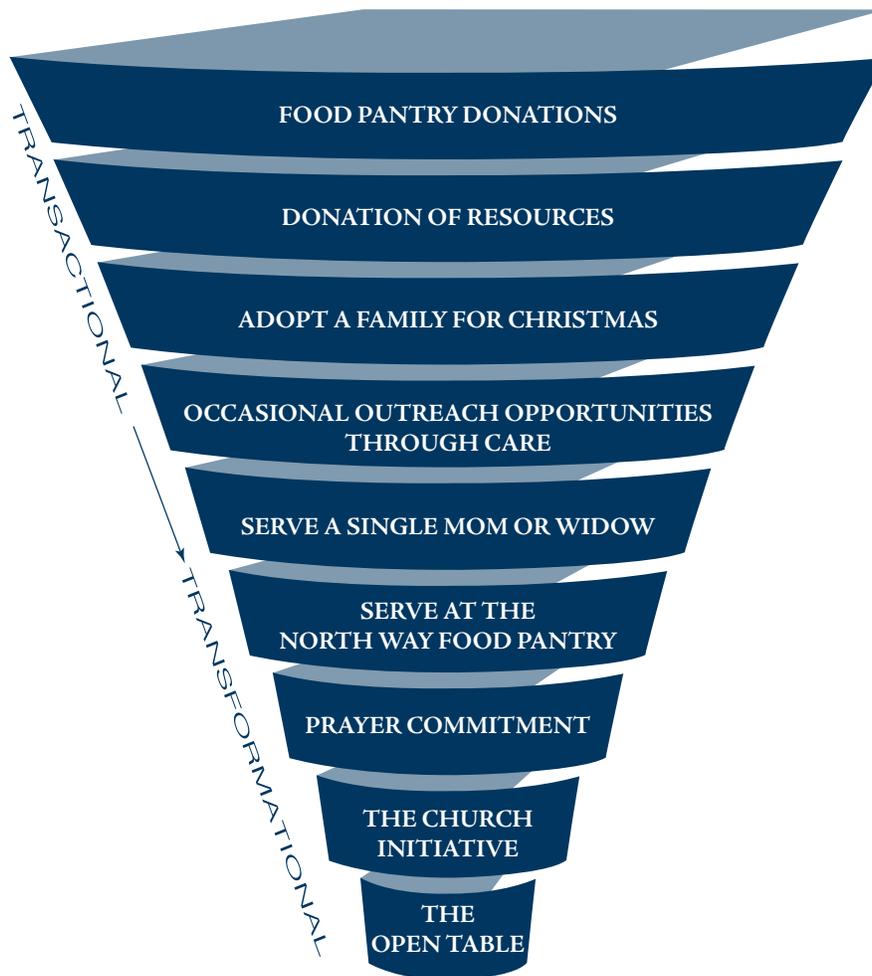


COMMUNITY CARE OPPORTUNITIES AT NORTH WAY



Prayer Needs: North Way has several ministries dedicated to providing care for individuals in our church and in our community. This includes serving widows and single moms, providing food for those in need, caring for those who are hospitalized or homebound, partnering with those stuck in cycles of poverty, or the challenges of unplanned pregnancies.

- Pray for the leadership of these ministries and for those being served through them.
- Pray about how your group could help meet some of these needs.

Descriptions of Volunteer Opportunities:

Food Pantry Donations – *Monthly opportunity* – North Way's Food Pantry helps to provide food for dozens in and around the Wexford campus every month. Each month, Food Pantry leadership selects a specific category of food or toiletries that are most needed and solicits donations. Groups can connect with Karen Rose to determine the current needs and can collect and donate these critical items for distribution to those in need.

Donation of Resources – *One-time or occasional need* – Single mothers and widows at North Way and around the Wexford community are often faced with hardships. At times, projects arise where automotive parts, building products, or other resources are needed. Groups can learn about these needs and work together collect and donate the required items.

Adopt a Family for Christmas – *Annual opportunity* – Many of those served by the food pantry have a difficult time providing gifts for their families at Christmas. Small groups can adopt families during the Christmas season and choose gifts from a wish list to bless the family.

Occasional Outreach Opportunities Through Care – *Occasional opportunities* – Community Care is approached with random requests from people in need. Three examples of these types of requests are things like: visits to a home bound person to keep them company or play games, meet for Bible study with a person recuperating at home following an operation, offer rides to appointments for a person unable to drive following surgery.

Serve a Single Mom or Widow – *One-time or occasional need* – In addition to simply providing the necessary resources, single mothers and widows often need help doing tasks around their homes. Small groups could partner with the North Way Care team to be put in touch with women who need help with automotive repairs, yard work, and other home projects. These needs could be simple, one-time needs or could entail ongoing support opportunities. Note that background clearances are required for serving in this way.

Serve at the North Way Food Pantry – *Weekly Opportunity* – Each week, volunteers meet at the food pantry at the Wexford campus to gather non-perishable food items and donated fresh produce to meet the needs of their clients. A small group could join this team for a one-time opportunity that could grow into a more regular commitment. During the summer months, the food pantry also maintains a small garden where a group could spend time weeding or harvesting.

Prayer Commitment – *Ongoing need* – “Pray in the Spirit at all times, with every kind of prayer and petition” (Ephesians 6:18). The ministries providing community care at North Way receive many prayer requests for a variety of joys and sorrows. Your small group could choose to pray for a specific area of need, such as: Pray for families of those who have just had a new baby. Pray for newlyweds. Pray for those in need of financial assistance. Pray for those who have just lost a loved one. Pray for those who are hospitalized. Pray for those who are home bound.

The Church Initiative – *Weekly or Bi-weekly commitment for one year* – When a young mom chooses life for her child, a new journey begins. You and your small group can be a vital part of this journey. Women’s Choice Network works to connect the local church to these women as they seek a faith community to support them throughout their pregnancy and beyond. Learn more about this program and other opportunities at www.mypregnancycenter.org.

The Open Table – *Weekly commitment for at least one year* – Through the community care ministries, North Way may be connected with a single mother or family in need of help escaping poverty. The Open Table is a national ministry that North Way is partnering with to come along side an individual or family over the course of a year to create real and lasting life change. Each Table is composed of a group of volunteers that make a year-long commitment to act – through relationship — as a team of life specialists, encouragers, and advocates. Over the course of a year, the Table works together to set goals, foster accountability, and implement a plan to create change.

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