



Loaves & Fishes

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We are God's people serving Him and each other.

We've added a new column to our newsletter! "What Loaves & Fishes Means to Me" will periodically highlight a different client. Loaves & Fishes has not only been able to make a difference in these families' lives, but in turn, through their faith and open hearts, they have made a difference in our lives as well.

What Loaves & Fishes Means to Me...

"Loaves & Fishes - This beautiful, heartwarming charitable organization means the world to my family and countless others in our community. For the past 6 years, Loaves & Fishes have fed, maintained and prayed diligently for my household. From the Directors --Karen and Lory, along with the various wonderful and thoughtful volunteers, the love and warmth radiate from the moment you enter the doors of Loaves & Fishes. Two years ago my 21 year old son, Dhyllon passed away from colon cancer and loaves & Fishes supplied our every need (just like the Lord desired). Prior to that Karen, Lory and Nancy have always followed the many hospitalizations and illnesses I've encountered and prayed devoutly with me throughout the years for my health. We are so very grateful and appreciative to everyone at Loaves & Fishes for their dedication, devotion and most of all the love and heartfelt compassion they have shared with us. We often go through life taking people and things for granted -- but all we need daily is HAPPINESS and Loaves & Fishes is there as an angelic gift to give us some.. Blessings!!! Lots of love, Cheryl Rawlins Almandoz."



Cheryl with her sons, Darryl (left) and Dhyllon (right)



Cheryl lovingly crochets one-of-a-kind hats, scarves, pillows, afghans and more as gifts. Pictured here is Madison wearing a beautiful hat and scarf Cheryl made just for her.

Cheryl also gave us the poem below. In her note she said "Today I wanted to share this poem with you because it reminds me of what you do every day for numerous people."

Reach out with love it's here to stay, generously share it every day. Each one of us has much to give, if only we can learn to live. For every thought and word and deed, to make it worthwhile it's love we need. And when we feel that love is shown, we speak a language all its own! to make impressions wealth is spent, but to reach out with love doesn't coast a cent!" -Poem by Hedwig Wroblewski

Helping Hands=Changed Lives

Thank you Target Employees!

A big thank you to everyone from the Sanford Target who came to help with the postal food drive! We appreciate your hard work and time!



Our volunteer, Iris (center) and her sewing students showing their beautiful creations.

It's Christmas in July!

This July, Loaves & Fishes clients will receive a new set of towels (towel, hand towel and washcloth)! The towel sets purchased by an anonymous donor were provided at a generous discount by JCPenney. Thank you and God Bless you all! This gift is deeply appreciated by our clients.

★ God Bless our Postal Workers!

Thanks to everyone for your efforts in the annual post office food drive.

We also thank, as always, our volunteers!

This food drive is the largest we receive each year, and along with the postal workers, could not be accomplished without your hard work. God bless each one of you. You enable us to serve hundreds of members in our community!



If anyone...sees his brother and fellow believer in need, yet closes his heart of compassion against him how can the love of God live and remain in him? -1John 3:17

For the Record...

2011	Cases	New Cases	Total Ind.	Volunteer Hours	Rx Vouchers	Client Financial Assist.	Classes	Students
January	2038	26	5349	1465.50	\$119.17	\$1,494.09	0	0
February	1718	28	4352	1225.00	\$37.99	\$1,424.10	4	23
March	1974	46	4884	1252.00	\$239.68	\$2,230.02	7	46
April	1672	21	4134	1458.50	\$212.95	\$1,096.24	6	29
May	1838	24	4518	1549.00	\$500.34	\$1,216.79	6	36
Total	9240	145	23,237	6950.00	\$1,110.13	\$7,461.24	23	134

Please help us make it through the summer!

Loaves & Fishes is so grateful to have the ability to help over 500 families weekly. Without you that would never be possible! Because of the ever increasing loss of jobs, gas prices, and a desperate economy, we need your help all year long, and especially now. Please prayerfully consider some of these ideas this summer:

Food Drive - Rally your neighborhood, fellow employees, sports team, church and more to gather the following much needed items: Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Mac & Cheese, Dry Pasta, Powdered Milk, Rice, Soup, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Hamburger Helper

Toiletry/Household Drive - As an alternative or addition to a food drive, Loaves & Fishes is always in need of: Shampoo, Deodorant, Body Wash, Soap, Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Razors, Pine Cleaner, Laundry Detergent, Dish Soap, Sponges, Toilet Tissue, and Depends

Christmas in July - Put up a Christmas tree in your church and workplace with hanging ornaments listing a toy on the back. Individuals take an ornament and place an unwrapped toy under the tree. This could be a fun summer project for the whole family and a jump start for Loaves & Fishes Christmas distribution.

Monthly Financial Assistance - As well as a food pantry, we also strive to help as many local families as possible with prescriptions (non-narcotic), past due power/water bills, and rent assistance.

Thank you for your consideration and God bless!!!

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