

# St. Columba

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.

*Loaves & Fishes*

Fall 2015

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

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## 2015 Fiscal Year Outcomes

Provided 1,870 showers.

Gave out 17,679 sandwiches.

Did 404 loads of client laundry.

Provided bus passes to 53 individuals.

Allowed 472 client phone calls.

Had 860 visits to our Clothing Closet.

Gave food to 776 households consisting of 2,054 individuals.

Provided 2,108 prescriptions to 486 homeless persons.

Issued 197 Vision and 236 Dental Vouchers.

Had 14 clients from Next Step move into permanent housing.

### On Average:

We serve 35 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.

65 families receive food from our Food Pantry each month.

### Our Special Ministries:

Provided Easter baskets to 81 children.

Distributed School Supplies to 509 students.

Gave Thanksgiving food to 150 families.

Gave Christmas food to 64 families.

Provided holiday gifts to 370 clients.

\* Fiscal year runs July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.



## DONATIONS FOR JUNE – SEPTEMBER 2015

### FINANCIAL

Lafayette, Wycliffe, Bayside, Royster Memorial, Providence, Third, Presbyterian; CCC, The United Way; Holy Spirit, Church of the Ascension, Catholic; First United Methodist Church; Unitarian Church; M. Gantley, E. & N. Pollock, E. Baise, J. Stokley, J. Lego, S. Burch, P. Martin, S. Fudala, R. C. & L. L. Chapman, W. M. Touray,

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Bayside, Royster Memorial, Wycliffe, Lafayette, Calvin, Knox, Grace Covenant, Covenant, First, Second, Third, Norfolk, Squires, St. Andrews, Providence, Presbyterian; St. Stephens Episcopal; Christ the King, Church of the Ascension, Catholic; Catholic Daughters; Enoch Baptist; Laurel Avenue Church of Christ; Christ, First, Trinity, Lutheran; Ghent United, First United, Methodist; Covenant Fellowship, St. Paul's Deliverance Christian Center; Church of the Epiphany; Christ Apostolic Church; SAI Center of Hampton Roads; Order of Franciscan Secular; Plaza Bakery, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hospitality for the Homeless, Hope House Thrift Store; Damuth Trane, Norview Civic League; YMCA Pool Ladies; Chubb Insurance, Gabriele's Lawn & Landscapes, J. Lego, M. Gantley, D. & B. Hornick, B. Bertholf, J. Keifer, A. Mathews, P. Pennington, P. Neil, M. Mendez, T. & G. Dillon, W. Fowler, K. Spector, B. Cain, S. Womack, T. Rozelle, S. Kondracki, J. Stokley, T. Bonk, J. Morgan, H. Ortiz, G. Neil, T. Gantley, B. Brenton, K. Hawkins, Ms. Cherry, J. Avera, D. Harris, D. Stockburger, J. Bashara, M. McCorkle, D. Garvin, C. Inman, J. Lewis, P. Barner, W. & R. Reynolds, R. Faison, M. Cook, L. Copehart, D. Gantley, D. Mandell, D. Hammond, M. Gorman, K. Wilson, H. Spencer, D. Hornick, K. Wallace, C. Davis, D. Hammer, T. Wallace, D. Linette, Ms. Glover, Ms. Hogan.



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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. Halloween candy is on the shelves at stores. Some stores even have Christmas items out already! And you know what that means: the holidays are right around the corner. We are 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 four days a week, 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, sweet potatoes (fresh and canned), white potatoes (fresh, boxed and canned), 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 2015 School Supplies Distribution was a whirlwind of backpacks, notebooks and pencils, taking less than 6 hours to hand out items! With a generous grant from an anonymous supporter, and collections of school supplies from businesses, churches and individuals, we were able to help 574 students prepare for the new school year!

Special thanks goes out to everyone at Lafayette Presbyterian Church who allowed us to use their space for our event. Ashley McLeod and many other hard working volunteers kept packed backpacks going out the door from 9:00 am Monday, August 31 until we ran out around 3:00 that afternoon.

This is a huge increase from last year, when we served 509 students and had only 461 backpacks. A greater number of backpacks this year allowed us to provide the most expensive item of the school supplies list to 512 students, decreasing the burden for many parents with already strained budgets.

Feedback from those receiving services was overwhelmingly positive, with one sharing, "It's a beautiful thing to know that there is help for the children to have what they need for school. Thanks a lot!" Another wrote that the program is, "Very welcoming and pleasant. Single mother lost everything, recently hospitalized and this was a great help! Great job! God bless your support!" A grandparent shared that she's "very grateful for the help. I'm a single grandmother raising 5 grandchildren."

The pictures to the right and below are of the distribution room and volunteers packing backpacks to hand out to students and parents.



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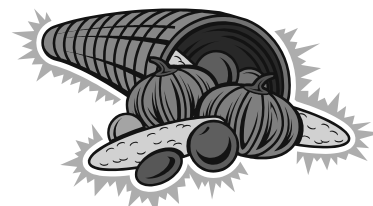
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## St. Columba Special Needs

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### 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!



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### 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

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## 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 and women's jeans, sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants, coats, gloves, hats and scarves to our clothing closet!

## Please Donate Laundry Detergent for Client Laundry

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Donations are accepted during normal business hours: Monday – Friday 8 AM to 3 PM.  
We will be closed from Thursday, December 24, 2015 through Friday, January 1, 2016.  
We regret that we are unable to provide pickup services for donations.