

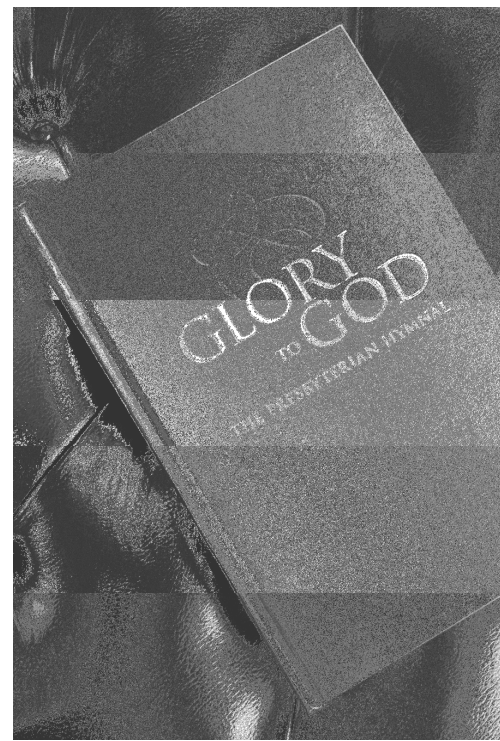


**Northwood Presbyterian Church**  
 2875 State Road 580  
 Clearwater, FL 33761  
 A Stephen Ministry Congregation

**DO NOT DELAY  
 TIME VALUE DATA  
 EXPEDITE!!!**

NON-PROFIT  
 ORG  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
 PAID  
 PERMIT NO. 8088  
 TAMPA FL

Sent with Prayer to...

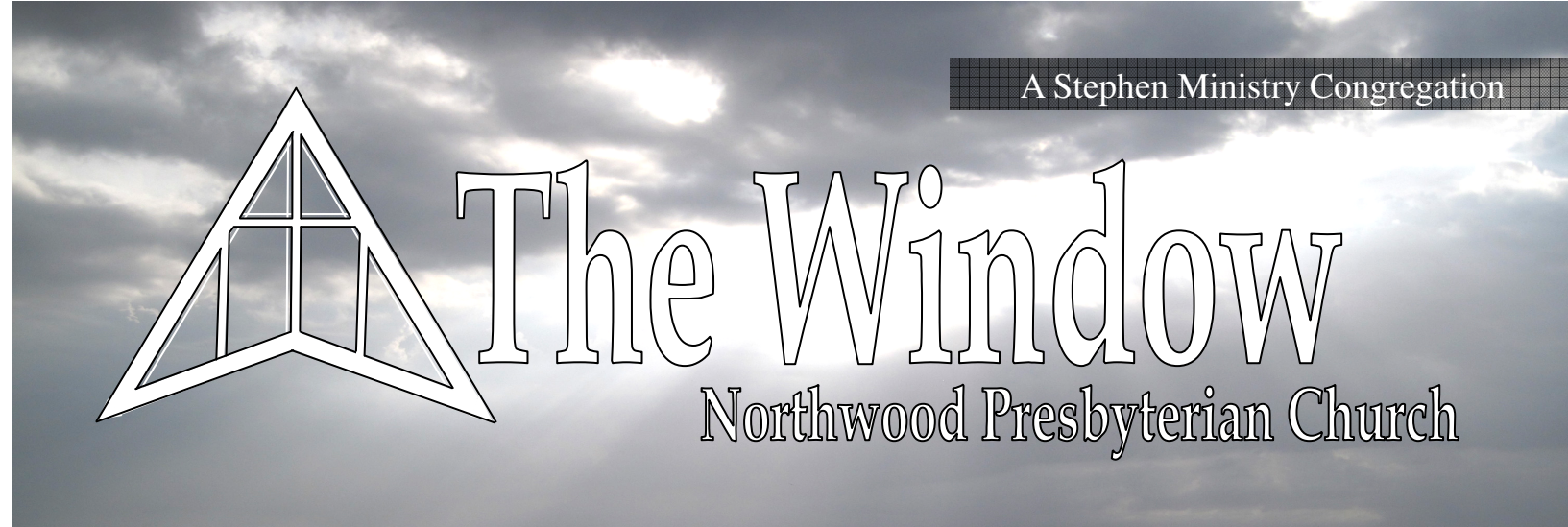


## HYMN FESTIVAL

Sunday, February 9, 2014  
 4:00 p.m.

Celebrating the new Presbyterian Hymnal,  
 "Glory to God"

Come and sing many of your beloved  
 hymns with Choirs, Instruments, Bells,  
 Organ and Piano!



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

# The Window

Northwood Presbyterian Church

January 21, 2014  
 Volume 24, No. 1

2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761  
 727-796-8090 Main Office ~ 727-723-7679 Preschool, Before & After Care  
 www.northwoodpc.org

### Garage Sale Update

WOW! Another garage sale miracle took place last weekend raising almost \$9,000 (after expenses) for the Music Ministry and our church.

It would not have been possible without your help. We want to say a special thank you to all those who headed up the departments and spent countless hours sorting, pricing and then selling the donated items. Seventy-two people volunteered a number of hours, making the garage sale a huge success. Many thanks to all of you who donated items so that we could raise this amount of money. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We will be good stewards of God's blessings.

Start saving items now for next year's event!

Thank you!  
 Stephanie Carson  
 Susan Curry  
 Carol Rathmell

### Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon Sunday, January 26th @ Noon

At the Annual Meeting we will hear reports from the Session, the Deacons and their Ministry Teams. We will be electing new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings its nominations, and consider changes in the pastors' terms of call. We will also elect members to the Nominating Committee and the Memorial Garden Board.

#### Elders

**(Class of 2016)**  
 Cindy Huffman  
 Sam Musgrave  
 Bailey Shields  
 Rich Spoenlien  
 Dawn Winder

#### Deacons

**(Class of 2016)**  
 Linda Diamond  
 Sue Miskiewicz  
 Linda O'Leary  
 Carol Rathmell  
 Nancy Turner

#### Nominating Committee

Gene Baker  
 Barbara Englehart  
 Peter Gajentan

#### Memorial Garden Committee

Janet George  
 Nancy Johnson  
 Tammy Shierling

**A Covered Dish Luncheon follows:** Please bring a covered dish to share and join us for an afternoon of food and fellowship!

#### **Bring the following:**

**A-F—Dessert**      **G-K—Salad**  
**L-Q—Side Dish**    **R-Z—Entree**

Garage  
**SALE!**  
 Update!

# At A Glance

January 21, 2014

## This Month at Northwood

### Sunday, January 26th:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service  
12:00 P.M. Congregational Meeting & Lunch

### Sunday, February 2nd:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

### Saturday, February 7th-Sunday February 9th:

Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk

### Sunday, February 9th:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service  
4:00 P.M. Hymn Festival

### Sunday, February 16th:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

### Sunday, February 23rd:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

### Wednesday, February 26th:

W.A.Y. Mardi Gras Dinner

Annual Congregational Meeting	1
Garage Sale Update	1
At A Glance	2
From the Pastor's Desk	3
Christian Education	4
Youth Ministry	5
Children's Ministry	5
Around Northwood	6
Vitals	7
Hymn Festival	8

## The Window

Published monthly by Northwood Presbyterian Church  
Edited by Katie Pacana

### Submissions:

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail [katie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:katie@northwoodpc.org), or place it in Katie Pacana's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

### E-News:

If you are interested in receiving the bi-weekly Monitor via our e-news system, please send an email with your name and request to [katie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:katie@northwoodpc.org).

# From the PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

## The Annual Miracle Revisited

As many of you know each year I refer to our January church-wide garage sale as "the annual miracle." I say this because it is miraculous to me how so many people work together in this cause year after year to accomplish what it does. It is a modern miracle to see how so many un-needed items are transformed into treasure for our music ministry! This year our Deacons also contributed by providing nourishment to the many shoppers who not only shopped the sale but got to know us for hopefully further involvement with the church. The annual garage sale is only one of the many ministries here that illustrates how much can be accomplished in Christ's name when we work together.

All this reminds me that every January is a time to reflect upon what we should keep and what we should part with in life as people of faith. There are times when it's good to hang on to stuff, and times when it is right and better to "let go" of things.

How often counselors wish that they could convince clients to dump old regrets in the ocean of God's acceptance. There are some people who dwell on the lack of love they received at some point in life or carry anger over many years because the past cannot be undone. Remember, then, not to hold on to the sins of the past. If you do, they will try to destroy your happiness. Turn them over to God who promises to remember our sins – no more! So the garage sale, this annual miracle, can serve as a reminder at the beginning of each year for us to not only get rid of our stuff for the sale, but to throw our regrets away and hold on to the graciousness of God.

The garage sale also reminds me that it is time to give up time wasters and hold on tight to the powerful present. Time is so very precious and yet so many of us spend too many hours watching television or football (and yes I will watch the Super Bowl on February 2<sup>nd</sup>). We all do this at times. But when things are postponed and a golden opportunity is missed because of wasting time, then we may be living like the folks who talk about "killing time" or "marking time." Let's try not to live like that.

Perhaps someone reading this will think about finishing a degree, writing a book they always wanted to write, teaching a class, painting a picture, joining the photography club or the church choir, starting an active prayer life, working out physically, tithing your income or taking some chance for God. The point being... don't waste time. "This is the day the Lord has made!"

A man by the name of Dr. Hartsell Wilson wrote wisely, "This is the beginning of a new day. God has given me this day to use, as I will. I can waste it or use it for good, but what I do today is important, because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for it. I want it to be a gain and not a loss; good and not evil; success and not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price I have paid for it."

Our church wide garage sale each January is a great time to remember to ask what we should discard and what we might hold on to. I encourage you to throw away old regrets and hold on tight to God's forgiveness; toss out anxieties about your future, hang on to your dreams; get rid of time wasting and throw your life around precious present moments of life.

Do you know what you will get if you do these things? You will get a life. A life transformed by the power of God's love is a life well worth living. And this can be not just an annual miracle but a miracle each and every day!

Your pastor and friend,  
Chris



# Christian Education

Susan Curry, Christian Education Team Chair

## Thursday Morning Prayer Group

Thursday morning prayer group begins at 10 a.m. in the church parlor. New participants are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Holloway at 937-3640.

## Fresh Brewed Woman's Bible Study

Fresh Brewed will be studying Chapters 7 & 8 for our Feb. 7th meeting at 10:30am. Please join us. We also have planned a Cupcake Tea with sandwiches after our meeting. Contact: Sally Uhler, 796-7563, Barbara Englehart, 791-4648, or Sandy Seckel, 787-1667

## Women's Retreat

Last chance for the 2014 Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk on Feb. 7-9! Join us in fellowship and fun. We promise this will be "A Journey Worth Taking" and a weekend you will not want to miss! Registration ends today, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>. Info and forms on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.



## EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

### 8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

### 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3

1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd Grades

Room 16

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades

Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

### 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

### 9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

As we continue to move through the book of John, we see more and more examples of how those who should recognize the Savior compare Him to the devil. Study John with us and see our gentle Savior - our Shepherd who guides us today. Led by Bob Meier.

#### TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

The TCI Class discusses current topics and issues. Classes are led by a group of rotating teachers and are filled with great discussion. We invite you to join us. The class meets at 9:30 in Rooms 9 & 11.

### 11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### EXPERIENCING GOD - Rooms 13 & 15

"Christian." Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you'll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history. Led by Vicki Krueger.



# Youth & Young Adults

Ken Andreassen, Team Chair ~ Gene Weitz, Elder  
Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults

## Upcoming Events

- **Youth Group Sunday, January 26:**  
4:15-5pm Middle School  
5-6pm Combined Middle & High School  
6-6:45pm High School
- **Friday, January 31:** Game Night 7-10pm
- **Youth Group Sunday, February 2:**  
4:15-5pm Middle School  
5-6pm Combined Middle & High School  
6-6:45pm High School
- **Friday, February 7-Sunday, February 9:** ALL YOUTH RETREAT
- **Friday, February 14:** Game Night 7-10pm
- **Youth Group Sunday, February 16:**  
4:15-5pm Middle School  
5-6pm Combined Middle & High School  
6-6:45pm High School
- **Friday, February 21:** Game Night 7-10pm
- **Youth Group Sunday, February 23:**  
4:15-5pm Middle School  
5-6pm Combined Middle & High School  
6-6:45pm High School

**Sunday School:** Every Sunday at 9:30am and 11:00am in the Youth Room. Join us before or after the service you worship!

## Confirmation Schedule

Sunday, 1/26 @ 9:30 A.M., Rm. 18-class  
Sunday, 2/2 @ 9:30 A.M., Rm. 18-class  
Sunday, 2/9- no class  
Sunday, 2/16 @ 9:30 A.M., Rm. 18-class  
Sunday, 2/23 @ 9:30 A.M., Rm. 18-class  
Monday, 2/24 @ 7:00 P.M., Rm. 5-Session Meeting  
Sunday, 3/2 @ 9:30 A.M., Rm. 18-class  
Friday, 3/7- Sunday, March 9, Retreat  
Sunday, 3/16 @ 9:30 A.M., Rm. 18-class  
Sunday, 3/23 & 30 NO CLASS  
Sunday, 4/6 @ 9:30A.M., Rm. 18-class  
Saturday, 4/12 @ 9:00 A.M.-Confirmation Breakfast  
Sunday, 4/20 @ preferred service-Introduction into Membership

Troy Harris, Interim Director  
of Youth & Young Adults  
troyharris1962@yahoo.com, 366-7762



# Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

## King's Kids

King's Kids is back in session Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm.

## Worship Preparation Class For Children

This year the Children's Ministry team will conduct a special Worship Preparation Class for two weeks in February. Children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade (or 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades who have not already attended) are invited to this class. Worship Preparation Class is designed to help children feel more at home in the worship service. God created us to be in community with each other and worship is the place we unite together in praise and prayer and hear the word proclaimed. We need to encourage our children that worship is for them as well as adults. We can do this by teaching them the different parts of the worship service and its significance. We want our children to take an active role in our worship and this class gives them the information and confidence they need to fully participate. The class schedule is as follows:

- Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11:00 A.M., rooms 4-6
- Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, recognized & presented to congregation

On Sunday, February 9, from 9:30-10:30 am in room 10, we will hold a parent's class to help you understand what will be covered in the classes and answer any questions you may have.

On the Sunday they are recognized in their worship service, they will receive an Adventure Bible, which is the New International Early Reader's Version (ages 6 through 9). The Adventure Bible is colorful and offers many pictures and explanations to help children understand the Scriptures. If a child already has this Bible, we can either give them an older version of this Bible, the Adventure Bible Devotional Book, or some other age appropriate devotional book.

If you would like your child to attend this class, please RSVP to Justine Ruisz (childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) and choose which Bible or devotional book you prefer your child to receive:

1. Adventure Bible Early Reader Version (ages 6-9)
2. Adventure Bible (ages 9-12)
3. Adventure Bible Devotional Book
4. Another age-appropriate devotional book

## VBS

VBS is going to be the week of June 23-27. Mark your calendars and plan to be part of our WOW week. You won't want to miss it!

Justine Ruisz, childrensministry@northwoodpc.org, 796-8090

# Around Northwood

## ARE YOU IN NEED OF AN EASY JOB?

We have a free and easy job for everyone who comes to Northwood. When you drink a can of soda or open a can of soup, or anything else that has a tab opening, please pull off the tab! Collect all the tabs you can and bring them to Northwood. There's a basket on the shelves by the south double doors where you can deposit them. Esther-Elizabeth Circle of PW collects all the tabs and delivers them to the Shriners in Tampa.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health system of 22 hospitals dedicated to providing specialized quality care to children up to the age of 18 with orthopedic conditions, spinal cord injuries, burns, cleft lips and palates, etc., regardless of the family's ability to pay. The Shriners use the money from the pop tabs to buy wheelchairs, other equipment, toys, books and craft supplies for the children.

It takes 1,400 tabs to make a pound! One time last year over 10 pounds were delivered from Northwood! Since 2002, Shriners Hospital for Children-Tampa has collected over 120,000 pounds, which is equivalent to over \$106, 500.00.

Please help us help the children! It only takes a minute to pull a tab and the children benefit far longer than it takes to pull tabs.

Please accept this job and thanks for your efforts.

## Kid's Corner News

It is with great pleasure I announce that Kid's Corner is the grateful recipient of a new classroom. We will be able to have a five day three-year-old program now, which has been requested for so many years. To that end I am looking for a Certified Teacher and a Classroom Assistant. The hours for the teacher are 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., with the occasional event and/or training which you are paid for. I am looking for someone with a B.A. degree in either Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education. Any degree in Education can be a possibility but additional classes would be necessary to learn how to adjust to working with younger children. The Classroom Assistant would need to be at least 21, with a high school diploma. Classes would need to be taken to meet the requirements for Pinellas County License Board. The Classroom Assistant's hours would be 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 or 1 P.M., depending on our needs, with the occasional event and/or training as well. Please contact Vicki Conolly at 727-723-7679 or at [vickic@northwoodpc.org](mailto:vickic@northwoodpc.org).

It's registration time again. In-House (currently enrolled, siblings of currently enrolled and church members) are eligible to register the week of February 4-8. Public Registration will begin the week of February 10-14. Currently enrolled students will have their registration forms sent home. If you have any questions contact Vicki Conolly at [vickic@northwoodpc.org](mailto:vickic@northwoodpc.org) or 727-723-7679.

## A Note from the Facilities Manager

With the holiday hustle and bustle behind us, I wanted to write and introduce myself. My name is Jeff Mossolle (pronounced Moe-zell) and I have taken over the job of Facilities Manager at Northwood. I have met many of you and want to say thank you for the warm welcome that you have extended to me. My background and degrees are in Landscape Architecture and I have spent most of the last 35 years self-employed and involved in most of the construction trades. I am a single parent and I have three sons ages 31, 29 and 24. I am very actively involved in the Worship Arts Ministry and the Innovative Arts Ministry at my home church, Calvary Chapel Worship Center in New Port Richey. I consider myself blessed because now I have two church families. With regard to the facility, my approach is to be proactive and not reactive. Much has been accomplished, but there are always projects in need of attention. Thanks again for the warm reception and I look forward to meeting and/or working with each of you in the very near future.

God bless,  
Jeff

# NPC VITALS

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Babs Avery; Larry Cornillaud; Doris Croasmun; Jean Dayes; Dorothy Dykstra; Barb Finn; Hugh Gott; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Barbara Hunt; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Bea Kimball; Diane Luke; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Bert McCormick; Annie McElveen; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Pamela Peters; Norman Phillips; Marian & Walter Rather; Barbara Smith; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot; Alice Wilson.

Please keep the following who are serving in the military in your prayers. Addresses have been included should you wish to send cards of support.

Capt. Daniel Doverspike  
2044 Pratt Court  
Evanston, Illinois 60201-3116

### Our prayers and sympathy go out to:

- The family of Nancy Phillips on the news of her death on January 3, 2014.
- Kim Peterson and Family on the news of the death of Kim's father, Dr. John I. Parsons, on January 4, 2014.
- Will Parker and Family on the news of the death of Will's mother, Rosalie "Lee" Coe Seely-Brown Parker, on January 8, 2014.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

**In Memory of:**  
Elmer Jensen  
Edna Bechtold  
Diana Murray  
Pat Thygerson  
William Kopp

**Given by:**  
Bill & Loisanne Bilka  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Anonymous  
Barbara Schlerf

**In Honor of:**  
Paul Means  
Chris Curvin  
Northwood Staff

**Given by:**  
Jean Swintek  
Jean Swintek  
Jean Swintek

## VITALS

**Weather:** Fair & Cool  
**Sunday, January 12, 2014**  
(8:15) 150  
(9:30) 143  
(11:00) 159  
Total: 452

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

## THANK YOU'S FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### Foundation for International Missions

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful contributions to the Foundation for International Missions in the amount of \$485.00. With support like yours, the clinic is able to charge a nominal fee, if the patient can afford anything. Your gift will make a huge difference in the lives of so many.

Sincerely,  
Beth A. Houghton  
Treasurer

### RCS

Dear Northwood,

Thank you for your thoughtful donation of \$424.05. Your commitment to helping feed hungry people here in Pinellas County is deeply appreciated. We could not help so many people without donors like you!

Sincerely,  
Drina Meyer  
Chair, Board of Directors

### Women on the Way

Dear Northwood,

Thank you very much for your gracious donation of \$360.00 through your Alternative Gift program. We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your generosity with regard to Women on the Way students, who will unquestionably benefit from your kindness.

Sincerely,  
Shirley A. Crumbley, M.A.  
Coordinator

### Thornwell

Dear Brothers & Sisters:

Your generous gift of \$250.00 makes Thornwell's life-changing ministries possible. Thank you for doing the "work of Christmas" - finding the lost, healing the broken, feeding the hungry and bringing peace among people.

Sincerely,  
Grace and Peace,  
Louis Cooper  
VP for Mission Advancement

### Clearwater Free Clinic

Dear Members of Northwood:

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$250.00. Because of your kindness, more families will have access to critical health care. You have made a difference in their lives.

Sincerely,  
Jeannie Shapiro  
Executive Director

### RCS

Dear Northwood,

Thank you for your thoughtful donation of \$550.00. As a result of the amazing support of donors like you, RCS is able to distribute food to over 5,000 people monthly. Of those, over half are children. On behalf of RCS staff, Board members, volunteers and those we serve, thank you!

Sincerely,  
Caitlin Higgins Joy  
President/CEO

### For Haiti With Love

Thank you to our friends at Northwood!

We so appreciate you entrusting us with your support of Haiti.

Merry Christmas,  
Eva L.