



# LEEDS OUTREACH

## First Quarter Newsletter 2021

This is our first quarterly newsletter, in hopes of keeping you regularly updated on news and information regarding our operations. We continue to follow our modified distribution procedures due to Covid-19. This system has worked very well throughout the past year, thanks to our efficient “Covid Crew”. We plan to continue the weekly Wednesday box distribution with our drive-through system for now. There will be some changes as we anticipate our office to open again soon, as the Leeds Civic Center reopens in mid May. We look forward to welcoming back some volunteers who have not been able to be with us due to the pandemic. A few of them who have now been fully vaccinated, have already begun helping out again on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. We hope to have pantry visits for our clients in the near future when it is safe to do so. Everyone’s patience and cooperation throughout the past year is very much appreciated.

### LEEDS OUTREACH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**A meeting of the board of directors was held on April 5, 2021. This was the first in-person meeting since last year due to Covid-19. Board officers were elected and new members were introduced.**

**Welcome to our new board members and congratulations to our newly elected officers. Thank you to all board members for your time and willingness to serve.**

<b>John O’Neil</b>	<b>President</b>
<b>Hugh Lee</b>	<b>Vice-president</b>
<b>Susan Bertani</b>	<b>Secretary</b>
<b>Ron Whitehead</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
<b>Beverly Riddlesperger</b>	<b>Director</b>
<b>Tony Hughes</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Sharon Ensor</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Mary Ann Moseley</b>	<b>Board Member</b>
<b>Marlyn Strong</b>	<b>Board Member</b>

### Thanks, Tony!



At our recent board meeting, board president, Tony Hughes, stepped down from his role as president. Tony did so to spend more time traveling with his amazing wife Marilyn and spoiling his grandson.

I am eternally grateful for Tony’s years of service to Leeds Outreach. In addition to serving as president of the board, he has been a priceless asset to our team. He has worn many hats and his jobs have included: weekly food pickups; organizing food drives; Wednesday prayer captain; numerous hours—along with Marilyn—working on our Christmas program, and countless other tasks.

Tony’s service has made a tremendous impact on Leeds Outreach and we are very thankful he will remain as a member of our board. Enjoy your retirement, Tony, but remember Christmas is just around the corner!

Beverly Riddlesperger

### **EXPENSE REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER**

**January - March 2021**

Pantry Items	\$1,992
Utilities	6,465
Fuel	20
Special Circumstances	100

### **Who we assisted in the first quarter of 2021:**

Assisted Household Members by							Families
Gender	Gender	Age					
Female	Male	0-5	6-18	19-59	60+	Total	
894	499	88	341	518	446	1393	606

*I began volunteering at the Leeds Outreach a little more than 7 years ago. One of the first people I had the pleasure of meeting was Tony Hughes. It didn’t take us long to realize that we had a lot in common. I had the pleasure of spending plenty of time with Tony to talk about our hobbies.*

*Tony’s dedication to Leeds Outreach was second to none. I noticed very quickly that just showing up at Walmart, pulling a trailer for the Wednesday pickup, was just a small part of what Tony orchestrated to keep Outreach a well-oiled machine.*

*Over the past several years of volunteering at Leeds Outreach, I’ve had the pleasure of meeting some fantastic people. I’m very blessed to have become good friends with so many and Tony is certainly one of them!*

Larry King

**OUR CHURCHES THAT GIVE US FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

Valley View Baptist  
 Leeds First Baptist  
 St Theresa Catholic  
 Mt. Hebron Baptist  
 Mosaic Missional  
 Cedar Grove Baptist  
 Leeds First Presbyterian  
 Episcopal Church of The Epiphany  
 Wellsprings Worship Center  
 Leeds First United Methodist  
 Little Rock Missionary Baptist  
 Bold Springs Presbyterian  
 Church of the Highlands  
 Ashville Road Church of Christ

Your faithful support is always needed for our continued program.

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOOD DRIVES AND NEEDED SUPPLIES DURING THIS FIRST QUARTER OF 2021***

Publix	Patterson's Pharmacy
Walmart	Mt. Hebron Baptist Church
Oak Mountain Missions	Leeds First Presbyterian Church
Kentucky Fried Chicken	Ashville Road Church of Christ
Cedar Springs Circle Subdivision	Episcopal Church of the Epiphany
Cameron Cove Subdivision	First United Methodist Church
Leeds Primary School	We had four contributors who wish to remain anonymous.
Briarwood High School	
Kut Ups Salon	<b>GOD BLESS YOU ALL!</b>

*5th Annual*  
**Cruising The Creek Bank**  
 In Conjunction With Leeds Creek Bank Festival

**MAY 15th 2021**

**Top 30 Awards**  
**Door Prizes, 50/50 Tickets**

**Registration \$10.00**  
**8:00am - 3:00pm**



Rain Date May 22nd

**Open To All Vehicles & Motorcycles**  
**proceeds Benefits:**



Contact Chris Or Christy  
 205-365-7412/205-283-0952

Leeds Memorial Park  
 801 Helen Street  
 Leeds, AL. 35094

Be sure to come out to the  
 ANNUAL  
 CREEK BANK FESTIVAL  
 on Saturday, May 15!

We are thankful once again to  
**Cruising The Creek Bank**  
 for sharing their registration  
 proceeds with us!

Look for Leeds Outreach Tent at  
 the festival. Please drop by to  
 see us from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 at Leeds Memorial Park.

## **WHO QUALIFIES FOR ASSISTANCE**

We offer help to families in Leeds with food, utilities, prescription medicines, school supplies, and Christmas. Proof of residence, income, and need are required.

We are able to assist citizens living within the city limits of Leeds whose income is not greater than 150% of the poverty level. For more details, go [HERE](#)

Many of our clients are single working mothers and retirement-age women, but our services are open to any that provide proof of income, residency, and need for assistance.

Please visit our website:

<https://leedsoutreach.godaddysites.com/>

We also have a Facebook page,

<https://www.facebook.com/Leeds-Outreach-305835726134969>

[Click here to make online donations](#)

Please mail donations and correspondence  
to Leeds Outreach  
P O Box 192 Leeds AL 35094

## ***BOX ART***

We would like to share some box art created by some of the young people at Church of the Epiphany. These are placed in the bottoms of the boxes distributed on Wednesdays to bring our clients a little cheer!

We have many other young artists that have used their talents for our box bottom project. If you would like to create some for us, or know any children or adults that would, the size cardboard needed is 18" x 15".



