




# GO SERVE

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV)



**About 1 in 10 Americans are living in  
poverty and the number is rising.**

**In Michigan, 3 out of 10 people  
are not followers of Christ.**

**There are currently about 13,000  
foster children in Michigan.**

**11.1% of Michigan's population  
struggles with chronic homelessness.**

**You can help us change  
these statistics.**



## MISSION

GoServe resources the local church to expand its reach throughout its communities. Our supply partners allow us to empower the church to go and serve the lost in the name of Jesus.

**"Jesus came and told his disciples, 'I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'"**  
**Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)**

## ABOUT US

GoServe is a collaborative group of churches and Christian organizations working together to enable transformation in our state. This dynamic model allows us to connect with those in need by freely providing food, home goods, clothing, and other necessities retail organizations donate. We believe that if we can find a need and fill it, we can cultivate relationships and see lives transformed.

Churches and Christian organizations are uniquely positioned to know their communities' most significant needs. With the resources and products donated by local retail organizations and distributed by GoServe, they are able to share the love of Christ by meeting practical needs.



## HISTORY

GoServe was launched in Michigan in 2021 by Grand Rapids First Church. Lead Pastors, Sam and Brenda Rijfkoel, modeled the heart of servant evangelism and led their church to always "find a need and fill it." When the Holy Spirit showed Pastor Sam and his leadership team a way to resource any Gospel-preaching church or Christian non-profit, the Lord said: "Go and serve the body of Christ."

GoServe works to empower the local church to reach their communities by being the hands and feet of Jesus. GoServe's approach to compassion evangelism is the catalyst that helps share the Gospel by providing for the needs of our communities.

**"We want to support any church preaching the Gospel, so Grand Rapids First is leaving our logo and ego at the door. GoServe will be an independent organization following the example of the Great Commission by equipping churches, regardless of their location or denomination."**

- Pastor Sam Rijfkoel, Lead Pastor, Grand Rapids First

## THE LOCAL CHURCH

God works through the local church to accomplish His mission in every community. Partnering with the local church and Christian organizations is essential because it serves as an ideal venue for GoServe to fulfill the Great Commission and achieve its mission.

**"GoServe embraces compassion evangelism by equipping and training the local church to reach their community by helping those who are hurting, lost, and in need with tangible items. Please partner with us to empower every believer to engage people with the Gospel."**

- Pastor Doug Tuttle, GoServe Executive Director

## HOW IT WORKS

**"A gift opens the way and ushers the giver into the presence of the great."**

**Proverbs 18: 16 (NIV)**

GoServe works with retailers and suppliers to distribute products through the local church. We equip the church to further serve its community and offer hope in the name of Jesus Christ. The members of the local church have the opportunity to gift the donated products to meet the practical and spiritual needs of their neighbors.

### HUB

A HUB is a training center and warehouse distribution facility of food, apparel, and household items to resource the local church and Christian organizations (PODs).

### POD

A POD is a local church or Christian organization in covenant with GoServe. They receive products from their assigned HUB and equip their HEROs to meet their neighborhoods' practical and spiritual needs.

### HERO

A HERO is an individual mobilized by their POD to serve those in need or lost by giving donated products. The gift provides opportunities for the HERO to build relationships and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



**"Find a need and fill it."**

- Pastors Sam and Brenda Rijfkoel,  
Grand Rapids First Lead Pastors

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Jesus has entrusted His Church with the message of hope. There is no better way to live out this message than by responding to the needs of those who need it most. There are two ways you can help us achieve our goals of providing for those in need and spreading the Gospel: volunteer and give.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### HUB

If you have an interest or skillset of unloading semi-trucks, driving a forklift, sorting, or packaging pallets, then we have an area for you to volunteer. **To volunteer at the HUB, please fill out a volunteer questionnaire at [GoServe.org](https://GoServe.org).**

### POD

If you have an interest or skillset for sorting products, taking inventory, or maybe even have a knack for repairing items, then we have an area for you to volunteer.

### HERO

If you have a heart for compassion ministry, then we have an opportunity for you. At the center of GoServe is the HERO. As a HERO, you will be resourced with various household items and essential everyday products to deliver to those you know in need personally.

**To serve at a POD or as a HERO, contact your local church or Christian organization.**

## GOSERVE APP

GoServe provides the technology for PODs to inventory the products so the HEROs can easily identify and obtain the products to serve those in their community. HEROs will then report the impact their compassion evangelism has had through the app.

**Visit [GoServe.App](https://GoServe.App) to register.**



## GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

### Donation

Make a one-time donation or recurring donation to support the operational expenses of GoServe.

### Truckload Sponsorship

Your truckload sponsorship will deliver \$65,000 worth of products to the neighborhoods who need it the most.

### Corporate Sponsorship

GoServe partners with corporations and local businesses to help make a difference in our communities.

For Ways to Give, please visit our website at [GoServe.org](https://GoServe.org).

## GOSERVE TEAM

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