



## 2023 Highlights

- Welcomed 800+ first-time volunteers.
- Hit the streets 377 times to serve.
- Volunteers logged 4,600 service hours.
- Volunteers prayed with 5,600 people.
- Tulsa volunteers served 19,710 meals.
- Dallas volunteers served 11,165 meals.
- Denver volunteers served 8,438 meals.
- Houston volunteers served 2,302 meals.
- Total meals served increased 32% vs. 2022.
- Fed an avg. of 114 people every day.
- Identified 5 new places to serve in Dallas.
- Added 7 new members to our localized boards.

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## The Ripple Effect

It all started with an email: “Hi, my name is Mia McGee. I’m an 8th grader at Summit Christian Academy. How can I get involved with filling the lunch sacks?”

What followed was a cascade of goodwill and good deeds that’s ongoing, proving how one spark really can start a fire and that anyone of any age can help someone in need.

One of her teachers, Kendrae Drake, reached out next. “One of my students told me about what you do. Our Summit Days of Service are coming up. Can you work with 120 students at once?”

So of course, we visited her school where every single student in the 7th and 8th grade – and their teachers – assembled some 6,000 notes of encouragement that we use in our sacks.

A few weeks later, another one of her teachers, Joel Haas, reached out to say: “You spoke at my school. My family wants to get involved, too. Can we sign up to serve and pray with people?”

And the dominos keep falling. Mia just turned 15. For her birthday party, she asked her friends to collect socks, hats and gloves for the homeless instead of bringing her a present.

Those items are already on the streets in Tulsa, providing warmth and comfort for those who often choose to remain outside in zero-degree weather rather than going to a shelter.



*Mia McGee started something special. You can, too.*

Mia’s initial overture also turned into multiple monetary donations for Filling The Void thanks to the visibility she brought to our cause. (Go to [fillingthevoid.com](http://fillingthevoid.com) to give online).

Mia’s mom, Agnes, said this: “You see the homeless everywhere now. It’s not just in one part of town anymore. But it’s easy to dismiss it as the norm today and grow numb to it.

“For our family, we don’t ever want to accept their situation as normal. It’s not. We simply need to open our eyes to what’s going on and take the ball and run with it. That’s what Mia did.”

Says Mia: “Age doesn’t matter. I just see people in circumstances who need help and I’m thankful for the ability to do something about it with my friends and family.”