

REAL LIFE CENTER

Real help. Real hope.

OPENING DOORS FOR CHANGE

When you are in a tough situation, you long for change. You question when it will happen. You may be paralyzed with fear. You wonder if you are walking the road alone. At the Real Life Center we have the privilege of helping families cope with the unexpected financial, emotional, physical, relational and spiritual hardships of life such as job loss, health issues, death or divorce. What sets us apart from other organizations is that we commit to walk alongside our families for one full year helping them through the trials of life and providing a catalyst for change. *“Through the encouragement, support and resources of the Real Life Center, I slowly got back on my feet. It was a life saver!”* Monica.

YOU CAN BE A PART OF PROVIDING HOPE!

Volunteer ▪ Accept and sort donations ▪ Be a financial partner ▪ Distribute food and clothing to families ▪ Work in our warehouse, stores or orchard ▪ Donate your gently used items ▪ Offer a food or clothing drive ▪ Assist with resume writing ▪ Donate your expertise or skill set



Real Life Center Programs

Food Pantry ▪ Bread Room
Fresh Fruit & Vegetables
Clothing ▪ Housewares
Goal Setting and Accountability
Financial Assistance
Education Classes ▪ Career Help
Networking and Referral
General Assessment Counseling

2016 Highlights

- Assisted 4,107 families
- Distributed over 487,600 pounds of food
 - Volunteers gave 20,574 hours
 - Distributed 23,564 pounds of fresh produce from our orchard and garden
 - Served 1,996 families at our Mobile Food Pantry

Real Life Center: Providing Necessities for Living Equipping People for Life



Our Harvest for Real Life Fruit Orchard

Our orchard started in 2011 and is housed on 3 acres at Dogwood Church in Tyrone. Planted in the orchard are 140 apple trees, 55 peach trees, 300 blueberry bushes, 135 blackberry vines, 35 grape vines, and more. In 2015, we started a half acre vegetable garden producing fresh tomatoes, watermelons, bell peppers, squash, zucchini, corn and jalapeno peppers in the summer and collards, turnips, broccoli, cabbages, carrots, radishes and kale in the winter. All produce is distributed seasonally to the families of the Real Life Center. Since fresh fruits and vegetables are hard to come by on a limited budget, the orchard and garden have been a huge blessing.

Our Real Life Stores

Thanks to an overflow of generosity from our community, we opened two upscale thrift stores in Fayetteville and Tyrone. Our stores provide a fun place for individuals and groups to come together and serve, and a great place for customers to enjoy wonderful bargains on clothing, accessories, home décor, household items and furniture. All proceeds, after expenses, go back to the Real Life Center to invest in helping our families.