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Lord's Place Ramps Up Meal Program to Help Supplement SNAP Uncertainty, with \$15K Support from GL Homes

[The Lord's Place](#) (TLP), with the financial support of [GL Homes](#), is ramping up its outreach to the food insecure in response to SNAP funding uncertainty. With \$15,000 in support from GL Homes, The Lord's Place is increasing the number of meals served on a daily basis in its [Café Joshua](#) and rolling out an additional 450 meals each week through its [Meal Mobile](#).

70% of all TLP clients are SNAP recipients. 90% of clients who reside at the agency's family campus, known as the [Jack & Evelyn Alexander Place](#), receive SNAP benefits.

Anna and her three sons, between the ages of 11 and 15, found The Lord's Place just over a year ago after her husband unexpectedly died and she lost everything. Anna currently attends Palm Beach State College and is working hard to fulfill her dream to become a criminal justice crime scene technician while also caring for her three growing boys. The four of them live in an apartment at the family campus. The \$995/month she was receiving in SNAP benefits gave her peace of mind that she could feed her children, but "now I have to worry about my kids coming to me saying, 'I am hungry.' Without a car, how am I supposed to get to these food banks and ensure my kids get fed."

The men, women, and children who receive services from TLP are already hurting as they work on their journey out of homelessness. The loss of SNAP benefits is squeezing these individuals even more.

In the last two weeks, the main campus on Australian Avenue in West Palm Beach has seen a 30% increase in clients showing up to Café Joshua for a hot meal. Although the numbers of people experiencing homelessness and looking for help from TLP have been on the rise this year, the average number of meals served each day was steady around 125. The agency is now serving closer to 165 meals a day.

According to CEO Christine Frederick, "As soon as we found out that SNAP benefits were being cut or delayed, we immediately put our wheels in motion to better serve our clients. We have increased the amount of food we are preparing in Café Joshua and launched a meal delivery

program to the residents of our housing campuses this week. Thanks to the financial support of GL Homes, we are helping ensure that our adult clients and their children continue to have healthy food options. We must first and foremost meet our clients' essential need for food, so they then have the capacity to work on addressing their other needs to ultimately end their homelessness."

Café Joshua serves hot meals, homemade daily by The Lord's Place kitchen staff and apprentices, Monday - Friday in a restaurant-style setting from 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m. and from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The program is open to families and individuals in the community who are homeless or at-risk; however, clients must enroll in the program. With the additional funding from GL Homes, more meals are now being prepared and packaged for the agency's [Operation Home Ready](#) (OHR) team to deliver to their disabled and home-bound clients, as well as those TLP staff members who are also SNAP recipients.

The Meal Mobile, operated by The Lord's Place and fully funded by GL Homes, is a comprehensive service delivery bus for those experiencing homelessness. Since officially starting the bus' engine in September 2023, The Lord's Place uses the transformative vehicle to deliver meals and drive its wrap-around services directly to the most vulnerable individuals living on the streets—connecting hundreds of more individuals to services and community resources. The Meal Mobile currently travels to Belle Glade every Friday and to Riviera Beach once a month. In response to the SNAP cuts, the Meal Mobile is now delivering an additional 150 meals, three days a week until further notice, to TLP's various housing campuses throughout Palm Beach County.

"Since the Meal Mobile's inception, we envisioned using it for disaster relief and additional outreach to feed the food insecure. So, it's our natural response to increase our role to help feed our neighbors as they face increased hardship. We must get food to the people who need it the most." stated Sarah Alsofrom, GL Homes VP of community relations.

In response to the Meal Mobile delivering meals to the family campus, Anna is grateful. "It just shows there's support out there. There are people that care. It is less stressful to know that if I run too low on the food from last month, that there's going to be food to rely on."

For more information on The Lord's Place and how it is supporting the most vulnerable individuals living in Palm Beach County, visit thelordsplace.org.

About The Lord's Place

For 45 years, The Lord's Place, a non-sectarian agency, has been working to break the cycle of homelessness for men, women, and children in Palm Beach County, FL, through innovative, compassionate and effective services. The Fortin Family Campus in West Palm Beach provides training and support services including: the operation of Café Joshua; job training and placement services; clinical and care coordination; community engagement services; and a reentry program helping men and women transitioning from incarceration. The agency also owns or rents 15 supportive and graduate housing locations, as well as 82 scattered site apartments, to help house about 300 individuals every night. For more information, visit thelordsplace.org.



Photo IDs:

[001](#): The Lord's Place CEO Christine Frederick, GL Homes President Misha Exratti, and GL Homes VP of Community Relations Sarah Alsofrom. Photo taken with The Lord's Place and GL Homes Meal Mobile. *(Photo credit: Tracey Benson Photography)*

[002](#): The Lord's Place and GL Homes Meal Mobile in Belle Glade serving meals and providing social services to people experiencing homelessness. *(Photo credit: Downtown Photo)*

MEDIA AND INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY:

Wednesday, November 12*

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

2808 North Australian Avenue

West Palm Beach

Visuals:

Café Joshua staff and apprentices prepping food, packaging food, and loading it onto the Meal Mobile to then be delivered to the family campus.

Interviews:

- **The Lord's Place representative**, to speak to the 70% of clients who receive SNAP benefits and how a local nonprofit is stepping up to respond to those who are already hurting and being squeezed even more.
- **Sarah Alsofrom**, GL Homes Vice President of Community Relations, to speak to the importance of community partners providing the financial support to get food to where it needs to get to during this unprecedented time
- **Anna**, resident of the family campus. Anna is a mother of three boys between the ages 11-15. The death of her husband was one of the factors that brought her to TLP. Anna and her boys were receiving \$975/month in SNAP benefits. She can speak to how the additional meals from the Meal Mobile are helping her family during the freeze of benefits.

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