

1995~2020

25 Years of Ministry Celebration!



Neighbor Helping Neighbor

The mission of "RuraLove" is to share the love of Jesus through meeting people's physical needs keeping with the teaching of Christ to "Love our neighbor as ourselves."

Established in 1995 by Goshen Baptist Association, RuraLove is designed to help you and your church meet the needs of local families in crisis through resources donated financially, or with items housed at the RuraLove warehouse, with the ultimate goal of the church family developing a relationship and meeting the family's spiritual needs.

RuraLove assists all people without regard to race, creed, color or religious affiliation. The recipients are referrals from churches, social agencies, civic groups and other non-profit agencies who are involved in assisting those in need.

During the 2019 year, RuraLove assisted 408 families:

30 families in crisis with clothing

101 families in crisis with household needs

14 families in crisis with a whole house set up

5 families in crisis with a layette or baby item

31 families in crisis with the loan of a medical item

214 families in crisis with financial help with electric, fuel oil/propane, rent or mortgage.

1 family in crisis with a vehicle

1 family in crisis with a bicycle & helmet to get to work

12 families in crisis with a special need

RuraLove sent out four pick up loads of clothing, coats, scarves, hats, gloves, and sweaters to the Salvation Army in Charlottesville. A pick up load of coats, shoes, and clothes were delivered to the Bland County Ministry Center in Southwest Virginia, a very poor area of Virginia.

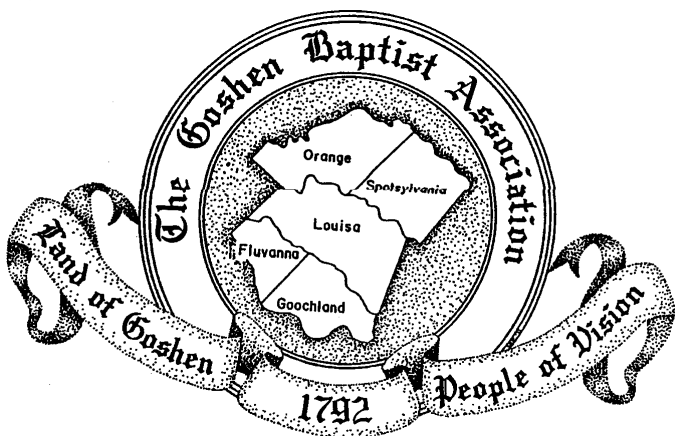
Several boxes of material, pillowcases, and sewing supplies were given to the Mission Stitchers for their ministry of making Little Dresses for Africa. Skeins of yarn were also given to the ladies who make Mother Bears for African children effected by AIDS; throws for our VETS; and caps and scarves for the homeless. About a dozen prom dresses were sent to Hope For Appalachia to the poor in the mountains of Kentucky coal mining areas along with school supplies. Seven wedding dresses that were donated were sent to Africa to be used by the women there.

So, when you donate to RuraLove ~ the item will go where it's needed ~ locally or around the world.

The RuraLove Thrift store collected \$38,270.00 in 2019 and 100% went to help local families in crisis. A \$5,000 grant was also received from the Bazzanella Fund managed by the Charlottesville Area Funds. This grant is to assist folks in Louisa County with rent, mortgage, and utility bills. Area churches and individuals also faithfully contributed to help meet needs in our communities.

A generous donation of a truck for RuraLove's use was also received in 2019 giving the current crew of 28 warehouse volunteers a 16 foot box truck and two pickup trucks to pick up and deliver donations.

RuraLove is currently seeking resumes to hire a new Coordinator for approximately 20 hours a week. Resumes will be received until March 1, 2020. Coordinators up until this point were volunteers. Applicant is preferred to be a devout Christian in search of a ministry for the Lord's work and will; an active member of a Goshen church; have good leadership, customer service, and management skills. For a complete list of requirements, or to send a resume, email goshenassociation@hughes.net or call 540.894.8440.



RuraLove Distributions 1995-2019

Year	Families Helped	Funds Distributed	Food
1995:	(no numbers available)	Assistance: \$4,320.00	Food: \$2,000.00
1996:	(no numbers available)	Assistance: \$6,822.83	Food: \$2,541.52
1997:	91	Assistance: \$6,837.52	Food: \$1,431.53
1998:	170	Assistance: \$10,846.92	Food: \$1,661.62
1999:	125	Assistance: \$8,144.40	Food: \$1,594.75
2000:	125	Assistance: \$8,067.67	Food: \$3,015.15
2001:	130	Assistance: \$6,621.95	Food: \$2,804.74
2002:	200	Assistance: \$6,607.65	Food: \$2,445.87
2003:	200+	Assistance: \$16,240.70	Food: \$2,203.64
2004:	320	Assistance: \$17,873.00	Food: \$1,418.13
2005:	382	Assistance: \$23,549.16	Food: \$1,500.00
2006:	417	Assistance: \$28,664.33	Food: \$1,198.70
2007:	393	Assistance: \$29,798.35	Food: \$3,749.49
2008:	446	Assistance: \$34,769.62	Food: \$1,334.86
2009:	586	Assistance: \$43,045.14	Food: \$993.65
2010:	706	Assistance: \$33,068.78	Food: \$2,051.85
2011:	897	Assistance: \$32,197.72	Food: \$2,390.11
2012:	473	Assistance: \$30,753.56	
2013:	505	Assistance: \$36,206.06	
2014:	524	Assistance: \$43,760.63	
2015:	368	Assistance: \$28,352.33	
2016:	374	Assistance: \$39,919.13	
2017:	366	Assistance: \$38,713.11	
2018:	341	Assistance: \$47,235.97	
2019:	408	Assistance: \$55,767.28	
Subtotals	8,547	Assistance: \$638,183.81	Food: \$34,335.61

Financial Totals of Food and Assistance since 1995: \$672,519.42

Volunteers named in the Goshen Annuals since 1995

Joy Dickens	1995-present	Opal Parsons	2009-2010
Tommy Dickens	1995-present	Shirley Mitchell	2009-2014
Anna Barr (<i>Coordinator</i>)	1995-2003	Madine & John Williams	2009-2014
Johnnie Barr	1995-2001	Pat Taylor	2010-2016
Doris Lanham	1995-2006	Nancy Kober	2011-2015
Anne Long	1997	Toni Miller	2011-present
Charles Diggs	1998	Miriam DiSilvestri	2012-2013
Dan Racette	1998	Judy Lewis	2012-present
Bob Foster	1998-2018	John Bevard	2013-2018
Dave Maddox	1998-2007	Steve Duren	2013-present
Ralph Long	2000-2002	June Duren	2013
Carl Weaver	2000-2002	Danny Crevenson	2013-2014
Celia Suthard	2000-2013	Brenda Witt	2013-2018
Rod Kunkel	2001-2014	Coral Losinski	2014-present
Tammy Wood (<i>as volunteer</i>)	2001-2003	Nancy Emerick	2014-2016
Sam Wood	2001-2017	Tim Wilson	2015-present
Norma Kuhfahl	2001-2002	Pat Groome	2015
Joyce Martin	2001-2002	Teal Johnson	2015-present
Jean Shifflett	2002-2013	Larry & Lynn Edmonds	2015-present
Tammy Wood (<i>Coordinator</i>)	2004-present	Lesley Alford	2015-2019
Gert Gray	2004	David Ramey	2017-present
Alyssa Mundie Rodriguez	2004	Sara Bright	2017-present
Jeanette Weaver	2004-2007	Sandra & Tony Wilson	2018-present
Wes Wood	2004-present	Chip & Debby Burt	2018-present
Jill Seay	2006	Walt Barker	2018
Odessa Mills	2006	Pamela Hale	2018
Dorothy Davis	2006	Alana & Wayne Frazier	2019
Barbara West	2006	Nadine Garvin	2019
Jenny Smith	2007	Linda Beasley	2019
Elizabeth Baucom	2007	Donna Madden	2019
Ann Jordan	2007-2008	Hazel Perry	2019
Bob & Doretha Halsey	2007-present	Jan Meeks	2019
Barbara & Willie Emberton	2007-2014	Wanda & Marc Vancampen	2019
Diane & Wilson Chiles	2007-2010	Keith & Noah Wollenberg	2019
Ruth Kunkel	2008-2014		
Linda Olinger	2008-present		
Ralph & Sherry Vick	2008-present		
Pat Barnette	2008-2010		
Debbie Wilmouth	2009		

There have been many other volunteers who donated time to the ministry of RuraLove, but were not listed in the annuals. A special thanks to all who have volunteered, prayed, or donated to this valuable ministry.



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HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT RURALOVE...

RuraLove is a ministry of Goshen Association to local families in crisis. We need churches and individuals who will **follow up** with families in crisis to build a relationship with the goal of meeting spiritual needs.

The Thrift Store is open year-round on Wednesdays 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month April-Nov.

RuraLove needs (to go to local families in crisis): Refrigerators, electric stoves, washers/dryers, electric can openers, crib sheets, blankets, recliners, full mattresses, good vehicles.

We accept a wide variety of items not listed such as building supplies, household goods, decorations, and much more. To find out if your items are needed, call 540.894.8440. Donations may be brought to the warehouse on Wednesdays 7 a.m. until noon or by appointment. Volunteers may also be **scheduled** to

pick up **LARGE** items on a Wednesday morning.

RuraLove does not accept TVs, entertainment centers, sleeper sofas, office desks, appliances which have issues (**we do not have funds for repairing and neither do our clients**) also, no torn, damaged, moldy, or dirty items. If you have pets, we cannot accept upholstered items or mattresses due to allergies. All items are to be nice enough to give in Jesus' name.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer to work in the Thrift Store on Wednesdays and/or the first Saturday of the month from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. (to help set up and put away) or to pick up or deliver furniture please call.

RuraLove has an urgent need of a good working washing machine to meet the needs of an older lady.