

Dear Friends:

Grace at the Green Light is five (5) years old, June 1, 2019. Thank you for all of your support to us in our mission to take care of the basic needs (food, water and community) of the homeless. To date, we have fed over 120,000 meals, handed out over 600,000 bottles of water and sent home over 1900 persons.

While you maybe familiar with what we do feeding, water distribution and our going home program, we do so much more through our Director, Sarah Parks, locally by facilitating through our strong relationship with meeting the homeless where they are referral to homeless services in town. Also, Sarah takes a direct interest in individuals who want and need help where we can facilitate such help. The story of Tania and her 13 year old daughter is just one of many of these stories over the last five (5) years.

We first came in contact with Tanya last November, when she called us for help. Tanya had recently been let go of her job because she was diagnosed with degenerative disc disorder and couldn't stand for long periods of time. Tanya, her 13 year old daughter, Tatiana, and their 3 dogs were living in a motel with little income and trying to make ends meet. Once their funds ran out, they were on the streets for a few nights as well as sleeping in their broken down car. Their car was parked in the motel parking lot and at risk of being impounded. Tanya had been spent a couple days calling other local agencies and received little help. By the time she called us, she was at the end of her rope. While Tanya didn't need the typical resources we offer (meals and reunification), we were determined to not let this family stay on the streets another night. With the help of some amazing local community members, Primary Veterinary Clinic, we were able to find a place for their dogs to go and a safe place for their car to be towed while Tanya and Tatiana went into a shelter. Women & childrens shelter beds are very hard to come by, but our Director was persistent in finding a spot for them. Tanya & Tatiana were placed in New Orleans Women & Childrens Shelter and through their network of providers were able to get their own apartment after a month in the shelter. We have continued to provide support for Tanya and Tatiana by taking them to appointments, getting household goods donated, and helping connect with other local resources such as food banks. Tanya is currently seeking out a part-time job that is not too strenuous on her physical health. The most amazing part is that Tanya now volunteers with us multiple times every week to serve meals to those that are living on the streets.

While our primary programs are serving meals to the homeless, and reunited the homeless with their loved ones, we are able to do so much more with the support of our community.

Would you please help us celebrate our fifth anniversary of Grace at the Green Light by a gift of \$5, \$50, \$500 or \$5000 or \$50,000. Our goal now is sustain ability and we need your help to get enough donations to pay our 313.

With Peace and Love, I am

Sincerely,

W. CHRISTOPHER BEARY