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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT WILL ADD DIGNITY TO THE LANDSCAPING OF TRINITY CAFE 2

TAMPA, Fla., (May 20, 2016) – Guests of Trinity Cafe 2 and members of the First Church of God will soon enjoy some updated curb appeal thanks to Mackey Jones, a 14-year-old Boy Scout, who has recruited family, friends and fellow troop members to improve the grounds at 2202 E Busch Blvd. Tampa, FL 33612 on **Saturday, May 21, at noon.**

It's a project that has been in the works since early January, when Mackey decided he wanted to apply to be an Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America. Mackey heard about Trinity Cafe from his mother, who had volunteered there. Its mission impressed him, so Mackey met with Executive Director Mandy Cloninger to tour the new Trinity Cafe 2 location and determine how he could help.

"It's been inspiring to watch Mackey's vision for this project blossom. Our guests of Trinity Cafe 2 will benefit so much from the added seating, bicycle racks and updated landscaping. We are so thankful that Mackey designed his Eagle Scout project to benefit us and the First Church of God. His effort helps to add to the overall sense of dignity that we look to restore to our homeless and hungry guests while serving a nutritious meal," said Executive Director Mandy Cloninger.

"Our faith tells us that our young men will see visions. Mackey's vision is a brighter world where we will serve our fellow man with respect to build a sense of community and purpose. The improvements he is making are very needed, would not be possible without his efforts and are greatly appreciated," said Michael Crouch, Chairman of the Board of Elders of First Church of God.

So far, Mackey and his father have built benches and a bike rack, contracted a company to re-seal the parking lot and secured paint, concrete, mulch and plant donations from a home improvement store. Mackey and his troop of volunteers will be painting, landscaping and installing much needed additions that will benefit the growing number of guests coming Monday thru Friday to Trinity Cafe 2 to be served a meal with dignity.

There will be interview, photo and video opportunities available.

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About Trinity Cafe

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Trinity Cafe, a 501 (c) (3) non-denominational charity, has been a lifeline for the hungry and homeless in Tampa Bay since 2001, serving more than 1.1 million restaurant quality meals with dignity. Trinity Cafe prepares and serves 300-400 meals each day, 52 weeks a year, and doubled its impact on hunger in 2016 by opening a second location. Trinity Cafe's mission is to restore a sense of dignity to the hungry and homeless while serving a nutritious meal. We faithfully treat all of God's children with acceptance, compassion, love and respect.