



# St. Columba

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.

*Loaves & Fishes*

Winter 2013 / Spring 2014

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

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## **BASKETS OF LOVE**

St. Columba's annual Silent Auction and Benefit Dinner, Baskets of Love, is on Saturday, March 1, 2014 and we would LOVE to have you join us! Tickets are \$20 per person and purchasing information is available by calling Alicia at 627-6748. The event is at Bayside Presbyterian Church and starts at 5 PM with dinner being served at 5:30. We will have lively entertainment and many wonderful Baskets of Love will be available in our silent auction. Some of the themes we are offering are:

Cat Lover's

Lottery

Dog Lover's

Bath and Body Works

Tool

Movie

Tea

Theatre Tickets

Candle

Coffee

Chocolate

Games

Beer

Wine

Arts & Crafts

Trivia

Beach

Bike

Whole Foods Market

Many Restaurant Gift Cards

Retail Gift Cards

Memberships to local Museums

Tickets to local Events



Please give to this cause even if you cannot attend, as it all goes to support our many programs. Simply write “auction” in the memo section of your check or note it on your PayPal contribution. Every donation, no matter how small, helps and allows us to help those who come to us in their time of need!



## **DONATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2013**

### **FINANCIAL**

Lafayette, Wycliffe, Bayside, Royster Memorial, Coleman Place, Presbyterian, Presbytery of Eastern Virginia; Holy Spirit, Blessed Sacrament Catholic, Church of the Epiphany, First United Methodist, Unitarian Church; United Way; The Warden Foundation, SMOTJ PHI, Norfolk Jaycees, Food Lion; CCC, CVC, N. Bonney, B. & R. Bertholf, E. & N. Pollock, B. Prince, M. Gantley, E. Baise, J. Stokley, J. Lego, P. Huddy, H. Ortiz, J. Morgan, D. Hornick, P. Lichtenstein, the Watkins, W. Obrien Jr., B. & P. Pope, J. Schuhmacher, M. Pomory, L. Greer, M. & W. Sewell, C. Hawkins, J. Ramsey, K. Chipok, K. & M. James, J. & R. Major, H. Jones, L. Johnson, B. Lutsky.

### **IN-KIND**

Bayside, Royster Memorial, Wycliffe, Lafayette, Coleman Place, Calvin, Knox, Grace Covenant, Covenant, First, Second, Third, Norfolk, Squires Presbyterian; St. Stephens Episcopal; Community United, Norview, First United Methodist; Christ the King, St. Pius X, Church of the Ascension, Catholic; Catholic Daughters; Enoch Baptist; Laurel Avenue Church of Christ; University Presbyterian Ministry; Finding Refugee Fishes of Men, First, Christ Lutheran, St. Paul's Deliverance Christian Center; Mount Zion Church; Real Life Christian Church; Faith Christian Center; SAI Center of Hampton Roads; ODU Catholic Ministries; Unitarian Church, Order of Franciscan Secular; Ghent Montessori School; Chesapeake Montessori School; Kids of Grace Pre-School; Folett Higher Education Group; Bayside Pre-School; Poplar Hall Elementary School; Ocean Air Elementary School; De Paul Providence Place; ODU Book Store; ACC; Club DeJour Inc.; The Norfolk Jaycees; Priority of the Holy Isle; Plaza Bakery, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hospitality for the Homeless, Hope House Thrift Store, JCOC; Norview Civic League; Dr. Pope, Dominion Enterprises, C. Inman, J. Lego, H. Ortiz D. Stockburger, J. Stokley, M. Gantley, D. Hornick, B. Bertholf, J. Ramsey, J. Keifer, A. Mathews, M. Duke, C. Johnson, N. Bonney, M. Bonney, J. Schuhmacher, J. Birkel, P. Pennington, P. Neil, E. Baise, K. Pomory, M. Mendez, D. Pagel, the Phillip's, J. Lewis, D. Carlton, G. Costis, M. Garvin, P. Davenport, L. Maynard, K. Meyers, E. Lovejoy, H. Watkins, B. Prince, B. & G. Brenton, J. Morgan, L. Greer, B. Faison, J. Nault, T. Jones, S. Gardner, R. & B. Schultz, J. Hodges, J. Bashara, M. Blackwood, A. Taylor, C. Johnson, B. Borson.



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

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# **Board Openings**

St. Columba's Board of Directors is comprised of many talented and giving individuals who are often involved in many areas of our community. At times this can create demands on their time that prevent them from continuing as board members. Unfortunately, we have recently parted with some valued members and are seeking individuals who are looking for a way to become more involved in their community.

Our Board meets the first Monday of each month (unless a holiday) at 7:00 PM. Meetings usually last an hour to an hour and a half and are located in Virginia Beach. In addition to the monthly meeting, we have an annual fundraiser and a holiday party in December. The Board helps plan these events and oversees the work of St. Columba as we continue to serve those who are in need in our community.

If you are interested in learning more about Board membership, please contact Alicia at 627-6748 or [admin@stcolumba.hrcoxmail](mailto:admin@stcolumba.hrcoxmail) for more information. Interested individuals will be provided with an introductory packet of information and paired with a current Board member for additional details about applying and serving on the Board of Directors.

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# Thanksgiving & Christmas Ministry

Thank you to everyone who supported our Thanksgiving ministry this year! Through the generosity of many churches, individuals and community groups we were able to help 150 families with food for Thanksgiving. We are especially grateful for the continued support of Lafayette Presbyterian Church, where we sorted, packed and distributed food. Thank you also to the Norfolk Jaycees and other volunteers for their time and energy in helping us sort and prepare the food baskets to serve 528 people this year! Thanks to your generosity, many families in our community were able to have a nice Thanksgiving dinner.

Our Christmas Ministry was also able to provide to many families in need this year. Thank you again to the many churches, businesses, community groups and individuals who made this possible by giving gifts for those who are less fortunate in our community. Through your help we were able to provide presents to 265 children and 132 adults. Using food collected through our Thanksgiving food drive, we provided food to 56 families consisting of 185 individuals for a Merry Christmas dinner!

The past year has been especially challenging for our clients, our supporters and our agency. With cuts to grants and decreased donations, we were often unsure how we would be able to maintain the same level of service to those who come to us in need, and this was especially true for our holiday ministries. We were truly blessed to have such a huge outpouring of kindness from our supporters, who dug deep in their pockets and pantries, and gave selflessly of their time and energy to make sure others were able to have a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.



The Norfolk Jaycees, St. Columba Staff and friends and family sorted hundreds of bags of food for the Thanksgiving distribution.



After hours of hard work, baskets were packed for 150 families for Thanksgiving and everyone took a moment for a group photo.



Laurel Avenue Church of Christ members drop off presents for our Christmas ministry.

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Tickets available for our Fundraiser:  
**Saturday, March 1, 2014**

WINTER 2013 / SPRING 2014

## St. Columba Special Needs

Please join us for our annual Silent Auction and Benefit Dinner:

### **BASKETS OF LOVE**

on Saturday, March 1, 2013 at 5 PM at

Bayside Presbyterian Church. Ticket purchasing information and basket themes available for auction can be found on page 1.

**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

## Please donate gently used winter clothes!

The frigid temperatures have placed a huge demand on our Clothing Closet!

We are in need of warm clothes for our clients who are homeless and on the streets!

We need gently used coats, jeans, sweatpants, sweatshirts, hoodies, thermal underwear, scarves, hats and gloves. We also need new socks and boxers.

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.