



# St. Columba

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.

*Loaves & Fishes*

Summer 2015

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

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## Request for School Supplies

Each year St. Columba has a School Supplies Program that distributes school supplies to local children in need. We depend on the generosity of the community to help us make this program a success. Last year we handed out backpacks and school supply basics to 509 students, giving them a great start to their school year. Now is the time to start thinking about this program, which runs the last week before school starts again in the fall. We will be seeking donations of the following for this distribution:

- Wide rule notebook paper
- College rule notebook paper
- Wide rule spiral notebooks
- College rule spiral notebooks
- Folders with prongs
- Composition notebooks
- Crayons
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Compasses
- Protractors
- Calculators
- 3-ring binders
- Blue, black and red pens
- Scissors
- Glue
- Rulers
- Pencil boxes/pouches
- Highlighters
- Tissues
- Index cards
- Erasers
- Pencils
- Backpacks



**The deadline for donating school supplies is Wednesday, August 26.**

Donations can be dropped off at our office during normal business hours. Financial contributions can be made by check or PayPal to assist with last minute purchases of supplies. The distribution will begin on Monday, August 31 and continue until we run out of most supplies. Any left over items will be donated to local schools. Please call Alicia at 627-6748 if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help distribute items on August 31.

## DONATIONS FOR FEBRUARY - MAY 2015



### **FINANCIAL**

Lafayette, Wycliffe, Bayside, Royster Memorial, Second, Presbyterian; Second Presbyterian Women Triple Circle; Sidnia Etherington Adult Bible Class Lafayette Presbyterian, CCC, CVC, The United Way, Papco, M. Gantley, E. & N. Pollock, E. Baise, J. Stokley, J. Lego, S. Burch, P. Lichtenstein, A. Mathews, J. Ramsey, H. & J. Ortiz, B. & R. Bertholf, E. Fultz, T. Gantley, J. Bashara, A. & G. McLeod, P. Trent, M. Taylor, D. Gammon, P. Martin, H. Mingin, T. Nelson, S. Williams, E. & S. Davis, B. Brenton, D. Gantley, A. Long, J. & N. Morgan, M. & C. Schreiber, L. Brown, K. & J. Breitwieser, A. Baragona, D. & M. Troyer, E. Fultz, H. Mingin, E. Davis, J. Bashara.

### **IN-KIND**

Bayside, Royster Memorial, Wycliffe, Lafayette, Calvin, Knox, Grace Covenant, Covenant, First, Second, Norfolk, Squires, Presbyterian; St. Stephens Episcopal; Christ the King, Church of the Holy Family, Catholic; Catholic Daughters; Enoch Baptist; Laurel Avenue Church of Christ; Christ, First Lutheran; Covenant Fellowship, St. Paul's Deliverance Christian Center; Church of the Epiphany; SAI Center of Hampton Roads; Order of Franciscan Secular; Plaza Bakery, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hospitality for the Homeless, Hope House Thrift Store; Norview Civic League; D. Pope; YMCA Pool Ladies; Ocean Air Elementary School; Willard Model School; Federation of Garden Clubs; Norfolk Crime Line; Gabriele's Lawn & Landscapes; Catholic Workers; Ruth Circle; Vista Outdoor; J. Lego, H. Ortiz, M. Gantley, D. & B. Hornick, B. Bertholf, J. Keifer, A. Mathews, M. Bonney, N. Bonney, P. Pennington, P. Neil, M. Mendez, L. Stith, , T. & G. Dillon, W. Fowler, K. Spector, B. Cain, T. Anthony, S. Womack, T. Rozelle, S. Kondracki, J. Stokley, T. Bonk, J. Morgan, M. Fuller, M. Blackwood, D. Neil, S. Williams, T. Bailey, S. Mahler, T. Duerig, J. Douglas, M. Kitt, J. Duncan, T. Gantley, B. Brenton, D. Pagel, C. Pulido, B. Blair, K. Rhodes, P. Russell, S. Berdar, K. Hawkins.



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

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## Baskets of Love

St. Columba's annual Silent Auction and Benefit Dinner, Baskets of Love, was held on Saturday, May 30, and was a huge success!! We would like to thank Bayside Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use their fellowship hall for our event. Thank you also to Lucie Brown for catering this event, our youth volunteers for serving dinner and dessert, The Antolin Family for providing our wonderful entertainment and our anonymous donor for matching donations received from this fundraiser. We appreciate all the support from the individuals who contributed to this event in so many ways and from everyone who came out to support our work and ministry. We also want to thank our guest of honor, Henry McNair, graduate of Next Step, whose story of success was presented in our program and is included on the following page for those who were not able to attend.



**Henry L. McNair**  
**Next Step Graduate**  
**January 10, 2003**

I had some drug and alcohol challenges, due to my choices, I went to prison for burglary. I borrowed a company vehicle without permission. I spent two and a half years away and I was released. Disgusted, broken, and hurt, I needed a new beginning. So I looked to St. Columba for help. I talked to a gentleman named Ike Bingham. At first he was reluctant to give me an opportunity. He wanted to see how serious I was about turning my life around.

Ike and Alice decided to give me an opportunity. They had accepted me into the Next Step Transitional Housing Program. Ike encouraged me to go to Johnson & Wales in Culinary Arts with a concentration in Hotel and Restaurant Management. During my time of going to school, I would arrive at school at 8 am and depart at 2:30 pm. I would go to the Next Step house until 8 pm and catch the bus to Princess Anne and Military Highway. I would walk from Military Highway and Princess Anne Road almost three miles to Baker Road. I would arrive at 10 pm. My shift started at 10 pm and ended at 6 am. And I would return back to school for an 8 am class. This went on for four days out of the week.

During my time at St. Columba, I catered several events at churches around town. The Virginian Pilot covered a Thanksgiving Dinner I catered for Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church and it was put on the front page of the newspaper. Thanks to Alice and Ike. That experience encouraged me to start a catering company that is thriving well to this day. I have catering for the late Senator Yvonne Miller, Senator Kenneth Alexander, former Governor Tim Kane, The National African American Black Women Congress Hampton Roads Chapter, and NRHA Young Terrace Tenant Management Corporation.

After leaving Next Step, I became a Kitchen Manager for Old Dominion University in Norfolk. An opportunity soon arose for me to become Executive Chef for one of the largest African American Churches in Norfolk. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I had to move on and again, God had a plan. I became the Dietary Supervisor for one of the largest hospitals on the East Coast, Sentara Healthcare. As fate would have it, after two years, God was on the move again. I became the General Manager for Long John Silver where I stayed there for three years. Then another opportunity arose and I was asked to be the General Manager of Popeye's Chicken. Again I say God had a plan. After Popeye's, I became the Kitchen Manager for Salvation Army and was part of the East Coast Disaster Team (which went to Eastern Shore as part of the disaster team that helped after the tornado). I was with the Salvation Army for five years. Again God had a plan. I am currently the General Manager of a 105 room hotel on Lynnhaven Parkway in Virginia Beach. St. Columba was the catalyst for me to arrive at the pinnacle of my career.

Hard work, positive people, and a good team around you is a recipe for success. Thank you Alice Taylor, Ike Bingham and Alicia Mathews!

**Next Step Transitional Housing Program** is a 6-month program that guides homeless, single males and females in becoming independent and self-sufficient with the ultimate goal of moving into permanent housing. Since starting in 1998, Next Step has helped 156 individuals overcome their homelessness.

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**School Supplies Needed!**

Summer 2015

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## **St. Columba Special Needs**

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### **School Supplies Donations Needed**

Our School Supplies Distribution is the week before school starts. We need volunteers, school supplies and financial donations to support this event. A complete list is on the front page. **Please drop off all donations by Wednesday, August 26!** Call Alicia at 627-6748 for more information!

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

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

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## **Warm Weather Special Needs**

Bottled water ♦ Sunscreen ♦ Insect repellent

Lightweight, light colored clothes ♦ Hats ♦ Ponchos

**Please Donate Liquid Laundry Detergent for Client Laundry**

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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.