



Together we can make a difference

Since our last Mobile Food Pantry event in November, where 135 Woodridge families were served, JANO has been strategizing for events that will be held in 2020. During these uncertain times let us remain hopeful that we are able to come together and celebrate one another.

As many of you know the mission of JANO is to connect with our neighbors, be a positive force that brings our neighbors together, bring resources into the neighborhood, help YOUTH G.R.I.T., and have fun. Our ongoing efforts and events are provided to encourage, guide and support our Woodridge neighbors. We believe in building UP our neighbors, building ON our neighborhoods and in turn help BUILD a wonderful sense of Community throughout Woodridge- for ALL of us!

Ultimately our organization will be known for the values we exhibit. This starts with fostering an inclusive, welcoming community, one which believes, and acts on a principle that everyone is created equal and deserves the respect of each person.

The death of George Floyd marks a painful point in an already challenging year, beginning with the onslaught and deaths caused by COVID-19. The culmination of these two events has left many feeling frustrated, reeling, hurting, angry and searching for answers. Our deepest condolences are with the Floyd family, and the many families who have lost loved ones due to COVID-19.

We also recognize the impact felt today from the death of George Floyd is not isolated to one situation, and that our Country has experienced far too many moments that continue to emphasize how much work there is to be done to recognize the plight of our minority communities.

We cannot change the past, but as we all continue to work together we can change the future.

"It is not our differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate those differences." —Audre Lorde

