

Tricounty Family Ministries – Reverend Kara Stewart



Ministry Focus:

Tricounty Family Ministries is a non-profit, ecumenical ministry working to create upward mobility in North Charleston, where residents can find emergency assistance, affordable housing, education, mentoring, medical and mental health support, legal services, and spiritual nourishment.

Strategies for Sharing the Gospel in this Ministry:

Church Strengthening; Community Development; Discipleship; Evangelism; Humanitarian Aid; and Leadership Development.

TFM provides tangible evidence of God’s love in Jesus through our gifts of food, clothing, medical care, and other vital services. When church members volunteer with us, their faith is strengthened as they act out God’s generosity. They return to their home congregations and their neighborhoods to share how they have seen Jesus in the eyes of our clients, whom they were able to help. Our assistance strengthens families in the community and empowers neighbors to help one another, thus building up the kingdom of God. TFM provides training in job skills to our clients, which includes leadership development, and provides this essential training to our staff, many of whom are former clients and are now self-sustaining.

Financial Needs:

- \$100,000 lead gift for renovation of existing structure into efficiency apartments.
- \$6,000 support for 2 families’ past-due rent due to Covid unemployment.
- \$300 prevent one family from having their power cut off, keeping kids in school

Total amount needed to sustain this Ministry: \$650,000 USD per year.

Prayer Needs:

1. Our neighbors in need, that they might feel the love of Christ through the generosity and compassion of our staff and volunteers who provide needed services.
2. Our Staff, who have given tirelessly of themselves through the pandemic, making sure that we could continue to serve meals safely and support our neighbors in need.
3. Renovation project for efficiency apartments, that funding would be provided
4. Second Saturday food distribution event, that more volunteers would be able to safely share their time and talents and show the love of God

Short-term Mission Opportunities: Yes No

- Volunteer in small groups on Tuesdays and Thursdays, bagging groceries and packaging meals in to-go containers, 10am – 12pm or 12pm – 2pm
- Volunteer with a larger group on Wednesdays, helping distribute meals, groceries, and hygiene bags to our neighbors in need, 9:15am – 12:30pm
- Donate food or hygiene items.
- Volunteer in your area of expertise: law, medicine, therapy, engineering, computers, etc.

Possible projects include a canned food drive in your neighborhood or with your small group; skilled craftspeople helping work on our efficiency apartment renovation project; writing notes of encouragement to our neighbors to be included in the grocery bags we distribute; assembling women’s hygiene items in gently used purses for our Purse Project