geometry, and more.

"The heart behind the program is to help students come to their full potential while also giving hope to children and parents

struggling," stated Rhonda Wotring, our Education Administrator. Rhonda also spoke authentically about seeing God move in the hearts of the students, stating the following: "It's amazing to see hope restored to students when they see they can do it (work), when they have come out of a history of failure and discouragement and a light comes on in them. Watching them realize that they are capable and worth it is quite amazing."

Educational Enrichment runs throughout the day on Wednesday, resulting in a tired staff and student body when finished. However, hardly any complaints

are heard, as both student and staff almost always walk away feeling fulfilled and excited at what God has done and what he will continue to do.

Head over to page two for an interview with one of our students.



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Lori Shaffer

On Saturday September 15th, MGO hosted a pancake breakfast. We had some wonderful vendors and a few people brought out their beautiful antique cars. Everyone also enjoyed some delicious pancakes, bacon, sausage, and an egg

bake. We want to thank everyone that came out to support our ministry. Thanks to you all, we were able to raise just over \$1,300 which will go to help keep all of our wonderful programs running.



Food Pantry Update



September in the food pantry saw provision through the various donations of generous young people that believe in our vision. Young volunteers stepped up seeing the need and decided to donate and fundraise on their own. It is amazing to watch God work through these young people to reach his community.

In September the MGO food pantry reached 472 members, giving away over 14,500 items.

We are looking for sponsors for October and November. If you, your church, or your organization would be willing to generously sponsor our pantry for an upcoming month, please let us know using one of the contact methods on the last page of this newsletter.

Smaller donations are always accepted as well. The list to the right captures specific needs.

Current Pantry Needs:

- Canned Goods
- Personal care items (shampoo/soap, toothbrush/toothpaste, toilet paper, etc.)
- Breakfast foods
- Peanut butter and Jelly
- Instant meals (ramen)
- Shelf-stable milk

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Desk of the Director

Elizabeth Luffy, Executive Director

As the director of MGO, I have the opportunity to peek into all the different ministries that function on site. One that is very special is the Educational Enrichment Ministry. Launching in September, under the direction of Rhonda Wotring, MGO opened the doors of educational possibili-

ties for over 30 young minds. Each student is uniquely gifted and approaches education in a different way. One young mother pulled Rhonda aside at the end of a session and said, “MGO is a hope Restorer.” This mother has a beautiful gifted daughter with sensory processing disorder. We want

MGO to be a place where everyone belongs and each student shines.

Student Interview—Rebekah Shaffer



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Often spotted behind our front desk with her mother (an our receptionist) is Rebekah Shaffer, who recently started back to school with MGO’s Educational Enrichment program. This is her first year learning in our program, and when asked about her brief experience thus far she remarked, “I have noticed here that we have a larger group of

learning. A lot of people think students all learn the same way, but here they make room for students to learn in all different kinds of ways.”

Rebekah is part of our younger student age group and therefore takes part in our cooking class. In regard to cooking she stated, “I’m getting to try new things, like making sushi. It is so fun,

and I ate the whole bowl!”

Rebekah, and many other students like her, are looking forward to all this upcoming school year has to offer.

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Devotional—God of the Now

Elizabeth Luffy, Executive Director

Hope changes everything. I once read that hope provides a free pass to touch the hearts of those who are hurting. When you see individuals through eyes of hope, everything changes. Once we invite Jesus Christ in to our hearts, we set a course of embracing His heart, His attributes and our outlook on all things be-

come set to a different standard. The kaleidoscope with which we view life and relationships adjust and, “The eyes of our understanding become enlightened” (Ephesians 1:18) At this point our perspectives finally see clearly past an individual’s condition and straight to the rescue mission of being a hope restorer

through the love of Jesus Christ for their life.

Membership Information

Lori Shaffer, Reception and Administration

As a More Grace Outreach member, you will receive a monthly food pantry visit, and two bags each time we’re open for clothing, equaling to sixteen possible bags total for the month. All that is required for membership is a form filled out

yearly, and a twenty-dollar annual fee. The fee can be broken up into payments, if necessary. The fee goes to help keep MGO running so we can continue to serve our community. to serve 450 families.

You can apply for membership anytime during regular open or office hours.

Upcoming Events

Here are some chances to get involved with MGO over the next few months!

- ***1st Annual MGO Banquet***, November 11th. *To reserve a table for your organization, please let us know in advance.*

As always, you can keep up with all of our upcoming events on our facebook page!

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ABOUT US

More Grace Outreach is a non-profit outreach center, based the heart of Taylor County, West Virginia. We service families with food, clothing, educational tutoring, counseling, and more for a fee of only \$20 a year. We operate exclusively on the basis of donation, and are always amazed at the generous heart of the Church, and the divine hand of God to keep our doors open. If you are interested in donating, volunteering, or reading more about the different ministries we offer, you can visit us at our website or at our facility directly. We would be happy to see you during our open hours, or offer you a tour by appointment.

