



# Loaves & Fishes

October 2015

## Our Thanksgiving Needs:

**Turkeys**

**Boxed Potatoes**

**Canned Vegetables**

**Canned Sweet Potatoes / Yams**

**Canned Fruit**

**Stuffing**

**Gravy**



## **We really need turkeys for Thanksgiving!**

*Please make your "turkey pledge" today*

**We are prayerfully asking for your pledge. Our goal at Loaves & Fishes is to provide a turkey to every family this Thanksgiving along with all the traditional holiday food. Let us know if you, your group, organization, or church would be able to pledge a turkey or turkeys! Or make it even easier...with our ability to purchase food at a large discount, your monetary donation can help us purchase multiple turkeys for about what it would cost you to buy just one! Just note "Turkey" on the memo line of your check made out to Loaves & Fishes. Questions? Call us at 407-886-6005 and ask for Lory or Karen.**

Thank you for all of your past support, kindness, and generosity. We, along with the families we serve, have been abundantly blessed by God through your giving, and for this we are so grateful. But Loaves & Fishes needs you now more than ever. With the number of families needing assistance every year, we will be helping approximately 500 families during Thanksgiving and 600 families for Christmas. Without God's grace and His unconditional love that shines through you, we could never fulfill these needs. May God bless you and your families!



## Thanksgiving Distribution: November 23, 24 & 25

### Do you shop on Amazon?

If so, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total purchases to a charity of your choosing. Go to

<https://smile.amazon.com> for more

information. Loaves & Fishes is registered with the AmazonSmile Foundation Program. You can also visit our website and click on the icon "AmazonSmile Foundation Program". *Please note: there are several different Loaves & Fishes charities across the United States listed on AmazonSmile. When choosing the charity you wish to have your donation benefit, make sure to choose Loaves & Fishes, Inc. Apopka, FL.* Thank you for thinking of us while doing your online shopping!



### Thank you to Sweetwater Baptist Church

*Since January 1, 2015 to date (9/9/15) Sweetwater Baptist Church has donated 2,016 jars of peanut butter to Loaves & Fishes.*

*Thank you BSA Central Florida Council for the 100 cases of popcorn!*



**Every month** Loaves & Fishes gives out approximately 35,416 food items to our qualified families! Your donations -- whether cash or food -- are so important and appreciated. Remember, we can buy food at HUGE discounts, so your donated dollars can be put to good use and s-t-r-e-t-c-h-e-d further! Thank you for for thinking of those in your community who need you.

# Helping Hands=Changed Lives

# We're getting a jump-start on Christmas!

Christmas Distribution: December 14, 15, 16 & 17

## Love Chocolate?



*This year we will fill approximately 600 tins with Hershey's miniature chocolates & Kisses as a family 'gift' on behalf of Loaves & Fishes and the community. This requires a HUGE amount of chocolate so we need to start collecting now. We have found Costco sells the miniatures and Kisses in bulk at a reasonable cost. In addition, we are in need of 1,000 full-sized candy bars to include two in each child's Christmas bag.*

*Please help! Loaves & Fishes will assist approximately 600 families this Christmas so we have to begin preparing early for the upcoming holiday season. We need time to stock our shelves and would like to have toys by Friday, December 11th or Saturday, December 12th. We would greatly appreciate your support.*

## Our Christmas Needs:

Sports Balls

Lego Sets

Board Games (i.e. Monopoly, Yahtzee, Clue)

Art/Craft Kits

Hand-Held Games (i.e. Hangman, Boggle, 20-Q)

Barbie Clothes

Ethnic Barbies

Tea Sets

Baby Toys

Big Trucks



## "Angel Trees"

*Christmas gifts are made possible by caring people like you. But it leads to lives changed by our Lord Jesus Christ. Please consider putting up a Christmas tree in your church or 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 project for the whole family or co-workers! If you are interested and would like us to print labels for you, please contact Karen or Lory at (407)886-6005.*

**CONTACT US!**

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**HOURS OF OPERATION**

**Monday-Thursday**

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

**Our ongoing needs... we need your help!**

As we begin to feel fall in the air, our pantry shelves are especially bare!

We are so busy that sometimes it's overwhelming. Currently, we are helping up to 500 families every week! Please consider sharing some extra BOGOs or items from your shopping cart this week. Thank you!

**TUNA**

**CANNED MEAT**

**PEANUT BUTTER**

**JELLY**

**MAC & CHEESE**

**RICE**

**PASTA**

**CANNED FRUIT**

**SOUP**

**CHEF BOYARDEE**

**SPAGHETTI SAUCE**

**CEREAL**

**OATMEAL**

**HAMBURGER HELPER**