

# St. Columba

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.

*Loaves & Fishes*

Fall 2012

“do justice...love mercy...unto the least of these...” *Micah, Matthew*

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## 2012 Fiscal Year Outcomes

Provided 2,812 showers.

Gave out 15,982 sandwiches.

Did 572 loads of client laundry.

Provided bus passes to 95 individuals.

Allowed 535 client phone calls.

Had 1,042 visits to our Clothing Closet.

Gave food to 1,008 households consisting of 2,925 individuals.

Helped 44 families with rental and utility assistance.

Provided 2,094 prescriptions to 532 homeless persons.

Had 10 clients from Next Step move into permanent housing.

### On Average:

We serve at least 45 persons a day in our Day Center.

80% of guests to our Day Center are male.

20% of guests are veterans.

25 persons visit our Clothing Closet each Monday.

84 families receive food from our Food Pantry each month.

### Our Special Ministries:

Provided Easter baskets to 121 children.

Distributed School Supplies to 367 students.

Gave Thanksgiving food to 148 families.

Gave Christmas food to 49 families.

Provided 692 holiday gifts to needy families.

\* Fiscal year runs July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.



## DONATIONS FOR JUNE – AUGUST 2012

### FINANCIAL

Lafayette, Wycliffe, Bayside, Royster Memorial, Second, Presbyterian; Christ the King, Ascension Catholic, Lafayette Adult Bible Class; CFC, CCC, CVC; N. Bonney, B. & R. Bertholf, B. Prince, M. Gantley, E. & N. Pollock, E. Baise, A. & H. Jensen, J. Stokley, J. Lego, P. & B. Huddy, B. & D. Hornick, C. Chapman, P. & J. Lichtenstein, S. & G. Notel, H. Ortiz, D. & B. Hornick, M. Bonney, N. & E. Pollock, B. Devlin, T. O'Shea, F. Ska, S. Green, L. Garvin, C. Garvin, J. Smolen, S. Parrish, H. Hackelborn, D. Lee, J. Nowell, F. Moribouquette.

### IN-KIND

Bayside, Royster Memorial, Wycliffe, Lafayette, Coleman Place, Calvin, Knox, Covenant, Grace Covenant, First, Second, Third, Norfolk, Providence, Craddock, Squires Presbyterian; St. Stephens Episcopal; Community United, Norview Methodist; Christ the King Catholic; Catholic Daughters; St. Patrick's Catholic School; Enoch, Second Calvary, New Kindling Baptist; University Presbyterian Ministry, Laurel Avenue Church of Christ; Trinity Lutheran, Unitarian Church, Secular Franciscan Order, Club Dejouir; Pizza Hut, Crossroad Lions Club, Plaza Bakery, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hospitality for the Homeless, Hope House Thrift Store, Norview Civic League; Dr. Pope, Knights Templar, Norfolk Elk Lodge 38, Union Mission, Urban Outreach, Parole and Probation, C. Inman, J. Lego, W. Schumacher, M. Ortiz, D. Stockburger, J. Stokley, C. Bayma, A. Taylor, M. Gantley, D. Hornick, R. Hidalgo, B. Bertholf, J. Ramsey, J. Marasco, T. Lombardi, T. Bailey, A. Mathews, H. Ortiz, J. Keifer, M. Blackwood, W. Amos, D. Basham, A. Hart, B. Campbell, K. White, Terrie, L. Korade, Capt. C. Lenior, P. Truett, S. Mahler, P. Pennington, R. Rankin, O' Hern, J. Biehl, O'Brien, M. Jones, B. Prince.



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If we have inadvertently omitted you, please call Alicia at (757) 627-6748.

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# Holiday Food Requests

The holidays are right around the corner and we are already preparing for over 200 holiday food baskets for families in need. This means we need your donations! Please keep in mind that although we have specific requests for the holiday baskets, we appreciate all food donations. Additional items will be distributed through our regular food pantry, which operates year-round. Items we need specifically for the holiday baskets include:

**10-12 lb turkeys, stuffing, canned soups, canned fruits & vegetables, canned cranberry sauce, rice, dry beans, bread mixes, flour, sugar, white & sweet potatoes, gravy, fresh fruit, and dessert mixes.**

Additional items we need throughout the year include:

**peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti and other pasta, spaghetti sauce, tuna, canned meat, single serving food, granola bars, trail mix, canned pasta, ramen noodles, instant oatmeal, and cereal.**

Or you can make a financial donation for special purchases of food online via PayPal (we have a link on our website at [www.stcolumbaministries.com](http://www.stcolumbaministries.com)) or by check (mail donations to St. Columba, 2114 Lafayette Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23509).

We also need **BROWN GROCERY BAGS** to pack all the food in for distribution. Each bag is doubled for strength and each family gets two to five bags, so we'll need at least 800 bags! Please save yours and drop them off when you drop off your food contributions.

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# School Supplies Distribution

This year's School Supplies Distribution was again held the week before school started. We started before 9 a.m. Monday morning and served 160 students on our first day. Word spread like wildfire and by 2:00 Tuesday afternoon we were nearly out of supplies! We served a total of 385 students this year, 18 more than last year!

We were blessed to have a generous grant from an anonymous private foundation and a significant contribution from a church allowing us to purchase backpacks. With these funds and a huge response from our community, we ended up with 385 backpacks this year, one for every student! With all the school supplies that were donated and purchased, we distributed nearly \$8,000 of school items to students in need! Thank you to all the churches, individuals and businesses that contributed to this year's collection!

Thank you also to the volunteers who helped. Ashley McLeod and her youth group volunteers were there from beginning to end. Pat Pennington and Jill Keifer also helped both days and Pat's husband helped out while he was available Monday morning. They all kept backpacks packed and going out the door as families came in seeking assistance.

Thank you also to Lafayette Presbyterian Church for letting us use their space again. Ray was kind enough to meet us there on Friday to set up and Bonnie helped us in so many ways, from taking calls to helping clients find our location in the church. We could not continue this program without their help and the support of our community! Thank you for all you do!



Both pictures above are of the distribution room Friday morning after we set up before the week of the School Supplies distribution. It took 5 vehicles to get all the supplies from our office to the church!

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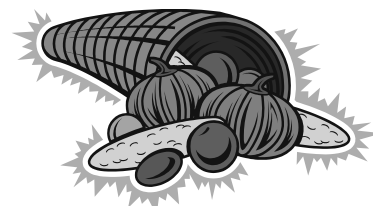
**Save the Date for our Fundraiser:  
Saturday, February 9, 2013**

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## **St. Columba Special Needs**

### **Holiday Food Collection - Starts NOW!**

Each year St. Columba provides food baskets to over 200 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. See the list inside for items we need to help fill the baskets this year!



### **Our ministry has many ongoing needs for items we use on a daily basis:**

- Brown grocery bags
- Plastic grocery bags
- Liquid or pods laundry detergent
- Travel size toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Spray deodorant
- Paper towels
- Travel size lotion
- Washcloths (pink)

## **We need warm clothes for our Clothing Closet!**

The nights are already getting cooler and our clients on the streets need your help to stay warm! Please donate your gently used men's jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants, coats, gloves, hats and scarves to our clothing closet!

### **Please Donate Laundry Detergent for Client Laundry**

Donations are accepted during normal business hours: Monday – Friday 8 AM to 3 PM. We will be closed from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day to reopen Wednesday, January 2, 2013. We regret that we are unable to provide pickup services for donations.