



North Port
Non-Profits United



Agency Name:

Awaken Outreach Center

Twelve Month Impact Statement

Define your non-profits missions/goals?

OUR PRIMARY MISSION IS TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS WITH OUR COMMUNITY. BE KIND, SPEAK LIFE AND SHOW LOVE TO EVERYONE WHO COMES TO US. OUR SECONDARY MISSION IS TO MEET THE PHYSICAL NEEDS OF ANY NEIGHBOR WHO COMES WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. WE ARE A PLACE THEY CAN COME TO THAT IS SAFE AND OFFERS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY. MANY OF THOSE SERVED FIND THEMSELVES IN THE SITUATION OF HAVING TO DECIDE BETWEEN PAYING RENT OR PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE. OUR GOAL IS TO END THIS. OUR VISION IS FOR OUR CITY TO BE FILLED WITH KINDNESS, THE POOR TO BE FED, THE UNSHELTERED TO BE HOUSED, AND THE SICK TO GET TREATMENT. WE LOOK TO SEE LOCAL CHURCHES, NON PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES, AND GOVERNMENT WORKING TOGETHER TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY, ONE NEIGHBOR AT A TIME.

Indicators or methods used to measure impact?

DATA-DRIVEN OPERATIONS:

- WE USE PLATFORMS LIKE LINK2FEED AND PRIMARIUS.
- WE COLLECT AND ANALYZE REAL TIME DATA TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY, TRACK CLIENT NEEDS, AND COORDINATE EFFORTS ACROSS PARTNERS.
- COLLABORATIVE INFRASTRUCTURE

OUR WORK BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN NON PROFITS, CHURCHES, BUSINESSES, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOSTERING A SYSTEMIC, UNITED RESPONSE TO FOOD INSECURITY AND CRISIS RECOVERY.

THIS SYSTEMIC APPROACH CREATES RIPPLE EFFECTS BY STABILIZING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN TIMES OF NEED. THIS HELPS TO REDUCE STRAIN ON HEALTHCARE, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEMS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, WE RESTORE DIGNITY, COMMUNITY CONNECTION AND HELP INDIVIDUALS.

Fiscal Year: 2025

2025 Annual Report: Program Impact & Community Reach (January 1 through August 31)

Food Pantry Operations

Our food pantry remains open five days a week, providing consistent access to nutritious food for individuals and families in need.

- Total Families Served: 40709
- Total Individuals Served: 102433
- Pounds of Food Distributed: 2,200,500

CARE Team Services

Offering free counseling, case management, and outreach to shut-in individuals, our CARE Team provides holistic support to those navigating difficult seasons.

- **Total Clients Served: 797**

Monthly Community Day

A comprehensive outreach event held monthly, providing food, hygiene, and health services to our underserved neighbors.

- **Hot Meals Served: 900**
- Pantry Clients Served: 4205

Mothers Helping Mothers

Support for mothers through essential items and compassionate care.

- Clients Served: 640

Serve Day

As part of preparations for **Day4Hope**, we mobilized volunteers to:

- Clean the Awaken Outreach Center, North Port Senior Center, and Family Service Center properties
- Paint the Awaken Outreach Center
- Landscape and beautify public spaces including Pan American Blvd
- Plant flowers at multiple community centers

Day4Hope: Back-to-School Event

In partnership with **Hope for Communities**, local schools, and over 20 community partners, we prepared children for the school year by providing:

- Free medical, dental, and eye exams
- Haircuts, school photos, breakfast and lunch
- Backpacks filled with school supplies and toiletries
- Food from All Faiths Food Bank and Detwiler's Farm Market
- Gift cards to Old Navy and Famous Footwear
- Children Served: 150

Ongoing Weekly & Monthly Services

- **Shower Trailer** (Tuesdays): In partnership with Jesus Loves You Ministry
- **Life Groups:** Women's, Grief, and Marriage-focused support groups
- **SNAP Enrollment Assistance:** Every Friday

Volunteer Engagement

- Total Volunteer Hours Contributed in 2024: 27,855

2024 Annual Report: Program Impact & Community Reach

Food Pantry Operations

Our food pantry remains open five days a week, providing consistent access to nutritious food for individuals and families in need.

- **Total Families Served:** 60,318
- **Total Individuals Served:** 155,895
- **Pounds of Food Distributed:** 3,000,500

CARE Team Services

Offering free counseling, case management, and outreach to shut-in individuals, our CARE Team provides holistic support to those navigating difficult seasons.

- **Total Clients Served:** 1,997

Monthly Community Day

A comprehensive outreach event held monthly, providing food, hygiene, and health services to our underserved neighbors.

- **Hot Meals Served:** 1,430
- **Pantry Clients Served:** 8,305

Mothers Helping Mothers

Support for mothers through essential items and compassionate care.

- **Clients Served:** 935

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Disaster Response: Hurricanes Debbie, Helene, and Milton

Awaken Outreach rapidly expanded food pantry services following recent hurricanes. We partnered with **Tyson Foods Disaster Relief** and the **American Red Cross** to provide:

- 3,600 hot meals to senior residents of Willow Creek Apartments
- Wellness checks and supply deliveries by the CARE Team and Shut-In Outreach
- Dozens of truckloads of food and relief supplies distributed
- Assistance with debris removal and rebuilding efforts, including Peace River Wesleyan Church in Port Charlotte

Thanksgiving Outreach (November 22)

During our largest drive-through pantry event of the year, families received:

- Regular pantry food items
- A whole turkey and gift card
- A bag of traditional Thanksgiving sides
- **Families Served: 1,130**
- **Individuals Served: 2,820**
- Support included 9 police officers and 6 community officers for traffic control

Hope4Christmas

In collaboration with the **City of North Port, North Port Police Department, North Port Fire Rescue**, and more than 40 community partners, we provided:

- Thousands of toys and gift cards to 240 children
- Gift-wrapping by local police officers
- Entertainment and celebration with North Port Fire Rescue and Awaken Church

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- **Shower Trailer (Tuesdays):** In partnership with Jesus Loves You Ministry
- **Relationship & Fatherhood Classes:** Led by JFCS (Jewish Family & Children's Service)
- **Life Groups:** Women's and Marriage-focused support groups
- **SNAP Enrollment Assistance:** Every Friday

Volunteer Engagement

- **Total Volunteer Hours Contributed in 2024: 43,863**