



The City Gate

To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives

Grace's Interview:

Grace, is Pastor John, and Shirley's middle granddaughter. She is twelve and going into 7th grade. Broadway is Grace's dream for the future. She likes being center of attention, and enjoys all the parts of drama! This includes, dancing, singing, acting, and all the aspects that deal with performing. Seeing other people happy makes her happy. Entertainment is important for people to thrive. Life is hard enough,



Grace wants to be apart of giving people some joy, which in turn brings hope at least for the moment.

Grace was raised Christian. Throughout her Christian life, a big lesson she has learned is that sometimes we just have to relax and trust that God already has everything planned for us. Her favorite way to connect with God is through praying. She says that she often thanks God and loves talking with him, knowing that He hears us.

Grace has come to volunteer here at The City Gate, now for the past three years during the summer. She enjoys helping at the front desk. Her favorite part about the front desk is greeting the people that come in. Grace has learned a lot about homelessness and that it exists. Through this lesson, she is very thankful that she has a place to call home and a family that loves her dearly. It makes her sad that people have grown up in this way of brokenness.

One of Grace's highlights, of coming to The City Gate is the friendships she has created with James and Buffie. She quotes, "I want to thank Buffie and James for being fun and allowing me to be myself around you guys. Thank you!"

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The City Gate Staff

- John Murinko, pastor
- Shirley Murinko, director/office mgr.
- James Gulbranson, assistant director/security
- Donny Saunders, food bank
- Buffie Harmon, clothing bank
- Jimmy Hahn, coffee station/kitchen
- Parris Wentz, kitchen mgr. /newsletter
- Douglas Ceniza
- Kathy Gibbons, Front desk
- Elisha Shelton, Alberta House mgr.

Please PRAY for:

- Alberta House residents
- Jimmy and Vicki
- Patience for staff
- Mikey
- Lance
- Rico
- Jolynn@NailsbyJolynn

FOOD BANK—MONTH END SUMMARY FOR

JULY 2016

TOTAL INDIVIDUALS SERVED: 214

TOTAL LBS FOOD SERVED: 5,310LBS

Alberta House Update

Hello Everyone,

It is summer time and The Alberta House is coming together more and more. We are doing a day of “Fun In The Sun”, with the tenants and management. Most of all the tenants have signed up to be there and bring some sort of food so that we can come together as a community and enjoy ourselves out on Long Lake. We will be cooking out, playing in the water and boating. The tenants here at the Alberta House are all doing well. The changes are evident and so many; and the percent of turnover has dropped greatly in the last year. We are seeing tenants that are fighting to stay clean and healthy, and most of all, growing in their walk with the Lord, daily. The new Bible study has now started back up and they are doing Bible study twice a week.

We would like to thank everyone who has and is supporting the Alberta House Apartments. With your prayers and support, we can make a difference. We are excited about the new Flat Screen we received for our TV media area. We now need the base that holds it upright. If you, or someone you know has an extra, please contact us and let us know; we would greatly appreciate it.

God Bless You,

Apartment Manager,

Elisha P. Shelton

A Letter from the Board:

I have been thinking recently about journeys we are on. Often, these journeys are not ones that we would have chosen for ourselves, but our God, who is so faithful provides for us along the journey. Matthew 6:25-26 tells us, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

God equips us for the journey we are going through and even though at the time, we may not know why we are going through a certain journey, we can take comfort in knowing we have our precious Lord right there to equip us. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us: “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.” We place our faith and trust in Him. Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

I have been on a journey that I would certainly not have chosen, but God is with me. I lost my beloved husband about 3 months ago. The depth of my grief and loneliness is deeper than I could ever imagine. As I have been going through this journey, I have been so in awe and amazed at how God has so filled my depth of grief and loneliness. I have seen His faithfulness in the ways people have served me, through prayers, emotional support, financial support, love and time. Comfort has been given through the many cards, messages, visits to my home and invitations to others’ homes and calls I have received. I know each one was sent at just the right time to meet the need at each moment of the journey and I am so grateful and appreciative and this has brought me closer to Jesus and his plan for my life.

I have thought about so many of the people who come to The City Gate to be served. They are each on their own journey, many who may not have chosen their journey, but they come into The City Gate and we have a wonderful opportunity to be used by Jesus and be a part of their journey. I encourage you to be faithful and continue to pray, financially support, and come down and serve. Listen to the Lord’s calling on your heart to fill the void others have here at The City Gate. I now know how vital this is to assist someone in their journey and in their growth with the Lord.

God is so faithful to us. Thank-you Jesus. Some verses that have brought comfort to me as I have been on my journey....Praying for others on their journey.

James 5:13: “Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.” Psalm 9:10: “And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.” Psalm 136:1: “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever; to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever.” Philippians 4:13: “I can do all things through him who strengthens me.”

Laura Wintersteen—Arleth

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"A Gathering Place"

Matthew 11:28

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THANK YOU for helping us
to be good stewards!



Without the support of volunteers who give their time and energy to this ministry, The City Gate would not be the haven it is to so many people. Whether you come once a week or once a year, you have contributed to keeping this place up and running. Your donations, regardless of time, money, food, prayers or clothing, have done so much to help the people who walk through our doors everyday. As pastors and as Christians, we want to thank you for heeding the voice of the Lord and ask you to keep us in your prayers as we continue this journey.

Love, Pastor John & Shirley