



LOVE THY NEIGHBOR FUND

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REPORT

# Foreward

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In our inaugural year, the Love Thy Neighbor Fund has embraced the mandate of Matthew 22:39, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," by launching CarePortal in Craig County. This pivotal initiative, developed by The Global Orphan Project, has successfully bridged the gap between the needs of vulnerable families and the generosity of our local churches. Through this platform, we've provided immediate support and a beacon of hope to those in need, embodying the true spirit of community and compassion.

Our efforts extend beyond immediate aid; we are passionately committed to fostering generational change and enhancing community pride through biblically based financial peace classes and community beautification projects. These endeavors are aimed not just at alleviating the burdens of today but at building a foundation for a more prosperous and unified community tomorrow. As we move forward, we are inspired by the difference we've made together and are filled with gratitude for your unwavering support and partnership.

# Our Year In Review



## Launch of CarePortal in Craig County

**In a significant milestone for the Love Thy Neighbor Fund, we successfully launched CarePortal in Craig County, marking a pivotal moment in our journey to support our community's most vulnerable members.**

**The launch event highlighted the culmination of three years of dedication and hard work by our founders, C. Jordan Labiosa and McDonald, in partnership with the Craig County Department of Social Services (DSS). Pat Franklin, the DSS Director, expressed excitement about the potential of CarePortal to extend support beyond the department's capabilities, emphasizing the platform's role in enabling the community to aid their neighbors during challenging times.**

**The enthusiastic participation and support from the community, including churches, school board members, and local volunteers, were overwhelming. Our commitment to covering the first year's expenses for schools to join CarePortal reflects our dedication to ensuring no need goes unmet in Craig County.**

**This event was not only a celebration of what we have achieved together but also a reaffirmation of our commitment to fostering a supportive, compassionate community. It has set a strong foundation for the Love Thy Neighbor Fund's efforts moving forward, emphasizing the transformative power of community collaboration in making a lasting and positive impact on our county.**

## Impact of CarePortal in Craig County

**During just the four months that CarePortal was active in Craig County it had already had a tremendous impact on the community. 14 children and 8 adults were served with a total economic impact of \$2006. Examples of actual requests fulfilled:**

A single mother with two children who recently left her home due to domestic violence and abuse of the children. Mom and both the kiddos are living with her mother. Her 5 year old son was able to find clothes at the local clothing closet but the 13 year girl was not able to find anything that was age appropriate for her. Our request is to help his young teenage regaining her self image and confidence by allowing her to shop for some school clothes.

Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree Program is partnering with CarePortal to serve the children of incarcerated parents. This request is for four children ages 2, 3, 7 and 9. All three of the older children love art, and all of them love music. The older three like games, and two have Nintendo Switches. The baby girl loves farm stuff, especially cows. Per Angel Tree specifications, gifts should not exceed \$25.

Craig County DSS is looking for a female "mentor" to assist one of our 18 year old females with Independent Living Skills to ensure that the youth is as prepared as she can be for when she ages out of our Fostering Futures Program. The individual we are seeking must be able to pass a CPS and Virginia State Background Check (any fees will for checks will be covered by DSS) prior to being considered for this position. This position is critical for our youth and the individual will be reviewed by the youth's caseworker and DSS Director/Supervisor.

This family resides in Craig County and is a foster home for a different locality. They are currently waiting on a substance exposed infant to be released from the NICU to come to their home as a foster placement. The family has children of their own and do not have an additional dresser or storage for the infants room.

We have a single father, who recently moved to Craig County with hardly any furniture for his children. The family is in need of a dresser and a bunk bed and one twin mattress. The family has one full mattress. Meeting this need will allow the children to have a bed to sleep in and somewhere they can put their clothes. Updated on October 13, 2023 by an Agency Worker change from twin/twin bunkbed to twin/full size bunkbed.

## Testimonials Received About Our Impact

Craig County Department of Social Services has utilized CarePortal to restore broken families and to prevent children from entering foster care. Here are some testimonials from CCDSS employees:



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The families that have received items and assistance are always amazed that someone in the community was willing to help them.



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Care Portal is fast and efficient; it took less than 8 hours for a church to find someone in their congregation to provide a family with a much-needed dryer.



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There is no better feeling then to see a little girl sitting on her new mattress.



————— “ —————  
A compassionate gift allowed a family to rekindle their relationship.



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DSS relies on the care portal to help families we are involved with get through a crisis. If we can eliminate the material items and help with a few bills it takes the burden off the family and in turn allows the family to focus their attention on the deeper issues that brought CPS into their homes to begin with.

## Financial Accountability



### **2023 Revenue**

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| Online Contributions (Website)          | \$153.82          |
| Online Contributions (Facebook)         | \$1,501.42        |
| Individual Contributions (Cash / Check) | \$1,088.00        |
| <b>REVENUE TOTAL</b>                    | <b>\$2,743.24</b> |

### **2023 Expenses**

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| Website Hosting Expense (Bluehost.com)         | \$233.76          |
| Annual Corporation Fees (Virginia SCC)         | \$95.00           |
| Annual CarePortal License (Global Orphan Fund) | \$1,800.00        |
| <b>EXPENSES TOTAL</b>                          | <b>\$2,128.76</b> |

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| <b>2023 Starting Balance</b> | <b>* -\$13.77</b> |
| <b>2023 Ending Balance</b>   | <b>\$600.71</b>   |

**\*Banking Fees Caused Negative Balance Prior to Launch  
Account History and Receipts Available for Inspection**

# Looking Ahead

## Introducing CarePortal to Craig County Public Schools

In 2024, the Love Thy Neighbor Fund has set an ambitious goal to introduce CarePortal to Craig County Public Schools, aiming to significantly enhance the well-being of the student body and the wider community. This initiative recognizes the pivotal role schools play in our children's lives, often serving as the first point of contact for identifying financial and social strains that families may experience. By integrating CarePortal into the school system, we unlock a unique opportunity to address these challenges early, providing timely support to students and their families before situations escalate to the point of requiring intervention by the Department of Social Services.

The introduction of CarePortal into schools is poised to create a supportive network that can quickly mobilize resources and assistance, ensuring that no student's educational journey is hindered by external pressures. This proactive approach not only aids in alleviating immediate needs but also fosters a nurturing environment that promotes the overall development and success of every child.

## Securing Long-term Business Partnerships

The Love Thy Neighbor Fund is actively seeking to develop long-term business partnerships to ensure sustainable financial support for our pivotal initiatives, including providing CarePortal access to the Department of Social Services and, with our 2024 goal, expanding it to the Craig County Public Schools System.

These partnerships are essential for maintaining and expanding our reach, allowing us to keep the doors of opportunity open for vulnerable families and the educational community. We believe that together, with the support of the business community, we can create a lasting impact and ensure that no need goes unmet in Craig County.