

St. Columba

Ecumenical Ministries, Inc.
Loaves & Fishes

Spring 2009

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

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In the 2008 Calendar Year St. Columba:

Helped 910 individuals in our Day Center.

Provided 2,498 showers.

Gave out 8,931 sandwiches.

Did 747 loads of client laundry.

Provided bus passes to 304 individuals.

Allowed 1,296 client phone calls.

Gave food to 1,056 households with 2,497 individuals.

Helped 138 families with rental and utility assistance.

Provided 741 prescriptions to 299 homeless persons.

Had 14 clients from Next Step move into permanent housing.

Provided Easter baskets to 101 children.

Helped 181 children and 3 schools with school supplies.

Gave out 143 Thanksgiving baskets.

Provided food baskets & gifts to 65 families for the holidays.

On Average:

We serve at least 54 persons a day in our Day Center.

80% of guests to our Day Center are male.

20% of guests are veterans.

26 persons visit our Clothing Closet each Monday.

88 families receive food from our Food Pantry each month.

Our Homeless Assistant meets with 145 persons each quarter.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN SERVING THOSE IN NEED!

DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER 2008 – FEBRUARY 2009



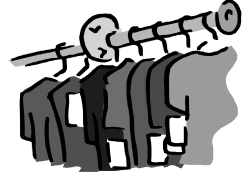
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Bayside, Lafayette, Wycliffe, Knox, Second Norfolk, Squires, Providence, Coleman Place Presbyterian; Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, CFC, CCC, CVC, St. Pius X, Blessed Sacrament, Catholic; Catholic Diocese; NAB Little Creek Chapel; Fairmount Park UMC, Larkmont UMC, Great Bridge UMC, the Warden Foundation, Junior League Norfolk, Farm Fresh; Capt. T. Smith, E. Baise, A. & H. Jensen, J. Stokley, J. Lego,

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Bayside, Royster Memorial, Wycliffe, Lafayette, Norview, Calvin, Knox, Squires Memorial, Coleman Place, Covenant, Grace Covenant, First, Second, Third Norfolk Presbyterian, Saesoon Presbyterian Church of Virginia; St. Stephens Episcopal; Norview, Fairmount Park, First United, Community United Methodist; Christ the King, St. Pius X, Church of the Ascension, Church of the Holly Family, Catholic; New Life Providence Church; Finding Refugee Ministry; Hooked on Jesus Outreach; First Baptist, Enoch Baptist, Gethsemane Community Fellowship Baptist Church; Bayview Christian School; Good Samaritan Ministry Outreach, The Fresh Market, Pizza Hut, Crossroad Lions Club, Plaza Bakery, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Hospitality for the Homeless, Hope House Thrift Store, the Catholic Workers, Norfolk Urban Outreach, Girl Scout Troop 630, Christ the King Catholic School, J. Meyer, R&B. Buck, M. Agnese, T. Bonk, A. Perales, A. Ashley, Lakewood Plaza Residents, M.Allen, B.Bertholf, the Hornicks, R.Higaldo, C. Inman, J.Thomas, J.Lego, M.Ortiz, J. Bashara, L. Lewis, J. Stokley, C. Bayma, A.Taylor, R. Gilmore, the Schuhmachers, D. Epps, M Carreiro, K. Ackley, L. Richardson. S. Caffey, T. Anthony, W. Sykes, J. Dewey, C. Kays, N. Diggs, P. Pennington, B. Dorn, N. Pace, Gayle, A. Calcagni, A. Cassedy, V. Canary, W. Rose, C. Kelley, C. Vogan, E. Jones, J. Pearson, L.O. Corner, Alice Smith.



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

Welcome to St. Columba

St. Columba would like to welcome our newest Board Member Dr. Merlyn Blackwood.



Dr. Merlyn Blackwood holds a Master's in Counseling, a Master's in Education and a Doctorate Theology. She is the founder and Pastor of Finding Refuge Ministries in Norfolk, a ministry dedicated to outreach and meeting the needs of those in need. She is also the founder of "Daughters of Esther," an organization dedicated to building self-esteem and leadership skills in young women that is based on the motto, "Your circumstances do not determine your destiny." She is experienced with working with the homeless population both in New York City and the Hampton Roads area. Her knowledge of nonprofit, community development, and community resources enables her to work with other agencies to further her dedication to helping revitalize, empower and strengthen families in underserved communities. Dr. Blackwood believes that the best example of her faith is summed up as this: Excellence is never an accident; it is the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skillful execution and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities. She shares this message of self-definition as a School Counselor, Intensive in Home Counselor, Parent Educator, and Community Leader.

St. Columba would also like to welcome Sharon Nelson, our new case manager.

Sharon Nelson comes to the St. Columba, Next Step program with a background as a social worker. She graduated from West Virginia University and shortly after moved to the tidewater area. Sharon has been involved with many non-profit organizations and possesses a strong desire to use her abilities in helping others. She believes her role is to serve as the catalyst for goal setting, decision-making and problem resolution allowing individuals to feel empowered to change the quality of their lives. She has 2 children and loves spending time with them. Sharon is very excited about coming aboard and assisting the women of the Next Step Program as they achieve independence and self-sufficiency.



Silent Auction & Benefit Dinner

Mark your calendar and plan to attend St. Columba's next fundraiser

Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 6:00 pm

THIS YEAR FEATURES EVEN MORE GIFT CERTIFICATES!

LOCATION

Bayside Presbyterian Church, 1400 Ewell Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23455

MENU

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans, Salad, Bread, and Dessert

The auction will start at 6:00; Dinner will be served at 6:30
with a testimonial from St. Columba's David Gungle

Bidding will conclude at 7:30

John and Susan Monroe will provide entertainment.

We will once again have a raffle for \$50 gas cards!

Some of the items we will have for auction include:

Cinema Café Passes	Lottery Tree
Target GC	Wine Baskets
Admirals Tickets	Spa Baskets
AAA One Year Membership	Gardening Basket
Abbey Road GCs	Coffee Basket
Fun Tours GC	Water Pillow & Ghent Chiro GC
Macaroni Grill GC	Books Basket
Norfolk Karate Academy GC	Candle Baskets
Virginia Zoo Passes	CD Basket
Virginia Aquarium Passes	Planter
Virginia Symphony Orchestra Passes	Family Dollar GC
Home Depot GC	Cold Stone Creamery GC
TGIFridays GC	Freemason Abbey GC
Turpin's Florist GCs	Music Man Handbags
Walmart GCs	Sports Basket
Red Lobster/Olive Garden GC	Girl's Toy Basket
J&J Hess DJ & Karaoke Free 4 Hour Event	Baby Basket
Pittman Juggling \$150 GC	Board Game Basket
Basket of Tickets to local Theatres	Girl Scout Cookie Basket
2 Matching Kids' Bikes	Car Care Basket

Our Website will be updated as more items are added

www.stcolumbaministries.com

Please note: We are only able to accept cash and checks at this event.

Love Offerings Appreciated!

Tickets are only \$15 each!

Please contact Helmi at the office at 627-6748 for ticket information.

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Plan to attend our Silent Auction and Benefit
Dinner April 25, 2009.
See inside for details.

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St. Columba Special Needs

We Need New Underwear!

Both men's and women's new underwear is needed for guests of our
Day Center and Clothing Closet.

Other Needs Include:

Men's Jeans size 30-36, Ponchos, Feminine Hygiene Products and Dry Cereal

Want to volunteer but don't have time during the week?

You can make sandwiches when it is convenient for you and donate them to our Day Center. Each day we give out over 100 sandwiches to guests in our Day Center and our supply often runs low. If you want to help us continue to help those who come to us in need, call Alicia for more information at 627-6748.

Silent Auction Tickets Now Available!

For only \$15.00 you can attend St. Columba's Silent Auction and Benefit Dinner on Saturday, April 25, 2009. We will have wonderful food, fun entertainment and great items for auction. See inside for details on this exciting event and purchasing information.

DAY CENTER NEEDS:

Coffee, Razors, Travel Size Lotion, Travel Size Toothpaste, and Spray Deodorant

