



MERCY CENTER

A Profile in Mercy: Gloria Hope



Gloria Hope first volunteered at Mercy Center's Food Pantry with her daughter, Virginia. That was 27 years ago! At 95 years young, she is going strong and remaining committed to a weekly schedule of distributing food to those in need.

Every Friday, she assists with organizing food while her friend, David Miller, handles the "heavy lifting." While she finds great satisfaction in helping others, she is stunned and saddened that the need for food is as great as it was 27 years ago. However, when "you commit to something, you stick with it" and she is therefore determined to help Mercy Center make a difference. The on-going need continues to motivate her to come to the pantry each week.

In addition to her time at Mercy Center, Gloria is very active in her church, Oakhurst United Methodist Church. She also travels to visit her son's family in Hawaii and her daughter's family in Florida. Her two grandchildren and eight great grandchildren are her pride and joy.

To those interested or considering being a volunteer, Gloria has a simple message. "Mercy Center could always use the help."

While Gloria views her commitment to Mercy Center as "doing something small that's worthwhile," we consider her tenure, dedication and work at Mercy Center to be a tremendous gift.

To learn about volunteer opportunities at Mercy Center, please call (732) 774-9397 ext. 121.