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# Operation Reach Out

*"...As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me." (Matt 25:40)*

A Christian organization in Union County, NC, helping meet people's physical and spiritual needs.

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## Saying Goodbye

*"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you: He will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deuteronomy 31:8)*



Transition can be scary; it can be confusing. But as Moses passed the baton on to Joshua, he reminded him that the LORD himself goes before him and will be with him, that the LORD will never leave him or forsake him. We too, can trust in the LORD as we go through our transition at Operation Reach Out.

Over the past year and a half, I have seen the LORD do remarkable things. I have seen staff & clients grow spiritually; I have seen our Food Pantry be completely filled; I have seen needs met when it seemed impossible.

However, the LORD has called me to move on and to focus primarily on my family and on preaching. I have two young daughters who are growing up way too fast, and I want to spend as much time with them as possible. I also know God has called me to preach His Word with passion.

So, while I must say good bye to Operation Reach Out as the director, I know the LORD goes before me and will be with me. I am planning to stay involved with Operation Reach Out as a volunteer, as a Lay Pastor, and as part of the Ministry Family.

Thank you for all of your support and encouragement! I pray we will see each other soon as we continue to "Reach Out" to those in need!

Sharon McFadden

## Finders Keepers

800 Skyway Drive in Monroe, across from the Farmer's Market.  
Hours: Tues-Fri 10 am-5 pm ~ Sat 9 am-4 pm ~ Sun-Mon CLOSED

### We appreciate our donors!!

As always, **THANK YOU SO MUCH** to those who have donated clean, gently-used, unbroken, organized items!

We are sorry that we cannot accept used mattresses & box springs, TV's, or electronics of any type.

**Please do not drop off after store hours.**

Stop by the store and say hello to our newest staff: **Ms. Norma & Ms. Susie.** They join **Ms. Pennie** in helping serve the community. We wish **Ms. Claire** all the best as she moves on to new adventures! We will miss her!



### ALWAYS NEEDED...

- Gently-used, clean furniture
- Kids shoes
- Pots & pans (with lids preferably)
- Kids denim jeans (sizes toddler to youth 16)
- Sheets, blankets, comforters—queen & king
- **MORE VOLUNTEERS THIS SUMMER**

## Reaching Out

This past month, ORO...

- Provided food to 75 families (79 adults, 62 children, & 89 seniors)
- Gave out 17 emergency food boxes.
- Served 702 lunches at our daily Bible study/lunch program.
- Provided 11 families with power assistance.
- Gave fuel assistance to 8 people.
- Helped 1 person with medication.

### SAVE THE DATE!



Operation Reach Out's 8th annual food-tasting event is

**Saturday, October 1, 2016**  
**5:00-8:00 P.M.**

Union County Agricultural Center  
3230 Presson Road (Monroe)

Support the ministries of Operation Reach Out and enjoy food samples from local restaurants, bid on a huge variety of silent auction items, participate in a 50/50 raffle, and dance to the sounds of DJ Smoke.

**Tickets go on sale August 15!**



Watch our website for more information: [www.opreachout.org](http://www.opreachout.org).

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