



The Storehouse was founded in 1986 as a benevolence ministry of New Life Christian Center.



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



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 healings. Our staff and dedicated volunteers believe in the power of prayer to restore lives, families and neighborhoods.

Together we are transforming our community!

Thank you!

Join the Storehouse Family!

Ways to get involved....

Pray

Pray for our community, clients and volunteers.

Pray for provision: We need a new box truck to help us better serve the growing needs of our community.

Volunteer

It's easy and fun!

Call Rodney Hammonds: 757-227-9674

Connect

Stay up to date with the latest Storehouse news and events!



The Storehouse USA is an outreach of New Life Christian Center located in Norfolk, VA. No person is denied service based on race, creed, gender or disability. Unless designated, funds are used where most needed. All donations are tax deductible.

Give

Did you know that as little as **\$25** per month can help us provide healthy meals for an entire family. And all gifts are tax deductible.

If you haven't already, consider partnering with us today!

Give online: www.storehouseusa.com
or by mail:

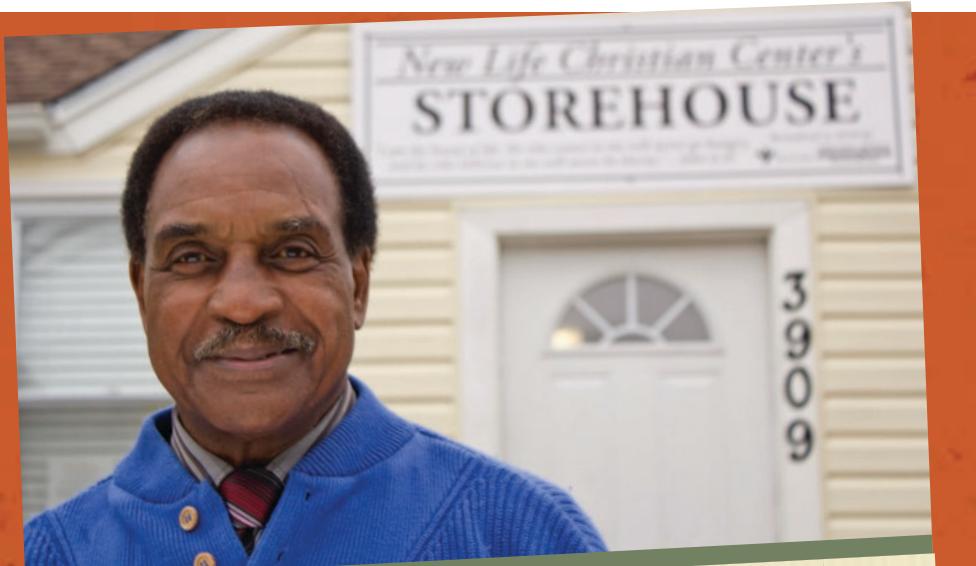
The Storehouse
3921 Pleasant Avenue
Norfolk, VA 23518

The Storehouse

"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

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Frank's Story: One Loaf of Bread

"I felt so welcomed...I walked into an atmosphere of blessing." ~ Frank Wilson, Sr.

"I found Christ and a way of life; I feel so fortunate to have come to the Storehouse, being able to finally taste the true Bread of Life."

"I was surrounded by the love of God," Frank explains. "I wanted to be a part of this."

Frank Wilson had reached a rough time in his life; his business was failing and family life as a single father was becoming more difficult. It was then he happened to stumble upon the Storehouse. He walked in expecting a simple loaf of bread and received much more. "I just noticed something different--there was no pressure, and I felt so welcomed. I walked into an atmosphere of blessing," remembers Frank.

Frank received groceries for his family and an invitation to attend Sunday morning service at New Life Christian Center. There his hunger was satisfied in ways he could never have imagined.

Today, Frank is a vital member of the Storehouse volunteer team. Every week as he drives to pick up bread donations, he is reminded of how far he has come. "I am thankful to God for transforming me from one needing to be served into one who serves the community. It wasn't just bread that I received that day, but it was the Bread of Life which is Christ that I truly received. Being able to find my independence in the Word of God and walk free has had an incredible impact on my life."

There are many stories just like Frank's. Thanks to your monetary and prayer support, lives are being changed each and every day.

by Whitney Dasouza | Photo: Jessica Brezina

Events

Food Pantry

Open every Wednesday & Friday

When: 11:30am-1:00pm

Where: Storehouse

Groceries, inspirational teaching and new friends!

Hot Soup served every other Wednesday!



Broken Bread Lunch

Free Community Lunch

When: Friday, March 29,

Friday, April 26 &

Friday, May 31

11:30am-1:00pm

Where: EOV Community Center

20th Bay Street

Sandwiches, soup, salad and dessert!

Music, powerful devotional, prayer and encouragement.

Compassion 2013

Satisfying the Hungry

When: Saturday, May 18th

Details coming soon!

Save the date for this exciting community-wide event.

Massive food distribution, free health screenings and much more!

Volunteers & Sponsors Meeting

Join the Compassion 2013 Team!

When: Friday, April 19th

Details coming soon!



Meet the Team

Pastor Rodney Hammonds: Storehouse Director, husband, father of three and E. Ocean View resident for 27 years...

Rodney Hammonds tells his story and shares his journey to the Storehouse...



My first inspiration came from my mother, a nurse, who had an innate compassion for those who were down and out and hurting. I grew up in a low income section of South Norfolk, where many working families had to go without basic necessities. I was blessed with a strong single-parent family. Yes, we had our struggles, but I had friends who had it much worse.

One summer, I got a job working as an assistant with a medical doctor who traveled around to poor neighborhoods, performing free health physicals for kids. I really enjoyed working with him, I saw the compassion he had for the hundreds of children who showed up at the recreation centers. Personally, I got a kick out of helping other kids my age and developed a strong desire to help others whose lives were like mine.

In my first year attending college, I began to have special encounters with people who were in need, even though I didn't know what I could do to help them.

Many mornings as I waited for the bus, I noticed homeless people either sitting on the benches or walking around aimlessly. One day, an older gentleman came and sat beside me. To my surprise, he started telling me his story, his life story, from riches to rags. I sat there wondering, "Why is he telling all this to me?" This encounter, was just the first of many. People started approaching me regularly always with a story to tell.

Because You Care

The Storehouse 2012 in Review

5,000 People Reached

5,200+ Loaves of Fresh Bread

150+ Winter Coats Distributed

Back to School Supplies

125 Children

Thanksgiving Turkey Baskets

84 Families

Christmas Toys & Food Baskets

68 Families

Thank You!

After a while, I started to realize these encounters weren't "weird" at all, this was God. I realized that He was sending people my way for me to care about their stories and their needs.

Years later, fresh out of college and newly married, my wife and I were looking for a new home in a new area. Ocean View came to mind because we wanted to live by the beach. We drove around the beach, not knowing at that time this area was infamously called "the armpit of Norfolk." We didn't know of the problems here with drugs, gangs, alcohol, violence, and prostitution. As we drove along the strip, we fell upon a little storefront church. We decided to go to a Sunday service, to try it out. On the first visit, the pastor said something from the pulpit that both shocked me and excited me. He said, "This week we are all going out to the streets to share the love of God with the people in the community." Though I could tell that this statement horrified some of the church members, I was very interested. I said to my wife, "This church is radical, I want to go with them." So we went out with the church to the streets to meet our neighbors one-on-one and show His love.

This year will mark 27 years that my family and I have been serving in this great Storehouse outreach. We have been blessed to give hugs to many, as well as, cry with many. We have seen untold numbers of lives transformed and changed, and individuals and families helped in times of desperate need.

Photo: Christian Nelson



Disaster Relief

East Ocean View is one of the lowest lying areas in the City of Norfolk. Throughout 27 years of ministry we have witnessed the flooding caused by many hurricanes and nor'easters. Devastation is often widespread with many families losing homes and automobiles. In some areas flood waters routinely reach 4 feet.

When natural disasters and severe flooding strike, the Storehouse transforms into a relief center to meet the immediate needs of our neighbors. In the wake of Hurricane Sandy in 2012, we distributed inflatable beds, sheets, blankets, household supplies, and emergency food baskets to sustain families for several days.

Broken Bread Lunch: You're Invited!



Join us on the last Friday of each month for a free community lunch!

For five years and counting, the Storehouse has been honored to sponsor a luncheon for the entire community completely free of charge.

Upcoming Events:

March 29, April 26 & May 31

Time: 11:30am-1:00pm

Where: E. Ocean View Community Center
20th Bay St., Norfolk, VA 23518

What to Bring: Yourself! All are welcome, invite your family & friends.



What to Expect: Hot, delicious soup, sandwiches, salad and desserts. Music starts our program, followed by great food, a short power-packed devotional, personal prayer and encouragement.

Every family is sent home with a full bag of groceries.

Partners in Change

Thank you, Community Partners!

Bon Secours Healthy Communities

Captain Groovy's Restaurant

The Christian Broadcasting Network

CBN's Operation Blessing

East Beach Farmer's Market

EOV Civic League

EOV Community Center

EOVBAA Youth League

Food Bank of Southeastern Virginia

Regent University Student Volunteers

Samaritan House Women's Shelter

Thank you, Food Donors!

7 Eleven

Bread Warehouse

Food Lion

Jessy's Tienda

KFC

Kroger

Mona Lisa's Pizza

Pizza Hut

Razzo

Sandfiddler Cafe

Surf Rider: Taylor's Landing

Swan Terrace, Founder's Inn