



Grace United Community Ministries

MISSION: To work hand in hand with families and individuals to address their basic physical, educational, and spiritual needs, empowering them to break the cycle of poverty and live a purposeful life.
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Spring 2021 Newsletter

Connecting with Families, Friends, and Supporters of GUCM

Summer Youth Programming

EDUCATION BEFORE RECREATION SUMMER PROGRAM

Grace United Community Ministries is currently making plans for the summer, to provide support and academic enrichment to the children and youth. The targeted students will be children currently attending our After-School Program.

The following are highlights:

- Program will occur June 15– July 31, 2021
- Projected student number will be 50-60 children– grades Kindergarten thru 6th
- The daily schedule will occur from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.
- Academic Focus will be placed on English Language Arts, Math, and Science
- Children will receive a nutritious breakfast, lunch & snacks
- Hybrid Tutoring some tutors will be virtual and others on-site following PPE

We cannot do what we do without your support!

Funding Support is still needed for the following:

Additional Staffing

Field Trips

Snacks

Increased Facility Usage

(i.e., building utilities, cleaning supplies, and waste management).

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Letter from the Director



Dear GUCM Friends & Supporters,

Greetings! This season marks a year milestone for the COVID-19 Pandemic. Our world, nation, and communities have been affected and so many of you have been true supporters of our beloved organization. So many businesses and organizations have been unable to sustain during this time, but we have been blessed and very fortunate to continue to provide essential support to children, teens, individuals, and families during this time.

Grace United Community Ministries is proud to be a trusted frontline community partner working to impact the lives of people through our programming! I owe a great debt of gratitude to our Community Partners, Staff, and Board of Directors for their dedication, commitment and encouragement throughout this season.

Our organization has received tremendous support this past year to continue our work and programming as an early childhood center, after-school enrichment center (Grades 1-6), food pantry/clothing closet, community garden and resource agent. Throughout the pandemic, we have continued to distribute hundreds of adult and child sized masks, water, hygiene kits, meals, clothing, shoes, and toys during the holidays.

Donor support is significant to our organization and just in the past year we have had two major projects, the reconstruction of the driveway to our campus and we are currently involved in a full renovation of the Food Pantry/Clothing Closet which will provide additional quality services to a globally diverse, culturally rich, but economically fragile community we serve.

As we enter another major season of programming, please consider supporting our organization with your funds! Thank you for your support and investing in the lives of families and youth, our future... donors are a vital part of our work, and we cannot do all that we do, without your support.

Continued Blessings,

Jesse Barnes

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Executive Director



**Grace United
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Food Pantry Grand Opening

***Saturday,
June 5, 2021***

1:00-3:00 p.m.

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**Special Guests, Live Music &
Refreshments**

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