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A Testimony of Hope

"My need was met; now I can give to someone else."



"It wasn't as much the food, but the love and concern of the people in the storehouse that became my immediate remedy."

Responding to the invitations by the Storehouse team, Eugenia began attending church at NLCC. Her recollection of that first day in attendance was marked by an overwhelming sense of belonging.

"If you put yourself in the presence of God then He will order your steps. I just knew that I was supposed to be here," said Eugenia.

Like many other people, Eugenia never expected to find herself lacking the very basic necessities of life. God used that situation to bring about her emotional and spiritual restoration. "God allows certain things in life to happen in order to get our attention. Through all of this, God got my attention," expressed Eugenia.

Today, Eugenia is not only a member of NLCC but one of the senior leaders on The Storehouse ministry team. She once felt empty and alone but now finds herself meeting the needs of others in her community.

"I had a need. My need was met; now I can give to someone else. That's what it is all about," Eugenia shares.

"She is one of our greatest assets" says Pastor Rodney Hammonds, Director of The Storehouse. "Eugenia is one of our main volunteers, boldly sharing the Gospel, counseling, and distributing food on a weekly basis," he continued.

Eugenia's new declaration is to:

"Hold on to God's hand, believe His word, do what it says, and all of God's promises will be fulfilled."

written by Glenn Connors, Sr.

Partners in Health | Steve Zollos, Director of Bon Secours

Meeting the needs of the East Ocean View community is impossible without the love and support from our monthly partners. Each individual and business plays a vital role in transforming our city one life at a time. As we extend a special thank you to Steve Zollos, Executive Director of Bon Secours Health System's *Building Healthy Communities*, along with Joanne Merinar and all of the other dedicated staff members, please read his inspiring message below.

What does the Bon Secours Health System and the Storehouse have in common? "A desire to bring physical, spiritual and emotional wholeness to our community."

Bon Secours first came alongside the Storehouse in 2009 and have stayed 'partners in health' ever since. We first tackled expansion and renovations to the food pantry building. Four years later, we've worked together to create educational opportunities through the Future CEOs program, bring the Care-A-Van Mobile Health Center to East Ocean View, develop a community garden, support youth athletics, host family-friendly festivals serving the Hispanic community and launch neighborhood clean-up and beautification efforts.

It takes hard work and a common vision to bring the best out of a community. Bon Secours is proud to partner with the Storehouse as we bring help and good health to East Ocean View."



Comfort Food



Fall is here, and along with that comes the holidays. What better way to bring cheer than some thrifty holiday decorating? In this month's edition of Comfort Food, Amber Mukherjee offers simple and budget-friendly ideas for holiday decorating.

Read her blog post "Holiday Wreaths Made to 'A Door'" at: storehouseusa.com/blogs/comfort-food

Our partners make a difference

Did you know that as little as \$25 per month can help us provide healthy meals for an entire family? If you haven't already, consider partnering with us today!

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The Storehouse
3921 Pleasant Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23518

Events

Food Pantry

Wednesday & Friday
11:30am - 1pm
Main Storehouse
Groceries, inspirational teaching & new friends!

Broken Bread Lunch

Free Community Lunch
Last Friday of each month
11:30am - 1pm
EOV Community Center
Food for the body, soul & spirit!

Thanksgiving Dinner

FREE for Everyone!
11am - 3pm on Nov. 28th
NLCC main sanctuary
Turkey, sides, pie & more!

In 2008, Eugenia Reed's marriage ended in separation from her husband of 40 years. For the first time in her life, she was unable to support herself. Forced to move to Norfolk, she moved in with her daughter's family. Coping with the emotional trauma of her failing marriage as well as placing additional financial pressure on her family, Eugenia decided to reach-out for help.

"I passed The Storehouse each day, saw lines of people standing outside and decided to get the help I needed," said Eugenia.

Eugenia continued to express how she needed a special touch. The food helped relieve the financial burden but she says that it was just a small part of what she really needed. Even though Eugenia was living with family, her hardships and broken marriage caused her to feel rejected, isolated and all alone.



"Restoring Community and Changing Lives"

The Storehouse is known in our community as a resource for food and assistance, and most importantly as a place of love and healing. We have seen countless salvations and physical and emotional healing. Our staff and dedicated volunteers believe in the power of prayer to restore lives, families and neighborhoods.

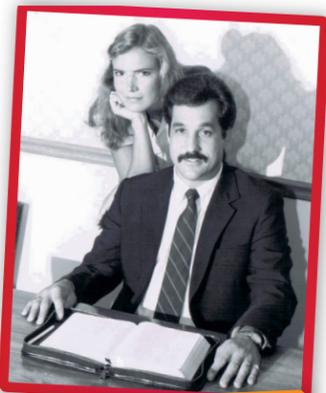
Thanks to our community and partners our outreach has grown to support 80-100 families with weekly groceries, distributing 5,000 lbs. of food each month.

History of the Storehouse written by Pastor Ken Gerry

In 1986 - a year after we married – Nancy and I found ourselves pastoring a small, struggling storefront church in East Ocean View. The enormous needs of the community were overwhelming, especially with no salary support and a back log of bills. Neighbors called the church and knocked on the door daily seeking money for rent, food, utility bills, and other basic necessities. Nancy and I were deeply troubled by the situation but we knew God was faithful so we turned to prayer.

As we prayed, the Lord spoke to us through His Word:

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." [John 6:35 (NKJV)]



Fall 1986

Founded as a "food locker," the Storehouse began by giving groceries to 20 families per week. The first annual Thanksgiving Basket Distribution launched shortly thereafter, assisting 25 families.



January 1992

Began giving away 100 free loaves of bread each month. Today, with your help, we've increased to 2,500 loaves per month.



December 2004

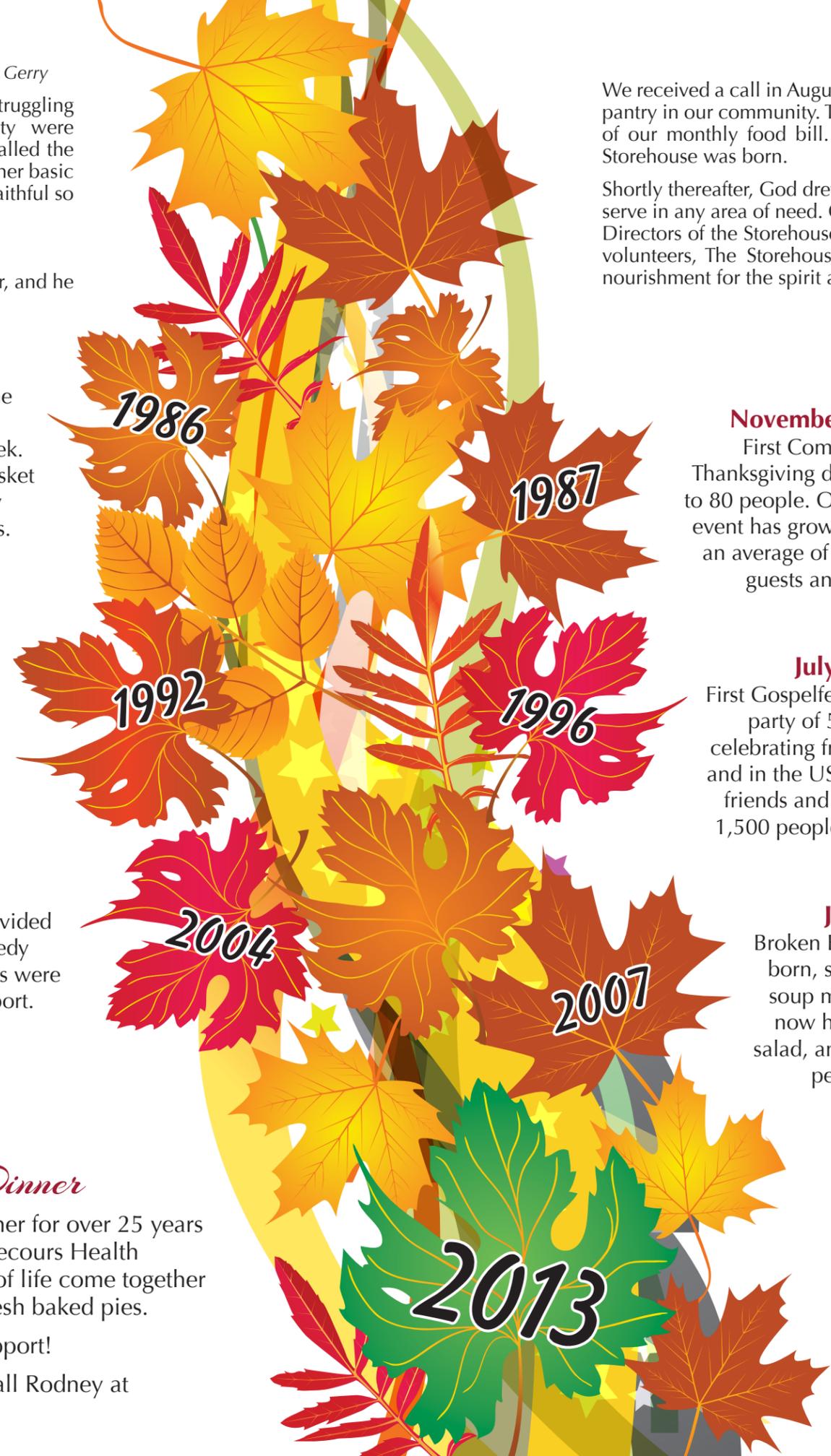
First Christmas toy drive provided toys and clothes to 25 needy families. In 2011, 90 families were blessed through your support.

25th Annual Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Storehouse has sponsored a FREE Community Thanksgiving Day Dinner for over 25 years with the help of Grand Affairs Catering, Norfolk Collegiate School, Bon Secours Health Systems, and other helpful volunteers. Nearly 400 people from all walks of life come together to enjoy fresh cooked turkey, stuffing, an assortment of side dishes and fresh baked pies.

Please join us on November 28 at 11am or consider lending financial support!

Thanksgiving Baskets will also be given to needy families. To volunteer, call Rodney at 757-227-9624.



We received a call in August from CBN's Operation Blessing expressing interest in starting a food pantry in our community. They offered to give us a refrigerator and freezer while also paying half of our monthly food bill. Equipped with God's Word, His provision and willing hearts, the Storehouse was born.

Shortly thereafter, God drew a newlywed couple to our Sunday morning service. They offered to serve in any area of need. Once young honeymooners, Rodney and Aretha Hammonds are now Directors of the Storehouse. With their service, along with our generous partners and countless volunteers, The Storehouse is a place where people come to receive "The Bread of Life," nourishment for the spirit and soul.

November 1987

First Community Thanksgiving dinner served to 80 people. Over time, this event has grown to nourish an average of 400 dinner guests annually.



July 1996

First Gospelfest: A community party of 500+ people celebrating freedom in Christ and in the USA. Food, games, friends and flags! In 2001, 1,500 people joined the fun!



January 2007

Broken Bread Bible Lunch was born, serving 25 people hot soup monthly. Our partners now help to provide soup, salad, and groceries to over 80 people per month.

