



February 2015 Newsletter

Catholic Parish Outreach

Dear CPO Volunteers and Friends,

Our end of year chart and statistics below, document many incredible numbers. We served groceries and clothing to 10,500 people a month, down 4% from 2013! This is only the 3rd time since 1985, that CPO has experienced a decrease in people served. 2013 was the “perfect storm” of food stamp delays and unemployment compensation reductions, so we were hoping our 2014 numbers would be even lower. The most astonishing data to me is that **1,800 people donated 49,786 volunteer hours!** This is equivalent to a full-time staff of 24 people! Thank you for your devotion to serving the poor of our community.

Client/Volunteer Story: 2014 was a very difficult year for Helen (not her real name) and her family. She lost her job, money was running low, and government assistance had stopped. Fortunately, Wake County Human Services gave her a referral to CPO. Helen did not think she would get very much food, but was surprised and felt very blessed when she saw the groceries. Her family came to us for 3 months.

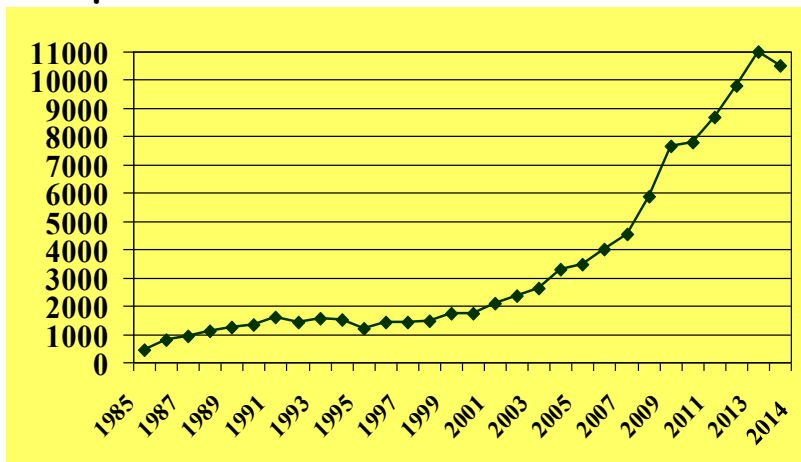
In 2015, her daughter received an award from a national honor society. The award required community service, so Helen decided that she and her daughter would like to volunteer at CPO to give back to the people who helped her family. She did not know what to expect behind the scenes, and found that the volunteers and staff really care about the families we serve. Mother and daughter have committed to continue volunteering, even after the service hours are done.

I ask that you continue to keep our ministry and clients in your thoughts and prayers. May God bless you.

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132% Increase in the Average # of People Served Per Month since 2007

Average # of People per Month



Calendar Year

Christmas Honor Card Results



The Christmas honor card campaign raised **\$63,510** for our food

pantry! This is an amazing amount, unfortunately, it is down 4.6% from last year. What a blessing that so many people chose to honor their loved ones and friends by making a donation to us. I would like to thank Charlotte Campbell, Lori Anderson, Kathryn DeRobertis, Kelly Rappl and our Resource Committee who made it possible for us to handle all the orders and thank you letters. We especially appreciate the artwork donation of Our Lady of Lourdes School student Damon Phillips.

Donation Highlights

- St. Mary Garner food drive: 1,710 lbs of groceries & \$1,165
- Food Lion Charitable Foundation grant: \$3,000
- St. Giles Presbyterian Church 700+ diapers
- St. Francis Prayer Shawl Ministry: 102 handmade baby items
- NCSU Catholic Campus Ministry: filled kid's Christmas stockings

Stats for December 2014 & Year End

	Dec 2013	Dec 2014	2013 YE	2014 YE
Families/Referrals	2,819	2,970	36,673	34,954
People served	10,263	10,750	131,816	126,201
Total clothing	1,131	1,057	13,126	12,127
Total diapers	624	638	7,585	7,487
Total volunteer hours	3,626	3,592	46,103	49,786
# of new volunteers (includes groups & youth)	73	77	746	779

Note: On average a family visits CPO 2.9 times a year

