

February 2018 Newsletter



Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Raleigh

CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH

A message from Terry



As I write this newsletter, CPO is closed due to the snow storm that came through our

community. Unfortunately, we were not able to serve our community for 3 days due to the storm. The only silver lining is that we served 180 families on the Tuesday before the bad weather struck. The snow looks pretty, and many love the snow days at home, but there is a price families pay when their children are not receiving school breakfast and lunch. My prayers go out to the families with kids home from school with few resources to feed them.

If you have already peeked at the year-end stats at the end of the newsletter, you will notice the number of people we served in 2017 is up about 3% from

2016. This is a disturbing trend that started last spring. Even though the Triangle is almost at full employment, and many of our clients are working, they are just not making enough money to cover their basic needs. Also, the rising cost of medical expenses continues to be a challenge for many of our families. Your **46,725** hours of volunteer time is what runs our ministry! This is equal to a full-time staff of **23 people!** We only have a staff of 3.5 plus a Jesuit Volunteer, so your work is critical to our mission.

Thank you for your amazing support of CPO! Please continue to keep our ministry and clients in your thoughts and prayers. May God bless you.



Words of Wisdom & Artwork volunteer Judy Lamanna

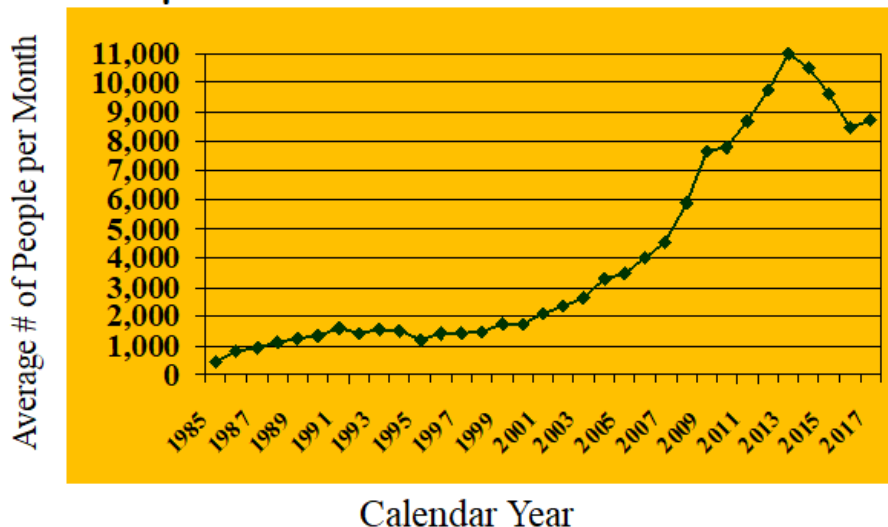
THE LOVE OF GOD

THE LOVE OF GOD PRODUCES IN US HUMANS MYSTICAL GRACE!

WE SHOW PRACTICAL EVIDENCE OF THIS BY FEEDING THE HUNGRY AT THE FOOD PANTRY EVERY DAY. WE DO THIS IN HIS NAME, THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST. WE DO IT BY HIS LOVE! AND, WE DO IT WITH THE PRECIOUS GIFT OF HIS GRACE...WHICH HE BOUGHT FOR US ALL...BY HIS SUFFERING THE IGNOMINY OF THE CROSS. GOD IS THE BEING OF LOVE!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY, LORD!
AMEN.

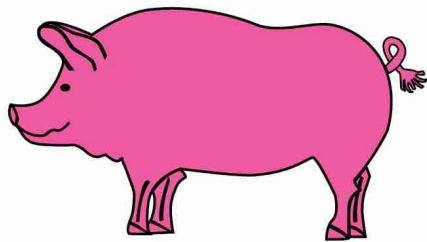
95% Increase in the Average # of People Served Per Month since 2007



Calendar Year



Save the Date: Saturday April 21 4th Annual Pig Pickin

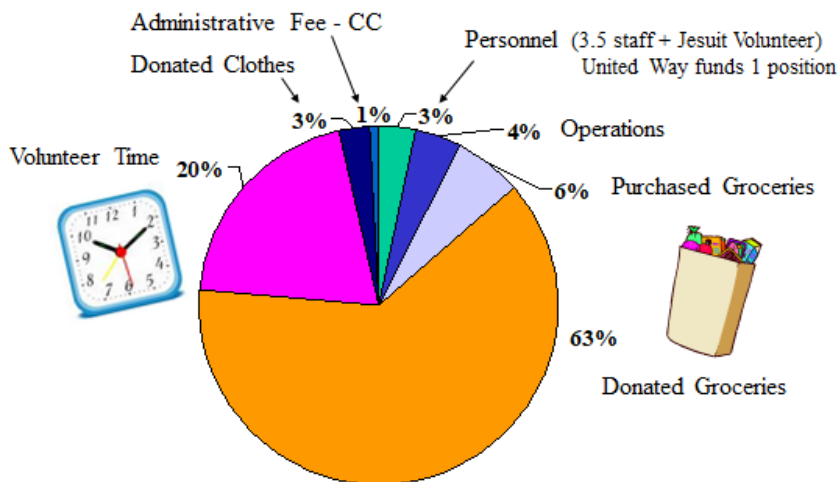


Tweet from Pope Francis

Listening to religious teaching or learning doctrine is not enough. What we want is to live as Jesus lived.

Includes in-kind contributions and volunteer services

CPO Fiscal 2017 Budget Breakdown



Fiscal year 2017 - ended in June



Donation highlights

- St. Raphael Columbiettes: 84 soup kits + leftover supplies
- St. Raphael Knights: 536 lbs. of food
- October CROP Walk: \$2,456
- United Way & RTI International: 1,294 lbs. of diapers (4 pallets)



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Christmas Honor Card Results



The Christmas honor card campaign raised **\$67,635** for our food pantry! What an amazing amount, even though it's down about 8% from last year. This will help us with the cost of over \$300,000 on food this fiscal year (ends June 30). What a blessing that so many people chose to honor their loved ones and friends by making a donation to us. Many people made this project possible: thanks go out to Charlotte Campbell, Allie Albrecht, our Resource Committee, and many others who made it possible for us to handle all the orders and thank you letters. We especially appreciate the beautiful artwork donation by volunteer Denise Panagakos.



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Quote from Martin Luther King Jr.



An individual has not started living fully until they can rise above the narrow confines of individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of humanity. Every person must decide at some point, whether they will walk in light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness. This is the judgement: Life's most persistent and urgent question is: 'What are you doing for others?'

Stats for December & Year End

	Dec 2016	Dec 2017	2016 YE	2017 YE
Households served	2,393	2,456	29,551	30,603
People served	8,317	8,618	101,613	104,615
Total clothing	692	784	8,228	8,453
Total diapers	476	538	5,327	5,981
Total volunteer hours	4,040	3,844	46,196	46,725
# of new volunteers (includes groups & youth)	51	63	702	695
Note: On average a family visits CPO 2.9 times a year				