

St. Columba

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.

Loaves & Fishes

Fall 2009

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

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Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Outcomes

We have been tracking many different outcomes at St. Columba to give us a picture of how many people we serve and, in some cases, how many people are in need. The numbers below are from the 2008-2009 fiscal year, including July 2008 through June 2009. During this time we:

Helped 897 individuals in our Day Center.

Provided 2,437 showers.

Gave out 9,997 sandwiches.

Did 815 loads of client laundry.

Provided bus passes to 310 individuals.

Allowed 1,342 client phone calls.

Had 979 visits to our Clothing Closet.

Provided bus passes to 310 individuals.

Gave work boots to 49 individuals.

Allowed 23 individuals to receive mail at our address.

Obtained ID cards for 23 clients.

Gave food to 810 households consisting of 2,123 individuals.

Helped 94 families with rental and utility assistance.

Received 6,574 requests for assistance.

Distributed 177 holiday baskets.

Assisted 181 children and 3 schools with school supplies.

Provided 1,010 prescriptions to 361 homeless persons.

And had 14 clients from Next Step move into permanent housing.

We could not continue to serve those who come to us in need without your support. As the economy continues to affect our neighbors, it is more important than ever that we have our doors open to help them when they seek assistance. We appreciate all you have done in the past to support our mission and implore you to find it in your heart to continue to support our work in the future.



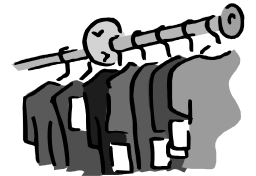
DONATIONS FOR JUNE 2009 – AUGUST 2009

FINANCIAL

Bayside, Lafayette, Covenant Presbyterian; CFC, CCC, CVC, Church of the Ascension, Parish of the Holy Spirit, Christ the King Catholic; Capt. T. Smith, E. Baise, A. & H. Jensen, J. Stokley, J. Lego, E.&N. Pollock, M Baise, the Stockburgers, J&C Goico, T. Bowden, P. Martin, H. & J. Ortiz, S. & G. Notel, J. Green, M. Robinson, T. D. Morrison, K. MacMillian R. Brenton, M. Ortiz, Jesse Ortiz, F. Watkins, W. Warden, M. Gantley, A. Webb, L. Anderson, E. Avera, P. Barner, S. Baum, D. Birsch, D. Davis, J. Howard, V. Jones, G. Julian, A. Thomas, T. Thomas-Kuhlman, B. Wilson, T. Miller, W. Prince, L. Mara, J. Ramsey.

IN-KIND

Bayside, Royster Memorial, Wycliffe, Lafayette, Norview, Calvin, Knox, Squires Memorial, Coleman Place, Covenant, Grace Covenant, Second, Norfolk, Providence Presbyterian, Saesoon Presbyterian Church of Virginia; St. Stephens Episcopal; Norview Fairmount Park, Community United Methodist; Christ the King, Church of the Ascension Catholic; Finding Refugee Ministry; Enoch Baptist, Bayview Baptist; Laurel Ave. Church of Christ; Church of the Epiphany. The Fresh Market, Pizza Hut, Crossroad Lions Club, Plaza Bakery, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hospitality for the Homeless, Hope House Thrift Store, James Bukovac DDS, Huntersville Mentoring program, Norview Civic League, USS Harry Truman, T. Bonk, C. Dozier, M. Gantley, J. Ramsey, Lakewood Plaza Residents, M. Allen, B. Bertholf, the Hornicks, R. Hidalgo, C. Inman, J. Thomas, J. Lego, M. Ortiz, J. Bashara, L. Lewis, C. Bayma, A Taylor, C. Vogan, M. McCormick, the Stockburger's, N. Zimmerman, V. Armstrong, S. Huber, M. Walker, S. Jensen, R. Stine, B. Major, J. Dailey, Jensen-Fortney, K. & P. Mathews, G. & A. Spruill, T. Bonney, M. Smith, T. Morrison, K. Owens, M. Gray, M.. Jones, C. Demchak, K. Grandy, M. Blackwell, C. Fioni, C. Hawkins, the Jorgensen's, T. Lambardi, G. Turner, A. Cassidy, H. Barksdale, S. Baker, A. Calcagney, P. Lichtensten, W. Prince, B. Edwards, D. Nimershiem, P. Barner, E. Pollock, J. Avera, D. Brown.



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

Thank you to everyone that helped with our school supplies

We received a huge response from our community for our annual School Supplies Distribution. We were able to help 238 students with supplies to get a great start to their school year. We'd like to thank everyone that donated time, money and school supplies to make this year a success:

Carol Fiori
Sandy Baker
John Grey
Jane Lego
James Thomas
Shelly Jensen
R.J. Morrison
Alice Taylor
Sonja Vazquez
Ethel Pollock

Carol Bayma
Merlyn Blackwood
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Mike Powell
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Hope Bell
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Royster Memorial Presbyterian Church
Laruel Avenue Church of Christ
Church of the Epiphany
Coleman Place Presbyterian
Norview Presbyterian Church
Knox Presbyterian Church
Bayside Presbyterian Church
Providence Presbyterian Church
Second Presbyterian Church

We'd like to express a special thank you to Lafayette Presbyterian Church for allowing us to use their church as a distribution site and to Ashley McLeod for coordinating and overseeing the distribution this year. We couldn't do it without your help!

Some of the feedback we received from our clients this year include:

"Thank you for all the love you show during these difficult times. This is a loving provision that never should be taken for granted. Thanks to all of the donors and supporters."

"I honestly feel it's a blessing and a tremendous help to people that may not be as fortunate as others."

"This is a blessing and very much appreciated, especially for those that are single parents.

Thank you very much!!" and "Keep doing it for the kids." We plan to and next year we will be distributing the week before school since many schools require supplies on the first day. Thank you to all who helped!

Holiday Food Requests

The holidays are right around the corner and we are already preparing for close to 200 holiday food baskets for families in need. This means 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, fruits & vegetables, rice, dry beans, bread, flour, sugar, white & sweet potatoes, gravy, fresh fruit and desserts.** Additional items that are needed throughout the year include **peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, tuna, canned pasta, ramen noodles, and cereal.** Or you can make a financial donation by check or online via PayPal for special purchases of food.

Volunteers Needed for Thanksgiving Distribution

We need your help to sort, pack and distribute food for over 100 Thanksgiving baskets.

We ask that volunteers commit to at least 2-hour periods.

Our Volunteer Schedule for this year is as follows:

Monday, November 23, and Tuesday, November 24, 9 am to 3 pm

Wednesday, November 25, 9 am to 12 noon

We do not need additional volunteers for Sunday, November 22 as the Norfolk Jaycees are providing us with their time and energy all day!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Alicia at 627-6748

Other Ways to Give

Please, consider designating St. Columba as the recipient of your donation payroll deduction for the campaigns below. Your gifts will be used in the operation of St. Columba to address the needs of homeless and low-income individuals in our community.

Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)	21080
Combined Charities Campaign (CCC)	8062
Combined Virginia Campaign (CVC)	3989

Welcome to St. Columba

The staff and board of St. Columba would like to welcome our newest addition to our team, Anne Bynaker, who started as our Homeless Advocate on September 16. Anne came to the Hampton Roads area in January of 2009 from Worcester, MA with her husband and 3-year-old son. In Worcester she worked in a homeless shelter for close to four years, and enjoyed every moment of it. She received her Bachelor's Degree from University of Massachusetts Amherst in English. Anne looks forward to being a part of St. Columba for many years.

Reminder:

St. Columba's offices will be closed from Thursday, December 24, 2009 through the holidays to reopen on Monday January 4, 2010. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

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**We are now accepting food for our
Thanksgiving Food Baskets!**

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St. Columba Special Needs

Holiday Food Baskets

Each year we prepare close to 200 food baskets for needy families in our community. We depend on the generosity of our friends and neighbors to help us provide to those who are less fortunate. This year is much harder than previous years, not just on families, but also on our agency. We have struggled to keep our food pantry stocked and fear we will struggle to have enough food to distribute for the holidays. Please see inside for full details on how you can help with this year's holiday food distribution!



ST. COLUMBA IS IN NEED OF SANDWICHES

We distribute over 100 sandwiches each day and need the support of groups in our community to make sandwiches so we can continue to feed those who come to our Day Center. If your group is interested in making sandwiches for our guests, please visit our website at www.stcolumbaministries.com/groupinvolvement.

St. Columba has many of the same ongoing needs:

Coffee, Razors, Travel Size Lotion, Toothbrushes, Travel Size Toothpaste, Spray Deodorant, Wash Cloths, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels and Food Pantry Items

WE NEED MORE BROWN PAPER BAGS!!