



St. Columba

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.

Loaves & Fishes

Fall 2013

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

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First Annual Yard Sale



Many of our grants are experiencing significant cuts and are facing more in the future, some up to 35% less than we are currently receiving. These grants keep the doors open, electricity on, and water running so we can meet the basic needs of those who are less fortunate. It is imperative that St. Columba raise additional funds to support our many programs or will not be able to continue offering services to those in need. To address this financial difficulty, our board of directors will be having our first annual yard sale:

Saturday, October 5, 2013

Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church

6901 Newport Ave, Norfolk, VA 23505

8 am – until everything is sold

In order to ensure the success of this very important fundraiser, we are seeking contributions of items for the sale. Donations can be dropped off at St. Columba during regular donation hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am – 3 pm. If you have larger items such as furniture we ask that you hold onto them until the week before the sale. All donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt for your contribution.

In addition to providing donations to support this fundraiser yard sale, we would like to invite you to join us at the yard sale to do some shopping. We anticipate having a large selection of varied items and there's no telling what treasures you may find!

Generous donors like you are the key to our success and make it possible for St. Columba to provide local individuals and families in need with assistance and critical services. Even if you are unable to donate items or make it out to shop, you can still support this effort through a financial contribution by check or PayPal. We hope that we can count on your support to help us make this endeavor a success.





DONATIONS FOR JUNE – AUGUST 2013

FINANCIAL

Lafayette, Wycliffe, Bayside, Royster Memorial Presbyterian, Holy Spirit Catholic, CCC, CVC, N. & T. Bonney, B. & R. Bertholf, B. Prince, M. Gantley, E. & N. Pollock, E. Baise, J. Stokley, J. Lego, P. Huddy, H. Ortiz, J. Morgan, D. Hornick, J. & M. Gray, T. Smith, P. Kersey, C. Bolt, V. Cannon, P. Lichtenstein, the Watkins, J. &

A. Donnal, Crossroad Lions Club.

IN-KIND

Bayside, Royster Memorial, Wycliffe, Lafayette, Coleman Place, Calvin, Knox, Grace Covenant, Covenant, First, Second, Third, Norfolk, Squires, Providence Presbyterian; St. Stephens Episcopal; Community United, Norview, First United Methodist; Christ the King, St. Pius X, Church of the Ascension Catholic, Hispanic Ministry; Catholic Daughters; First Lynnhaven Baptist; Lott Carey Mission International, University Presbyterian Ministry, Laurel Avenue Church of Christ; Church of the Epiphany, Finding Refuge Ministry at Fishes of Men, First, Christ Lutheran, Unitarian Church, Secular Franciscan Order, Plaza Bakery, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hospitality for the Homeless, Hope House Thrift Store, JCOC; Norview Civic League; American Heritage Girls, Dr. Pope, Dominion Enterprises, C. Inman, J. Lego, H. Ortiz D. Stockburger, J. Stokley, M. Gantley, D. Hornick, R. Hidalgo, B. Bertholf, J. Ramsey, Lombardi, G. Dillon, J. Keifer, J. Gray, A. Mathews, M. Duke, C. Johnson, N. Bonney, M. Bonney, the Schuhmachers, J. Birkel, M. Kidd, A. Taylor P. Russell, M. Zimmerman, A. Sandifer, P. Pennington, K. Rose, G. Gill, D. Hornick, W. Stewart, P. Neil, the Hill and Mayo children, E. Baise, R. Mukkamala, K. & M. Engress, T. Scott, K. Pomory, C & K Hawkins.



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

Holiday Food Requests

Believe it or not, the holidays are right around the corner and we will soon start preparing to distribute close to 200 holiday food baskets to 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,
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.**

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

Email List

St. Columba is going green! We would like to start sending out event notices, special needs, and eventually our newsletter via email! If you are interested in helping us make this change, please send an email to admin@stcolumba.hrcoxmail.com with the subject "Going Green" and provide your desired email address, as well as whether you'd still like to receive information by regular mail. Our newsletter will continue to be available on our website: www.stcolumbaministries.com.

School Supplies Program Gets an A+

Our School Supplies Program took place the week before school started, on August 26 and 27 and distributed over \$8000 of supplies to students in need. We had a line of at least twenty people when our doors opened at 9:00 Monday morning and we kept going strong until we closed at 3:00 that afternoon. A group of 8 volunteers, including Ashley McLeod and her youth group, Pat Pennington and her granddaughter, and board member, Joe Morgan, worked hard to keep supplies going out the door. By the end of the day 358 backpacks full of supplies had been distributed! The remainder were prepared for distribution the following morning when the Director, Alicia Mathews, handed out the last 25 backpacks and continued to distribute until all supplies were gone about 20 minutes later. In all, 401 students were assisted in a distribution that averaged over one backpack handed out per minute!

This program distributed more supplies than ever before, a total of 383 backpacks and enough supplies for over 400 students to have a great start to their school year. None of this would have been possible without the support of the many churches and individuals that donated school supplies, our anonymous donor that provided the funds to purchase backpacks and additional supplies, and the kindness of the folks at Lafayette Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use their church as a distribution site. The people involved directly with this program, volunteers, staff, board, and Bonnie and Bruce at Lafayette Presebyterian Church made this year a huge success! We are so grateful for everything they did to help us help students in need in our community!

The pictures to the left show the supply distribution. The top two photos are of the supply room set up right before we started handing out supplies and the bottom picture shows everyone (except Ashley, who was behind the camera) packing backpacks to give to students in need.



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**Yard Sale October 5
See inside for details!**

FALL 2013

St. Columba Special Announcements

Silent Auction Save the Date – SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2014

Fall/Winter Special Needs:

Holiday food for Thanksgiving & Christmas food baskets – see inside for a list of items
Warm clothes for our clothing closet: coats, gloves, socks, sweaters, jeans, sweatpants

We continue to need the follow items in our Day Center:

- Brown grocery bags
 - Plastic grocery bags
 - Liquid or pods laundry detergent
 - Travel or sample size toothpaste, lotion, shampoo, soaps, and other small hygiene products
 - Washcloths
 - Toothbrushes
 - Coffee
 - Paper towels
 - Spray deodorant
 - Toilet Paper
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Help Our Yard Sale Raise Money!

Our Board of Directors is having a Yard Sale at Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church on Saturday, October 5 to raise funds to help support our programs.

Please donate your gently used items to support this effort and plan to come out and shop for new treasures! More information is on the cover page!

*Donations are accepted during normal business hours: Monday – Friday 8 AM to 3 PM.
We regret that we are unable to provide pickup services for donations.*
