

Care & Share, Inc.

“People Helping People”

**Care & Share**, a 501 C3 organization, was **established 26 years ago**, with about 4 churches. They now have up to 9 churches involved, including St. Bernard’s Catholic Church, Highland Methodist Church & First United Methodist Church of Bella Vista. **In 2015 they distributed \$80,000 dollars** in both food and financial aid to assist individuals who **live in the Gravette School District in Benton County**. This is truly a “volunteer” organization and with the exception of **1 truck driver**, who also repairs usable donations, and **1 custodian** all other employees are volunteers.

Services they offer includes:

- **Food Pantry -**
  - Their member churches hold food drives regularly and food is distributed every day they are open.
  - At **Thanksgiving and Christmas** they distribute “**food baskets**” to families needing assistance. It is not required, but they try to meet the needs of families with children first.
  - They **accept both cash and food donations from individuals** and also have received a **grant from Walmart** which can be used to purchase needed items.
  - They treat each person according to their individual circumstances so food can be distributed on an “as needed” basis.
- **Financial aid** – The guideline for help is \$150.00 each year per family, but like food the decisions to help are based on the same” “**as needed basis**. **Vouchers** are given out for:
  - **Utilities**
  - **Prescriptions**
  - **Other areas that need to be addressed because of individual circumstances.**
- Scholarships and other support:
  - **3 scholarships to Gravette High School Seniors**
  - Gravette **Boys & Girls Clubs**
  - Gravette **Senior Citizens Center**
- Ways the Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista can help!
  - **Sponsor** an event, like “**Spring Cleaning**” where we ask our members to bring their unneeded items to the church that can be used in their thrift store. They have a **trailer** they will leave at the church for several days where items can be loaded to save members having to transport items to their location. Their **driver will pick up heavy items at our church member’s homes just by calling (479) 344-6114**. Nice furniture items are displayed in an additional on-site building which is only open on Fridays and Saturdays from 9 AM to 1PM.
- Contact and Business Hour information:
  - Care & Share, Inc.; S. Hwy 59 & Huntington SE; Gravette, AR 72736; (479) 344-6114
  - Open Tuesday-Friday 9 AM to 1 PM
  - Specialty Shoppe Friday-Saturday 9 AM – 1 PM.