



## THE JUNCTION VIEW

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### **Mission**

*To transform  
lives through  
faith and  
action*

### Stafford Junction Family

“We are Family” was a popular song back in the 80’s however it still holds true today at Stafford Junction. Our family continues to grow stronger every day because of people like you, telling our stories of impact to others. New members of our family learn we are a cause-driven charitable organization that helps to lift children and families out of poverty. Through the belief in Our Lord and the words of Mathew 25:40-45, we join-together to care for the least of us; those families that live in poverty.

During this health crisis, our family has focused on providing a blanket of critical programs and services to our 7 low-income neighborhoods. We deliver **Tide Me Over Bags** during holidays, weekends, and emergencies to feed hungry bellies, distribute **Educational Kits** to our kids during the week to assist them with their learning, and provide critical **Referral Services** and **Covid-19 Education** so families can stay healthy.

We thank Our Lord for His blessings. We thank our Stafford Junction family for their time, talent, treasure, and trust. We ask Our Lord to bless our Stafford Junction family and keep us safely in the palm of His hand.

Blessings always,

*Mark*



Pastor Barry  
Horizons Church

Horizons Church invited Mark Cartledge to visit with Pastor Barry Clark, the new Head Pastor at Horizons Church last week. Only a few months earlier Pastor Barry was invited to Stafford Junction where he met the staff and was provided a tour. We thanked Pastor Barry and Horizons Church for their continued support of Stafford Junction’s Mission programs and services. Horizons Church wanted to return the hospitality and fellowship so Mark was asked to participate in a video that will be shown to the church’s parishioners. Pastor Barry asked Mark to share how Stafford Junction lifts children and families out of poverty through our many programs and services.

Mark shared how Stafford Junction is responding to Covid-19 by delivering meals to hungry bellies, and by providing Tide Me Over Bags (TMOB) and Educational Kits.

Pastor Barry surprised Mark at the conclusion of the show by sharing that Horizons Church is increasing their monthly giving to Stafford Junction an additional \$150 a month, and through a parishioner food drive will provide prepackaged food weekly to Stafford Junction to support feeding hungry bellies. Pastor Barry then pulled a check for \$1,200 from inside his Bible and presented it to Stafford Junction. Pastor Barry read *Matthew 25:40-45*; “Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” He then led us in a prayer and asked Our Lord to bless Stafford Junction and asked that our church community continue to support Stafford Junction and its Mission programs and services.

A big thank you to everyone at Horizons Church for their caring and kindness.

Please check out the video of our visit to Horizons Church [here](#).



### A JUNCTION EASTER SURPRISE & BLESSING...

Thanks to the generosity of Tracy & Chris Garrett, Lynn Cartledge, and others, our Stafford Junction Easter Bunnies were able to surprise over 80 children with beautiful homemade Easter Baskets. Big smiles and laughter were seen and heard by all. Precious young hearts were touched by Our Lords angels on earth. Just cannot help thinking that God so enjoyed watching his plan unfold that Easter Sunday.



### DELIVERING TIDE ME OVER BAGS...



We normally deliver 150 Tide Me Over Bags to our 7 low-income neighborhoods every month. In April we **delivered over 1,000 Tide Me Over Bags**. Thanks to you, we were able to feed hungry bellies.



### PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL KITS

In response to schools being closed, we are providing **Educational Kits to our students** to stem learning loss. We responded quickly to this critical need because of the generosity of our Junction Family.



### GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY

Special thanks to Josh, the Manager at Dollar General and Rob Wise, the Owner of Amish By Design for assisting us in obtaining needed medical and cleaning supplies to protect our staff and volunteers during this Pandemic.





**Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD,  
and he will repay him for his deed.**

Proverbs 19:17



### **BUILDING A BETTER TOMORROW – TODAY**

Special thank you to our wonderful Storytellers who have joined our Building a Better Tomorrow Campaign, made a personal gift, and are now telling the **Stafford Junction story** to family, friends, co-workers, and neighbors through social media. Our Storytellers have brochures, videos and stories of how Stafford Junction has positively impacted kids and families who live in poverty. So many of you have asked “how can I make a gift”? You may go to our website: <http://staffordjunction.org>

Check out how Stafford Junction is responding to Covid-19 health crisis:  
[Stafford Junction Video](#)

### **Stafford Junction 3 C's to Prevent Spreading Germs**

| <b>Cover</b>   | <b>Clean</b>   | <b>Contain</b>   |
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| Cough into the crook of your elbow or into a tissue that is immediately thrown away. | Frequently wash your hands with warm water and soap for 20 seconds—about the time it takes to sing Happy Birthday twice. | Stay home when you are sick until you have been free of fever for 24 hours.          |
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Visit [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov) for additional information.

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