



# Loaves & Fishes



March/April 2015

## You might talk the talk, but... Will you walk "The Walk"?

Join us for the annual  
**Loaves & Fishes Walk for Hunger**

**Saturday, March 28, 2015**

Sabal Point Elementary

*Loaves & Fishes helps approximately 500 families each and every week with food, toiletries, cleaning products, household items, and financial assistance. We do not receive government funding, but rely totally on private donations to help those in our own community. **This is our only fundraiser for the year!** Donations will be used for purchasing more protein items in our weekly food bags, and much needed items for our new household room.*

### How the walk works:

Arrive at Sabal Point Elementary around 8:30 a.m. A table will be set up to receive your pledge sheet and money.

The walk starts at 9:00 a.m. We will have prayer, fantastic raffle prizes (gift cards to restaurants, stores, and more!), and awards. The walk is three miles with a water station at the one and two mile check points. There will be refreshments for you when you return to the school. We also have a van that will circle the course to help anyone who may need a ride or assistance of any kind.

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If you can't make it, but would like to make a donation, please visit our website [www.loavesandfishesapopka.com](http://www.loavesandfishesapopka.com) and click on the red "donate online" button on the homepage! If you don't already have one, you can also print walk-a-thon pledge sheets by clicking on the green "Walk for Hunger" button also located on the homepage.

We hope to see you there!



# Helping Hands = Changed Lives

## Guess how Clay Springs Elementary celebrated their 100th day of school?

Each classroom collected more than 100 food items! The classes then paraded through the hallways celebrating their donations. Thank you Clay Springs. What a blessing you are to us!



## We got to spend a morning with the Orangewood Christian School 4th grade!

What a wonderful morning we had with all the students who attended.

All the students participated in helping pack homeless lunches, cleaning areas inside our building, and sorting food.

Thank you to the staff and students for their generous donations and helping hands.



## Thank you Apopka Elementary School Honor Society Students for your donations and for visiting Loaves & Fishes!

On a Sunday afternoon, these Honor Society students brought food donations and helped pack food bags for our clients for the upcoming week. The Honor Society visits Loaves & Fishes quarterly.



## Thank you to the Red Caps of Zellwood for the BIG food donation!



*...For I was hungry and you fed me; I was thirsty and you gave me water; I was a stranger and you invited me into your home; I was naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you visited me."*

*-Matthew 25:35*

## Sweetwater Baptist Church Youth Group

Packed colorful backpacks filled with yummy eats and toiletry items for our homeless clients.

What a blessing to see the happy smiles when our volunteers handed them this surprise along with their lunch.



## Check out our website!

[www.loavesandfishesapopka.com](http://www.loavesandfishesapopka.com)

Our website is updated weekly with our special needs list and monthly newsletter. If you would like to receive our newsletter by email, please click the newsletter link.

**\*\*Also, check out our "donate now" online!\*\***

Thanks for your interest and support.



## Building Expansion Update!

We are almost there!  
All permits have been approved and we are now actively receiving bids.



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Our clients enjoying hand-made scarves from one of our donors

**What's New...**

Loaves & Fishes is constantly striving to concentrate on meeting the greatest needs of our clients. In order to do this, the clothing room has been closed and we are no longer accepting any clothing items. An overwhelming 80% of our clients are requesting help in obtaining common household goods instead. 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

### CLEANING SUPPLIES

Laundry Soap  
Dish Soap  
Pine Cleaner  
Sponges  
Soft Soap

### 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





**Don't miss it!**  
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**HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Monday-Thursday**  
**9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**