

WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

GEORGETOWN MINISTRY CENTER

Program Coordinator, Delores Jackson, interacting with a guest during GMC Extends.



OUTREACH UPDATES:

What is new at GMC?

GMC's Extends and Street Outreach programs continue to broaden our reach of service. While our Drop-In Center continues to offer shower, laundry, mail, and meal services through physical distancing, GMC's Outreach Team, led by Gabi Peete, goes out into the community to meet people where they are. GMC Extends, led by Sabrina Burrell, serves dozens of guest every Monday through Friday evening, providing them with hot meals and warming kits to help fight the cold weather. Our new partnership with City Lights Church helps guests receive photo ID's, birthday certificates, and other vital documents. This documents are vital when applying for government assistance, jobs, and housing.



Gabi Peete at Extends, serving a delicious dinner sponsored by Kristin Rae Cecchi!

- City Lights Church partners with GMC to help sponsor our Vital Documents Initiative to help our guests obtain photo ID's, birth certificates, and other vital documents.
- Street Outreach Coordinator Gabi Peete is working with Ronald Garrett, from the Archdiocese of Washington Reentry Program, to help GMC guests find employment.
- GMC Guest interviewed with the Georgetown BID for a job.
- Three GMC Guests recently received photo ID's through GMC's Vital Documents Initiative.

Thank YOU for your continued support!

- On January 27, members of GMC's staff, Board, and member congregations participated in the annual **Point-In-Time (PIT) Count** by going out into the community and surveying our homeless neighbors.
- Our neighbors at the **Royal Thai Embassy** made a visit to GMC in December, and donated delicious treats and food for our guests.
- Rosewood Hotel's** winter holiday drive collected winter clothes, personal hygiene products, and non-perishable food items for GMC.
- GMC Extends, led by Sabrina Burrell, continues to serve our guests warm dinner every Monday-Friday and provides warming kits and winter clothes.
- GMC's consulting psychiatrist, **Dr. John Fatollahi**, treats guests weekly. He divides his time between connecting with guests at the Drop-In Center, and by going out into the community as a part of Street Outreach.



Executive Director, Kelly Andreae, with dignitaries from the Royal Thai Embassy.



Board President, Ron Castaldi, outside of GMC's Drop-In Center during the PIT Count!

- COVID-19 continues to bring many obstacles, but the dedication of our staff, partners, and donors make every "pivot" all the easier. If you would like to **sponsor a meal** for GMC Extends, you can click the [link here](#) to sign up! You can order from one of your favorite neighborhood restaurants, or get the family together and make a home cooked meal.

GMC wants to recognize and thank everyone who sponsored meals this winter!



Executive Director, Kelly Andreae, accepting donations from Rosewood Hotel's holiday drive.

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