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# Operation Reach-Out

[www.opreachout.org](http://www.opreachout.org)

*A Christian non-profit providing hope & help to those in need in Monroe & Union County, NC, since 1987*

*"Whatever you did for these my brothers and sisters, you also did for me." (Matt 25:40)*

## A Note from Our Director



**Thursday, November 28, 2019**  
**10:30 AM-2 PM at the Union County Shrine Club**  
**305 E. Phifer Street, Monroe**

Happy Fall! The air is finally starting to feel a little crisp to remind us that colder days are coming!

At Operation Reach-Out, it reminds us of 2 important things: First, with the colder days, the need for jackets, warmer clothes, blankets and heaters will become a priority for our clients. Second, we are gearing up for our annual Lord of the Harvest Thanksgiving meal!

This Thanksgiving meal has been a long-standing ministry to serve those in Union County with no where to go on Thanksgiving. But we cannot do it without your help!

We need donations of **turkeys, hams and all the fixin's (dressing, corn, green beans, sweet potatoes and cranberry sauce and desserts).**

We need help starting at 9 am with **cooking, meat carving, setting up, serving and cleaning up.**

We are so thankful to the Union County Shrine Club for the use of their facility each year, and we are thankful to our community who step up and out to make the day brighter for someone with no hope!

Call Cara or Kim at (704) 289-4237 or email [opreachout5@gmail.com](mailto:opreachout5@gmail.com) to sign up or learn more!

*"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor." (Proverbs 22:9)*



**Cara Steele**  
**Executive Director**

## People Served in Sept:

- **40** people given food boxes (2,262 lbs of food)
- **8** people received 121 household items
- **27** people received free clothing
- **8** people received beds (Beds for Families Program)
- **4** people received furniture
- **20** people received utility help (totaling **\$2,495**)
- **2** people received gas vouchers
- **421** lunches served over 20 days
- **68** people took showers
- **22** people washed their clothes



*Tickets are available at our  
main office (1308 Miller St)  
or at Finders Keepers  
(800 Skyway Dr)*

**Saturday, November 9th**  
**7am-9pm**

**Shop for a cause at  
Belk's Charity Sale!**

Purchase your \$5 ticket from  
Operation Reach-Out,  
and receive a \$5 Belks coupon.

Shop Saturday, November 9th, and  
enjoy fantastic savings of up to 70% off  
rarely discounted brands!

*100% of the \$5 donation/ticket goes to  
support Operation Reach-Out!*

## Daily Bible Study/Lunch

Mon-Fri, 12:00-1:00pm

Operation Reach-Out, 1308 Miller Street in Monroe



Thank you to **Mineral Springs UMC** for serving at Operation Reach-Out recently! This year the mission project for their church VBS made soup packets which were donated to our pantry; Pastor Eric Lane served communion to our clients, followed by a delicious meal! Our clients were blessed!

## November Lunch Schedule

- 1 Blacks Memorial Presby
- 4 Union UMC
- 5 **Open**
- 6 Mineral Springs UMC
- 7 Buffalo Wild Wings
- 8 **Open**
- 11 Waxhaw UMC
- 12 **Open**
- 13 Walkersville Presbyterian
- 14 Mac's Fish & Chicken
- 15 First Baptist of Weddington
- 18 Bethlehem UMC
- 19 **Open**
- 20 Prospect UMC
- 21 Chick-fil-A
- 22 Lakeview Baptist
- 25 Mt Carmel UMC
- 26 **Open**
- 27 Roanoke Baptist
- 28 **Lord of the Harvest Community Thanksgiving Meal!**

Call our office at 704-289-4237 or email us at [opreachout1@gmail.com](mailto:opreachout1@gmail.com) if you'd like to fill one of our open dates. Thank you!

## Food Pantry & Food Bank

Monday-Friday, 9:00am-1:00pm ~ 1308 Miller St, Monroe



We were blessed to receive potatoes from the 4th annual Pineville Potato Drop!



rice  
pasta (any)  
dried beans  
peanut butter  
jelly  
instant potatoes  
grits  
oatmeal  
cereal

spaghetti & sauce  
soups  
canned veggies  
canned fruits  
mac-n-cheese  
canned meats  
(Vienna's, tuna, chicken)

Thank you to the trucker who sought us out last week to donate a load of salad!

Monroe's



## Giving Tag Program



Shop your local Monroe Bi-Lo's (1642 Dickerson Blvd) and purchase a reusable bag with a Giving Tag. With each purchase of the \$2.50 bag, \$1 will be given to Operation Reach-Out.

What a great way to support the environment, your community, AND a local charity!

*Thank you Hopewell Baptist Church for hosting mission Sunday! It was a joy to spend the morning with you!*



## **"Throw In The Towel"** Annual Linens Drive

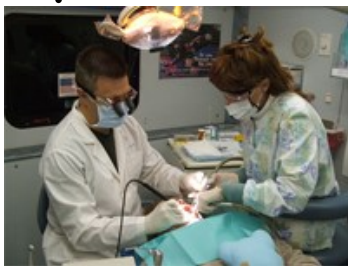
October has been our annual "Throw in the Towel" drive to collect new/gently-used linens. We need you to throw in the towel...as well as the washcloths, the blankets, the sheets—any kind of new or gently-used linen.

Operation Reach-Out supplies free bedding and towels to those who have been burned out or are moving into a home for the first time. Help us fill our closet with items you no longer need to help fill someone's closet that has nothing!

Items can be dropped off at our office at 1308 Miller St, M-F 9-3. Collect items at your church or civic group and we will pick them up! Call our office at 704.289.4237 if you have any questions!



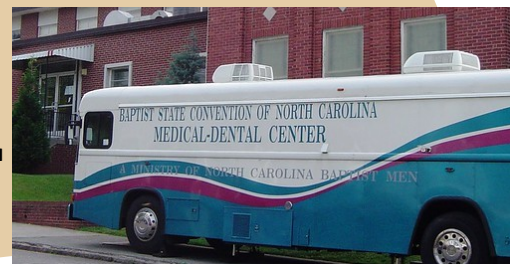
## **Dental Bus Coming in January!**



Operation Reach-Out will be hosting the NC Baptist Men's Association's mobile Dental Bus in January 2020 (Friday/Saturday, January 17 & 18). Free dental care will be offered to those in need in the community.

**We are looking for licensed dentists, dental assistants, hygienists, & office assistants willing to donate some of their time that weekend.**

Please call our executive director Cara Steele at 704-289-4237 or email her at [opreachout5@gmail.com](mailto:opreachout5@gmail.com) if you can help. Visit [www.baptistsonmission.org](http://www.baptistsonmission.org) for more information about the medical/dental bus.







## Blessed

*is the person who is kind to those in need." (Proverbs 14:23)*



Fall has finally arrived, and with it the promise of cooler temperatures and rain. While most of us would consider this a welcome change, that isn't necessarily the case for those making their homes in tent camp communities. Often the change in season finds them completely unprepared.



So while we are enjoying the seasonal changes, we are also being presented with new opportunities to provide basic necessities for the homeless and those with "no fixed address" in our community. Please take a moment to consider how you can help by partnering with us to provide for someone in need.

In addition to our list of ongoing needs, we are asking for specific donations of **3-person tents** (Walmart or Academy \$25), **sleeping bags** (Walmart or Academy \$9), **blankets or comforters**, **rain gear**, **winter jackets, hoodies, sweatshirts/pants, long sleeved T-shirts, thermal underwear, jeans, shoes/boots, socks** and **underwear**. As you are considering items to donate, please remember that new or gently used items are always acceptable.

Nobody can help everybody, but everybody can help somebody. We need your help as we strive to meet the physical needs of the homeless. If you feel led to partner with us in ministry by making a donation to Tent City Ministry, please bring your items to our office located at 1308 Miller Street, Monroe, M-F 9am-3pm, or contact us via email at [tentcityministry1@gmail.com](mailto:tentcityministry1@gmail.com). Our ongoing needs list is available by email as well. May God bless you as you prayerfully consider your part in helping those in need.

## Finders Keepers Thrift Store

800 Skyway Dr, Monroe  
Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm  
Saturday 9am-4pm / Closed Sunday-Monday



Age 55 or over  
25% off all clothing  
10% off everything else  
(except mattresses)



Fridays are **FABULOUS**  
at Finders Keepers!  
Always a sale!  
Always great savings!



**All proceeds from Finders Keepers  
support Operation Reach-Out**