



St. Columba

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.
Loaves & Fishes

Spring 2012

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

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Baskets of Hope



St. Columba's Silent Auction and Benefit Dinner

Saturday, May 12, 2012 at Bayside Presbyterian Church

1400 Ewell Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Doors open and auction starts at 6:00 *Dinner will be served at 6:30

Auction concludes at 7:30 *Winners announced at 8:00

Tickets are on sale at St Columba for \$20 a person. Please call 627-6748 or visit our website www.stcolumbaministries.com for purchasing information.

All items available in this year's auction are presented in

"Baskets of Hope" and include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Lottery Basket
- ❖ Restaurant Baskets
- ❖ Snuggle Up Baskets
- ❖ Tea Basket
- ❖ Cat Lover's Basket
- ❖ Dog Lover's Basket
- ❖ Grilling Basket
- ❖ Men's Reading Basket
- ❖ Tranquility Basket
- ❖ Pasta Basket
- ❖ Wine Baskets
- ❖ Games Basket
- ❖ Emergency Car Kit
- ❖ Car Care Baskets
- ❖ Busch Gardens Passes
- ❖ Golf Basket
- ❖ Chocolate Basket
- ❖ Movie Basket
- ❖ Gardening Basket
- ❖ Local Activities Baskets
- ❖ Breast Cancer Awareness
- ❖ Stamping/Scrapbooking Basket
- ❖ Tool Basket
- ❖ Spa Basket
- ❖ Sip & Dip (Beer & Pretzels)
- ❖ Many Gift Card Baskets

Please visit our website at www.stcolumbaministries.com to see a complete list and view pictures of many items. Make sure you check back often as the list will be updated as we get closer to the event.

DOUBLE YOUR DONATIONS

An anonymous donor has again offered to match all profits from this year's event up to \$20,000! By contributing to this fundraiser you will help us double the benefit to our agency and our clients! Please give generously!



DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2011 – FEBRUARY 2012

FINANCIAL

Bayside, Lafayette, Wycliffe, Second, Knox, Coleman Place, Presbyterian, Presbytery of Eastern Virginia; Church of the Epiphany; Larcmont, Community United Methodist; Catholic Daughters, CFC, CCC, CVC, The Warden Family Foundation; SMOTJ PHI; N. Bonney, C. & P. Miskill, S. Notel, B. & G. Blanchard, P. Martin, B. & R. Bertholf, G. Magnuson, B. Prince, P. Lichtenstein, B. & G. Brenton, K. Coleman, J. Ramsey, L. Wood/Mays, J. & W. Ortiz, M. Gantley, E. & N. Pollock, E. Baise, A. & H. Jensen, J. Stokley, J. Lego, M. Bonney, G. & D. Neil, C. & D. Zuidema, M. & J. Cronin, T. & B. Smith, T. & D. Morrison, S. Elliott, P. Gantley, A. & H. Rollins/Jones.

IN-KIND

Bayside, Royster Memorial, Wycliffe, Lafayette, Coleman Place, Calvin, Knox, Covenant, Grace Covenant, First, Second, Third Norfolk, Presbyterian; St. Stephens Episcopal; Norview, Fairmount Park, Community United Methodist; Christ the King, Church of the Holy Family Catholic; Catholic Workers; Enoch, Second Calvary, Baptist, University Presbyterian Ministry, Catholic Daughters; Unitarian Church; Secular Franciscan Order, Christ the King Catholic School, Christ Apostolic Church; Pizza Hut, Crossroad Lions Club, Plaza Bakery, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hospitality for the Homeless, Hope House Thrift Store, Commandery of The Holy Isle; Norview Civic League; C. Inman, J. Lego, J. Bashara, V. Armstrong, J. Birkel, S. Mahler, W. Schumacher, J. Ortiz, D. Stockburger, J. Stokley, C. Bayma, A. Taylor, M. Gantley, D. Hornick, S. Baker, J. Conklin, R. Hidalgo, B. Bertholf, J. Thomas, T. Johnson, J. Ramsey, P. Russell, Ms. Borson, S. Allen, A. Powell, L. Capehart, J. Lewis, M. Akey, M. & J. Jones, L. Maynard, T. Bonk, D. Glover, J. Martinez, S. Sellers, D. Basham, L. Daniels, P. Huddy, M. Fetterly.



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

Board of Directors Openings

St. Columba is always looking for individuals who are interested in serving as board members and helping you serve those who are less fortunate in your community. The Board of Directors provides oversight for fulfilling the mission of St. Columba: To operate an ecumenical ministry in response to the Biblical Mandate to minister to persons in need, whether these needs are economic, social or spiritual. Membership is perfect for people who are busy during the day, but still want to get involved. We meet at 7:00 PM on the first Monday of each month (excluding holidays) and have an annual fundraiser on a Saturday in the spring. Individuals who are interested in this opportunity will be paired with a current board member who will serve as a mentor and provide you with all of the information to get started. If you would like to know more about this opportunity to help others, please email Alicia at admin@stcolumba.hrcoxmail.com.

Welcome to St. Columba

The staff and board of St. Columba would like to welcome Walter “Wally” Hynes to the St. Columba family. Wally joined us in February as our Day Center Assistant and he fit right in immediately. With an excellent work ethic, great attention to detail and professional boundaries, he is already an asset to our organization and the clients we serve. We are excited to have Wally joining our agency and look forward to working with him!

In the 2011 Calendar Year St. Columba:

Helped 915 individuals in our Day Center.

Provided 2,128 showers.

Gave out 11,120 sandwiches.

Did 461 loads of client laundry.

Provided bus passes to 102 individuals.

Allowed 624 client phone calls.

Had 818 visits to our Clothing Closet.

Gave food to 932 households consisting of 2,713 individuals.

Helped 76 families with rental and utility assistance.

Provided 1,519 prescriptions to 407 homeless persons.

Assisted 37 homeless persons with emergency dental work.

Paid for eye exams for 77 homeless clients.

And had 11 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.

21 persons visit our Clothing Closet each Monday.

78 families receive food from our Food Pantry each month.

Our Homeless Assistant meets with 75 persons each quarter.

Our Most Recent Special Ministries:

Provided Easter baskets to 121 children.

Helped 367 children prepare for the school year with supplies.

Gave out 148 Thanksgiving baskets.

Provided food baskets to 49 families for Christmas.

And gave 692 gifts to 370 individuals through our Angel Tree.

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**Baskets of Hope Silent Auction
Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 6 PM**

SPRING 2012

St. Columba Special Needs

Current Day Center Needs

- Brown paper grocery bags
- Spray deodorant
- Liquid laundry detergent
- Travel size lotion
- Sunscreen
- Paper towels & toilet paper
- Bottled water
- Disinfectant spray
- Coffee - Coffee - Coffee
- Insect repellent

Current Clothing Closet Needs

- Men's jeans and work pants size 34-38
- New boxers small, medium and large
- New and gently used T-shirts
- New men's socks

Join us May 12 for our annual fundraiser – see the cover page for details.



**See inside for more information about joining
St. Columba's Board of Directors**



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.