
“Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do to Me.”
Jesus Christ (Matthew 25:31-46)

Leesa’s son, Malik, was diagnosed with a brain tumor at age ten. Leesa had to make a heart wrenching choice between allowing her son to live with severe intellectual impairment, or to die from the tumor. She chose life. Malik is 19 years old now, and requires a great deal of care. Lia, Leesa’s daughter, helps care for her brother when she’s not at high school.

When she first reached out to us, Leesa was simply looking for food. Leesa works two jobs in order to care for her family. The money she earns falls short of the family’s need. What a blessing that people like you help us provide clothing and food to this life-worn mom. We make sure the food is available to her when she can get it.

You, by giving to House of Mercy, helped provide for this struggling family. God bless you!

If you'd like to help us,
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“Deepest pockets of poverty in northern Virginia are in parts of Manassas and Manassas Park”

Almost one quarter of the 2 million residents of Northern Virginia (451,721) people, live in Prince William County. Of this, **30,265 people are living in poverty**. The **deepest pockets of poverty** in Northern Virginia are found along the Route 1 corridor. This encompasses the greater **Manassas/Manassas Park¹** area, **the area House of Mercy serves**.

More than 76,000 students in the PWC region, according to Virginia Census Data, take part in the Reduced Price School Lunch Program. To qualify for the program, students must live in families that earn approximately \$40,000 annually (for a family of four). From data provided by the *Feeding America* organization, **13,000 kids** are food insecure in PWC.

¹ A Portrait of Children in NOVA; The Community Foundation of Northern Virginia, 2010

How House of Mercy has responded to the need:

Bags of food provided to the poor in Jan-Feb 2017 = 3,756 (+150 Jan-Feb 2016)

Family members provided food in Jan-Feb 2017 = 1,365 (+236 people Jan-Feb 2016)

Including number of children who have been provided food in Jan-Feb 2017 = 41

Families served food twice monthly in Jan-Feb 2017 = 372 (+ 93 Jan-Feb 2016)

Pieces of clothing (including shoes) provided at no charge since in Jan-Feb 2017 = 1,317

Bags of food provided to Seniors in Jan-Feb 2017 = 158 bags (+54 Jan-Feb 2016)

Personal shower kits provided to the homeless = 30

People told of the good news of Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother = hundreds
Comfort and counsel provided to clients, customers, volunteers and staff = thousands

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The Miranda family's dad died very suddenly a week ago. The impact of his loss has left the wife, a longtime client of HOM, and their eight young children in urgent need of financial support to help cover funeral expenses and basic living expenses until SSI benefits are processed.

If it is in your heart to contribute, please use this link to contribute to this GoFundMe, administered by a staff member at Holy Trinity Church.

<https://www.gofundme.com/donation-fund-for-miranda-family>

