

In the last 2 years, God has provided for Grace Like Rain and our families in ways that only He can. In January of this year we moved into our new offices at First Refuge Ministries in Denton. Since then GLR has experienced tremendous growth in many areas.

We now have 5 paid staff members who have helped take GLR to the next level. Our office is manned 5 days a week and our application process has been fine tuned and become much more relational because of this change. Our clothing closet has been organized and is now open 2 days a week to not only our families but to the public. Our marketing director and grant writer are working diligently to take our fund and awareness raising to the next level. The newly hired Housing Coordinator is already building relationships with landlords in the area and assisting more families in finding safe and stable housing within the area.

Along with our paid staff, myself and several other volunteers give over 20 hours a week of their time to seeing the GLR family grow. Our coaches, case managers, childcare and host families continue to grow and develop.

Having a location in Denton has opened doors to stronger partnerships with other non profits and agencies within the Denton County area. It has truly been amazing watching everyone come together to love and serve families that are facing hard times.

We have been meeting monthly with our Community Village Coalition team to continue to develop and plan for the future vision of our Love First Community. God has been

leading the way on this project and has put together an amazing team of leaders in Denton county. Be watching for more information on this project soon.

So here's the nitty gritty: WE NEED YOU

Our monthly expenses are running, on average, around \$14,000 a month. This includes partial Rental Assistance for over 24 families, childcare for 5 families, transportation support for several families, along with other miscellaneous needs. This also includes other administration costs and payroll to keep everything running efficiently.

Current Giving is:

\$3,800 - committed monthly giving through individuals

\$1,100 - monthly church support

GLR needs to raise our committed monthly giving to \$14,000, increasing committed monthly giving by \$9,100.

We need 91 new people giving \$100 a month or 180 new people giving \$50 a month.

Together with your support and God's provision GLR is making a difference in families lives. I am asking that you prayerfully consider becoming a <u>committed monthly giver</u> with Grace Like Rain and if you are already a monthly contributor, please consider increasing your gift.

I am also asking if you can help build our family by sharing this request with your friends and family. People you may have already mentioned Grace Like Rain to....simply share this email or our FB page, and ask them to consider joining our Grace Like Rain family as a committed monthly giver.

Thank you so much for your continued support, prayers and time with Grace Like Rain. You are making a difference for many families that might be experiencing the unconditional love of our heavenly Father for the first time.

In His Love,

Michelle Conner

Executive Director and Founder