

SERVE

The vision of SERVE is that “no person in our community will have to be homeless, no child will have to go to bed hungry, and no family will lose their dignity or let their dreams die because of poverty”.

SERVE, Inc. is a non-profit community organization serving Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park. They work with volunteers, donors and public/private partners to provide comprehensive programs and partnerships that will provide basic needs and promote economic independence for homeless and underprivileged individuals and families.

SERVE is one of the Mission Partners of Greenwich Presbyterian Church and financial contributions are designated for them through the Mission Committee budget and the congregation donates food, paper or cleaning supplies to them on a monthly basis. Barbara Thomas, a member of the Mission Committee, is the liaison with SERVE and she provides information to the congregation about the monthly needs of the organization and sees that the donations are delivered. A notice appears the first Sunday of the month in the bulletin noting the specific items needed for that month and the donations are to be brought to the church on the second Sunday. All food, paper and cleaning supplies are welcome at any time. A cart for collection of items for SERVE is often placed in front of the church or they may be taken to the kitchen in the fellowship hall.

Another partner with SERVE is the Feinstein Foundation and they match the financial contributions received from churches, organizations and individual donors, and they also give a determined financial donation based on the weight of the food that is received. Several grocery stores in the local area, including Giant and Safeway, contribute to SERVE by donating day old bread and other food.

There are several rooms maintained at the Manassas address of SERVE where families and individuals can receive shelter and food in emergency situations. Donations of specific items for shelter and transitional housing are often needed (on an as-needed basis) and it is requested that you contact SERVE at 703-368-2979 to see if the things you have to donate could be used. Serve also offers a program to help individuals who have been released from the Prince William –Manassas Regional Detention Center to transition into the community. A list of fundraisers benefiting Serve and other community service organizations is scheduled each year. There is always a need for volunteers for a wide variety of positions and, if interested, you may call Jan Hawkins at 703-367-6742.

SERVE is among nineteen Mission Partners of Greenwich Presbyterian Church. Donations may be made to the general mission fund and designated to an organization, ministry or mission project and all donations will be used as requested. All members of the church congregation are invited to participate in sharing our faith and love through the contribution of material items for the families and individuals that turn to SERVE in their time of need.

Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7