

## “Community Service”

### St. George's Episcopal Church & Community Center

St. George's Episcopal Church in Riviera Beach, Florida is a full service parish serving Riviera Beach, Palm Beach Shores, Lake Park, and the northeastern area of West Palm Beach, Florida. It is in a joint regional ministry with St. Mark's Episcopal Church of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and a part of the Episcopal Diocese of the Southeast Florida.

St. George's Center emerged from a need to feed and clothe indigent and homeless persons and their families in the City of Riviera Beach, Florida. A feeding and clothing program began with donations distributed in the parish hall of St. George's Church. However, approximately eleven years ago, the St. George's Center program expanded to include social, health, legal, educational and other human services.

The Center was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in February of 1998. Prior to incorporation, St. George's Center utilized volunteers to provide lunch and dinner, clothing, legal, and limited social human services Monday through Friday. Since incorporation, it became necessary to hire staff which includes a director, kitchen coordinator, cook, and a cleaning company.

The overall mission of St. George Center has since emerged as a “place” to improve the quality of life for people in need by providing human services and opportunities to grow in dignity and self-sufficiency; and, to become aware of God's love in action. St. George's Center emerged from a need to feed and clothe indigent and homeless persons and their families in the City of Riviera Beach, Florida.

St. George Center offers an enormous feeding program. The feeding program (approximately 1900 meals weekly) consist of two hot meals, lunch prepared and served by staff and dinner by a large group of over 250 volunteers from 18 Churches, 2 Synagogues, 13 Kiwanis Clubs, sororities and fraternities. The Center also offers an Out-of-School/After School Program; Job Assistance Program; Clothing Assistance Program; St. George's Center Adult Literacy Program; Teen and Young Adult Guidance Program and others.



“After school & out of school program”