



Love, Peace, and Manna

The Manna Cafe Ministries newsletter

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"Share your food with the hungry, and give shelter to the homeless. Give clothes to those who need them."
—Isa. 58:7, NLT

Serving from afar

How a military mom found a way to volunteer

BY BECKY WATSON



Editor's note: Becky Watson is Manna Cafe's grant manager. She possesses true talent for researching grant opportunities and skills for successfully acquiring them.

As a veteran and a military spouse, I've been on the move for most of my adult life. Combined with having younger children, it's an adventure that can be somewhat isolating, if you let it. Volunteering has always been a great way for me to feel connected to my community and meet like-minded friends.

Soon after the Army moved our family to Clarksville in 2019, I began looking for volunteer opportunities online. I researched local nonprofits for a week

and was prayerfully considering the best fit when I felt a distinct calling to Manna Cafe. I'm embarrassed to say that one morning, in a sleep-deprived condition, I nearly hit one of the unmistakably bright box trucks that was parked in the lot of a



local restaurant collecting food donations. The driver was kind enough to give me a friendly, nonjudgmental wave, just as Vicki and Kenny came on the radio with a PSA for Manna Cafe Ministries. As soon as I got home, I completed their volunteer interest form online. Hours later, a local preschool called and said a spot had opened up for my youngest child, which would free up a few hours each week for me to start volunteering.

I later met with Vicki and Kenny at the warming center, and caught a glimpse of the outpouring of love that surrounds their mission. My

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journey with Manna Cafe began that day, and working as the Grants Manager for the past five years has been nothing short of an incredible blessing. I've relocated twice during this time, and no matter where my family calls home, I'm proud to be connected to such an amazing team of dedicated servants and compassionate friends. It's an honor to contribute in some small way behind the scenes to such an impactful ministry, and I'm always amazed by how God so faithfully connects the dots to bless thousands of people through Manna Cafe.

FEARLESS & FREE
Embracing Freedom & Joy in a Fearful World

Vicki York
Author & CEO, Manna Cafe Ministries

Doretha Minor
Womens's Ministry The River Church

Congratulations to Manna's own Vicki York and Doretha Minor for their awesome women's symposium held on April 6th.



If you would like to have Vicki share her heart and wisdom at your event, please contact her at:

Vicki@MannaCafeMinistries.com



**Be a volunteer.
Make a difference.**

It's easy, it's fun, it's important.

*Check out our new
volunteer sign-up link:*

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volunteer/**

Cookbook

We're looking for simple recipes for our upcoming cookbook. Send your favorite recipes to:

Debra@MannaCafeMinistries.com



It's Mobile Pantry season

The weather is warmer, the skies are bluer, and hundreds of volunteers will be loading up cars with FREE food for our neighbors.

By simply presenting a valid ID, everyone is eligible to receive groceries. (This is in addition to the monthly food distribution available to Manna Cafe clients.)

2024 Mobile Pantry Schedule

May 18 - Spring Creek Baptist Church
2760 Trenton Road

June 22 - Salem Community Church
2269 Seven Mile Ferry Road

July 13 - Barker's Mill Elementary School
1230 Little Bobcat Road

August 17 - Grace Community Church
2853 Dunlop Lane

September 14 - Living Hope Church
225 Little Hope Church Rd.

October 12 - TBA



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in Montgomery and Stewart Counties.***

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\$75 - Per Player
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