



Loaves & Fishes

January/February 2015

Thanks be to God for the blessings we received through so many generous donors. We were able to distribute 20,050 bags of food in 2014! This was done by the hands of 135 loving volunteers who chose to express their faith and caring spirit by helping their neighbors in need.



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



For many years, the Apopka Police Department has filled our shelves with toys at Christmas! Thank you for all you do for us!

Over 80 people at the Church of the Holy Spirit shared in a 'Prepare' and 'Share' Dinner to benefit Loaves and Fishes. Church families brought a traditional 'prepared' dish to enjoy together and also brought a canned or dry version of the same dish to 'share'. In addition, we were presented with a \$500 donation from the Women of the Church. THANK YOU!



Many thanks to the Zellwood Station Red Caps for the wonderful food drive.



Way to go Home Depot!



Thank you Happy Faces Prep School!



Much needed food was also provided by the Boy Scouts Troop 10 food drive! Thank you!



Thank you to The Golden Triangle SAMS for their generous food donation.



Loaves & Fishes has been the grateful beneficiary of the Apopka Chamber of Commerce's annual toy drive for over 20 years. This year they brought us 250 toys! What a blessing!

A HUGE Thank you to Mullinax Ford for another successful toy and food drive. You are such a blessing to Loaves & Fishes!



Another BIG food drive! Thank you, NARPM!

Helping Hands = Changed Lives

For the Record...

2014	Cases	New Cases	Total Ind.	Volunteer Hours	Rx Vouchers	Client Financial Assist.	Classes	Students
January	1664	26	4245	1906.00	\$103.98	\$898.10	0	0
February	1582	19	3712	1868.00	\$89.99	\$2,123.04	2	8
March	1672	8	3840	2112.00	\$44.69	\$705.00	4	17
April	1689	24	3864	2145.00	\$0.00	\$876.00	5	23
May	1559	22	3614	2116.00	\$0.00	\$1,263.47	4	20
June	1643	32	3851	1915.00	\$214.16	\$1,518.77	4	12
July	1813	29	4276	1918.00	\$36.00	\$0.00	3	9
August	1624	34	3775	1823.00	\$13.99	\$460.00	0	0
September	1807	28	4424	1833.50	\$0.00	\$361.39	4	19
October	1797	29	4323	1951.00	\$0.00	\$245.00	4	24
November	1771	30	4472	2002.50	\$73.98	\$19.94	0	0
December	1431	18	3643	1755.00	\$27.39	\$480.00	0	0
Total	20,052	299	48,039	23,345.00	\$604.18	\$8,950.71	30	132

Thanksgiving Stats: 479 Families / 1,225 Individuals
Christmas Stats: 542 Families / 1,406 Individuals (937 Children)

Loaves & Fishes is constantly striving to concentrate on meeting the greatest needs of our clients. In order to do this, we are **CLOSING** our **CLOTHING ROOMS**. An

overwhelming 80% of our clients are requesting help in obtaining common household goods. Our new "Household" Room has been created to meet this need. As you're out shopping for your own family, please keep us in mind and help us to provide household items to our clients. Following are our immediate needs:



TOILETRIES

Shampoo/Conditioner
 Body Wash
 Bar Soap
 Toothpaste
 Toothbrushes
 Toilet Paper
 Deodorant
 Razors

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Clean Blankets/Sheets
 Clean Towels/Washcloths
 Dishes/Glasses/Silverware
 Pots/Pans
 Cooking Bakeware
 Toasters
 Coffee Makers
 Can Openers
 Irons

BABY ITEMS

Baby Items
 Baby Food
 Diapers (size 1,2,3,4)
 Baby Wipes
 Strollers

CLEANING SUPPLIES

Laundry Soap
 Dish Soap
 Pine Cleaner
 Sponges
 Soft Soap



247,915.50
pounds of food
were processed
through our
small
warehouse in
2014!

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Please help with our ongoing needs...
With the passing of the holidays and as the winter season kicks in, our pantry shelves are especially bare. Currently we are helping up to 500 families per week. We are so busy it is sometimes overwhelming! Please consider sharing some extra items from your shopping cart this week. Thank you!

Karen Valiente, Senior Director
Lory Reeves, Director
Victor Valiente, Asst. Director

HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.



Canned Meat
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Cereal/Oatmeal/Grits
Soup (canned/dry)
Chef Boyardee
Macaroni & Cheese
Dry Pasta
Boxed Potatoes
Flour



Rice
Peanut Butter/Jelly
Hamburger Helper
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Tomato Sauce
Cooking Oil
Canned/Dry Milk
Juice
Sugar
Bisquick