

# St. Columba

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.

*Loaves & Fishes*

Fall 2014

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

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## 2014 Fiscal Year Outcomes

Provided 2,240 showers.

Gave out 14,850 sandwiches.

Did 565 loads of client laundry.

Provided bus passes to 70 individuals.

Allowed 392 client phone calls.

Had 898 visits to our Clothing Closet.

Gave food to 575 households consisting of 1,641 individuals.

Provided 1,613 prescriptions to 395 homeless persons.

Had 6 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.

24 persons visit our Clothing Closet each Monday.

48 families receive food from our Food Pantry each month.

### Our Special Ministries:

Provided Easter baskets to 81 children.

Distributed School Supplies to 401 students.

Gave Thanksgiving food to 150 families.

Gave Christmas food to 56 families.

Provided holiday gifts to 397 clients.

\* Fiscal year runs July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.



## DONATIONS FOR JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2014

### FINANCIAL

Lafayette, Wycliffe, Bayside, Royster Memorial, Second, Grace Covenant Presbyterian; Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, Holy Spirit Catholic, Blessed Sacrament, Order of Franciscan Secular, CCC, CVC, Sentara Foundation, Food Lion, Microsoft, N. Bonney, B. Prince, M. Gantley, E. & N. Pollock, E. Baise, J. Stokley, J. Lego, S. Burch, P. Lichtenstein, T. Butterfield, D. Hornick, P. Martin, L. & S. Hull, V. Duke, M. Wetherbee, T. Bonney.

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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 nights are getting cooler, kids are back in school and that means the holidays are almost here. We are already preparing for over 200 holiday food baskets for families in our community and 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 and vegetables, canned cranberry sauce, rice, bread mixes, white and 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, 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](http://www.stcolumbaministries.com)) or by check (mail donations to St. Columba, 2114 Lafayette Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23509).

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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 during normal business hours.

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# School Supplies Distribution

The 2014 School Supplies Distribution was a whirlwind of backpacks, notebooks and pencils, taking less than a full day to hand out items to over 500 students! With a generous grant from an anonymous supporter, and collections of school supplies from churches, businesses and individuals, we were able to distribute to 509 children in need.

Special thanks goes out to everyone at Lafayette Presbyterian Church who allowed us to use their space and helped us set up the Friday before the event. Ashley McLeod and many other hard working volunteers kept backpacks going out the door from 9:00 am Monday, August 25 until we ran out around 1:30 that afternoon. In all, we were able to provide a backpack to 461 students and basic school supplies to all 509 who came to us in need of help preparing for the new school year.

This is a huge increase from last year, when we served 401 students and had only 383 backpacks. A greater number of backpacks this year allowed us to provide the most expensive item of the school supplies list to 461 students, decreasing the burden for many parents with already strained budgets. Feedback from those receiving services was overwhelmingly positive, with one sharing: "Without this program myself and my grandchildren I am raising would be strained for supplies." Another parent wrote that the program is "very helpful and [her] kids will be able to attend school with supplies."

The pictures to the right and below are of the distribution room set up and ready to hand out items to students and parents.



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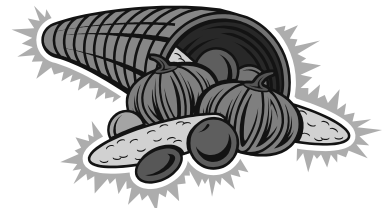
**We are now collecting for our  
Holiday Food Baskets**

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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:**

- Travel size soap
- Coffee
- Disinfectant spray
- Travel size lotion
- Razors
- Spray deodorant
- Paper towels
- Plastic grocery bags
- Brown paper grocery bags

## **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 Wednesday, December 24, 2014 through Friday, January 2, 2015.  
We regret that we are unable to provide pickup services for donations.