

# Monday Morning News 3/10/2025



## Director's Note

Last week I was able to travel to Guatemala to serve with my mom on a Medical Mission Trip. I worked in the eye clinic giving eye tests to people who have no access to vision care. It reminds me how blessed we truly are. Traveling also reminds me how thankful I am for our staff and crew of volunteers. I can leave the country, have little or no access to a phone or internet and have full confidence that all is being taken care of at ECO.

I visited a mountainside Thrift Store in one of the villages that we were in. I thought I captured a picture.... The woman that ran the tienda sourced her clothing from family that bought from Thrift Stores in the states and sent them down to Guatemala. To me it was very cool to see a women utilizing her entrepreneurial skills to greatly improve her families economic situation.

## ~ New Donation End Cap at Perry's Piggly Wiggly ~



Perry's Piggly Wiggly launched a permanent donation bag end cap benefiting the Food Pantry. It will have staple items for sale needed for the pantry. Also, it has donation bags for the local teen center.

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## Coming Events

- ⇒ **Easter Ham Basket and Children's Easter Basket** sign ups start March 4
- ⇒ Lead Volunteer Meeting: 3/14/25 at 8:30am
- ⇒ Board Meeting: March 17, 6:30pm (may be at 210/location to be announced)
- ⇒ **Bag Sale:** March 27-29

## Upcoming Birthdays

Felixx Ortiz Batz 3/11  
Katrina Schweigardt 3/12  
Trinity Brehmer 3/13  
Lori Huber 3/14  
Marcia Lantz 3/17



Food Pantry Needs:

- Rice/Pasta Sides
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Pineapple
- Canned Mixed Fruit
  - Cereal
  - Toilet Paper
  - Paper Towel

## 210 Update

210 is nearing completion. The apartments are being painted and furnished with cabinetry with the goal of tenants moving in March 15th.

ECO is still actively fundraising for the project as some additional costs were identified in the structural needs of the building. Visit our website to see the amazing transformation!!

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