

GRACE COMMUNION NORTH DENVER

BACKGROUND

Can a small church of older people make an impact in their community? Our answer is YES! Living Grace Christian Fellowship (Grace Communion North Denver) has been praying for a way to bless our community, based on our abilities and experiences. Recently, we realized we were already involved with Tennyson Knolls Elementary school ("TKE"). For the last four years, a member couple have acted as grandparents for a young girl who attends the school and our church, and are well-known at TKE from helping out. Since our church has done food-basket donations in the past, providing food was a workable outlet for us. We agreed with the school to bring breakfast burritos to the teachers and staff last spring, and this fall we brought a big breakfast for a day of parent-teacher conferences, and received a lot of warm thanks.

OPPORTUNITY

But we wanted to take it farther, to open up opportunity for relationships to grow. Our next project was to provide water bottles printed with a TKE slogan as a Christmas gift. Each church member chose one or more staff names from a list, and filled the water bottles with various supplies. We added a greeting card, gift card, chocolates, and other thoughtful tokens of appreciation for their caring work. Several of us were there to hand those gift bags to the teachers and staff personally one morning before their winter break. So, each staff member got a personal gift and greeting from someone from our church.

BEYOND

I received an email from the TKE principal a few days ago saying "Thank you for thinking about us. We appreciate it more than you will ever know. Happy 2018!" We have shown Jesus' love to the school freely, and they know we've prayed for them. We hope to continue serving the staff and teachers, and as we get to know the students, their parents and their needs too, we want to find ways to serve the families of the children in the neighborhood. Who knows how this will grow? We're taking it a step at a time.

