

All Souls Outreach Program

North Fort Myers, FL

Location

All Souls Outreach Program is located at All Souls Episcopal Church on Rte. 41 in North Fort Myers.

There is also a thrift store at that location and donation drop-off.

Sunday services are at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. There is also a Spanish service on Sunday evenings.



What is it?

The All Souls Outreach Program provides a weekly service of a hot meal, a bag of groceries, a mail drop, and the opportunity to get clothing, personal care items, and other necessities for the homeless or persons living below the poverty level. Many other services are available also.

Clients start lining up outside early in the morning each Wednesday.

We currently serve 225-250 persons in need every week.



History

The Outreach Program was started by the VFW more than 35 years ago. They provided a sandwich meal once a week.

All Souls Church took over in 1990 and the Outreach Ministry has been working to feed hungry people ever since.



History (con't)

The organization's mission statement has always been "Feeding God's People with Love".

They have expanded the services offered beyond the provision of a meal in the belief that if a ministry doesn't grow, it will wither.

We now provide a meal, food, medical care, clothing, toiletries and much more.



What's for Lunch?

In 1995, it probably cost pennies to provide a “sandwich lunch” to a client.

A typical meal today would be meatloaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, and dessert. Clients come in, sit down, and are served their lunch by a volunteer.

We also take into consideration Holidays and seasonality. There are special meals at holidays, more belly filling meals in cold weather, and less heavy meals in summer.

Today we spend more money on the plate, utensils, napkin, and drinking cup than the original program spent on a meal.

Obviously today we are spending dollars for a meal instead of pennies. Because we can purchase meat and canned goods at a reduced price from Harry Chapin and the USDA, we prefer monetary donations instead of food items.

Food Bank Bags

Our food bank strives to give a family of four enough food for six meals each week. Balanced diets are strived for with proteins, vegetables, and fruit.

A typical food bank bag will have canned beans, corn, canned tuna, oatmeal, peanut butter, fruit cocktail, a loaf of bread, a dessert, chicken, and sausage.

There are occasional treats such as milk, eggs, cooking oil, and apples.



Clothing Program

Eligible clients are given a "credit" to use in the All Souls Thrift Store. They may purchase up to \$30.00 a month in clothing for themselves or their family.



You've Got Mail!

The mail drop is a crucial service for the homeless. They have no other way to receive information from their families, Social Security, Medicaid/Medicare, and the V.A. etc.

Most do not have bank accounts and receive any benefits via a check mailed to them.

They can use our address and receive their mail from us weekly.



Laundry Love Program

Laundry Love provides the detergent and fabric softener.

All Souls Outreach provides the money to a local laundromat so that twice a month, clients can have clean clothes.

This program has grown rapidly, and we are working to expand available times for this assistance.



What else is offered to those in need?

- Medical attention & assistance
- Disease testing for HIV etc.
- Housing & lifestyle counseling
- Veteran assistance
- Job application/resume assistance
- Back-to-school supplies



Additional Services:

- SNAP advice
- Mail Service
- Bus passes for job interviews or Dr. appts.
- Work boots
- Bicycles
- Tents for the homeless
- Laundry assistance
- Christmas toys, Easter candy



Additional Services:

- Addiction assistance
- Help obtaining a birth certificate (in order to get a state ID)
- Free clothing
- Haircuts
- Extra nutritional food for the elderly
- Free personal care items



Others Who Help

A physician and nurse from **Family Health Centers** are on location every week and are joined by student nurses from **Rasmussen University**. They provide basic medical care and guidance.

Kimmie's Recovery Center and **Centerstone Centers for Addiction** provide volunteers for addiction counseling.



Others Who Help

The **Harry Chapin Food Bank** provides meat, canned, and boxed food some of which is free and some at a reduced prices.

Publix donates meat and poultry that are getting close to their expiration date, produce that is getting past it's prime, and day-old bread & desserts.



Other agencies, businesses, and churches that help with donated money, food, clothing, and volunteers include:

St. Michaels Episcopal

St. Therese Catholic

Good Sheppard Methodist

Community Church of Christ

St. Hilary's Episcopal

Episcopal Diocese of SW FL.

LCEC

Church of Christ

Iona Hope Episcopal

Holy Trinity Presbyterian

St. Mary's Episcopal

St. Luke's Episcopal

FEMA

Culvers Restaurant of NFM

Charitable organizations within local communities hold food and paper good drives, and fundraise to donate money such as:

- AMVETS Post 50
- Herons Glen Socialites
- Women of Carriage Village
- Lanai Ladies of Magnolia Landing
- The Buckeye Club of Verandah
- The Act It Out Players
- Alpha Delta Alpha of Herons Glen
- Old Bridge Village
- Alpha Delta Mu of Herons Glen
- The Family Farms
- Burnt Store Quilters

In addition, we have 30-40 volunteers who show up each week to keep it all going!





We love our Volunteers!



Administration

The Outreach Ministry is governed by the Vestry (Board of Directors) and the clergy of the All Souls Episcopal Church. The Church donates the use of the parish hall on Tuesdays (for set-up) and Wednesdays for the meal, food bank, and other offered services.

The Outreach Ministry maintains its own bank account at a different bank than the church. There is no commingling of funds. All funds earmarked for Outreach go directly to the Outreach Program.

Annual Budget

Our 2026 budget plans an operational cost of \$67,200 this calendar year. Also, we will give away about \$50,000 in free clothing from the Church Thrift Store.

Our total commitment for 2026 will be about \$117,200, forecasting a \$17,200 deficit.

All Souls Outreach ***does not receive any government money*** for any of its operations and relies solely on donations.



Future Plans & Needs

- Expand the Laundry Love program to provide more available days and times at the laundromat.
- Begin a work program to help homeless individuals re-enter the work force and society as contributing citizens.
- Replace the Food Bank commercial refrigerator.
- Add a commercial freezer for the Food Bank use.
- Increase fundraising and donations to provide more food per family.

What can I do to help?

- ***Donate***

Money, canned food, paper products, clothing, toiletries. Make your tax-deductible check payable to “All Souls Outreach Program”.

- ***Organize***

Get your church, HOA, social group, school, or community involved in fundraising for us or donating to us.

Thank you so much for having us here today!

*We truly appreciate the opportunity
to give you more information about
All Souls Outreach Program.*