



Every Thursday, Heart 4 the City opens its doors to the community to provide resources that are desperately needed to the residents in the area. Our intention is not to just hand out food, which we do, but to build relationships so going forward we can continue to find ways to assist and care for the needs of our

neighbors. Our dedicated group of food pantry volunteers are at the church several days a week preparing on average 100 boxes of food to be given to folks by way of our drive-thru pantry. Meat, dairy, toiletries as well as pantry staples are gathered together and on Thursdays, deposited into the trunk of those waiting in our driveway. Pastor Brett can often be found checking in with the drivers offering encouragement, prayer and building relationships.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, Heart's store opens its door to the community. Household appliances, gently worn clothes, linens and kitchen wares are available for a token fee. We have been able to help new moms with layette and furniture needs and senior citizens with assistive equipment. In connection with school counselors, we are currently in the process of creating a program that would allow a private "shopping" day for foster children when they move into a new home.



We offer a Christmas shop for those struggling to afford the "extras" we sometimes take for granted during the holidays. Working with local elementary school counselors in 2020, we invited over 20 families to come to the church to choose items for the kids in their household. We also signed folks up from the community and by our final shopping day had helped 99 families and a total of 307 kids have a merry Christmas. Our sign ups are on track to increase for this Christmas season.



It has been our blessing to celebrate holidays, build relationships and help change lives by being Christ in tangible ways to the people in our community. Many of our volunteers found us through our outreaches and have become family.

There are several ways you can help us in our mission to serve. Donations of clean, gently worn clothes, working household appliances and kitchen items are always welcome on the shelves of our store. Paper products and toiletries are items we cannot get through the food bank for our pantry. At Christmas, gifts and gift wrap are always welcome. Volunteers are always needed for all of our outreach programs. And while it's not as fun as collecting items to donate, financial gifts help us keep the lights and heat on in the building.

In the 11 years our doors have been open, God has been faithful. We believe that through helping people meet their basic needs without stripping them of their dignity, relationships are created and trust is built. We become brothers and sisters and from that connection our love of the Gospel becomes easy and natural to share.

