

June 2015 Newsletter



CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH

A message from Terry Foley



I hope you enjoy the new format of our newsletter. Since we are no longer tied to a paper version, I hope to fill our monthly publication with more photos and stories about clients and the inspiring work of our volunteers. Please feel free to send me your suggestions, photos, and stories for future newsletters.

This year our numbers seem to resemble a see-saw, some months up, and some months down. Thankfully, April was down almost 7% from April of 2014. Kelly & I are often asked: if it's good for our numbers to be down, then

why are we so excited when our daily weekday numbers go above the average of 126 families? The reason is that it's such an amazing blessing to be able to serve an average of 10,500 people a month! This work is a testament to the devotion of 1,800 volunteers who helped at our food pantry last year. I pray that our level numbers are a sign that the economy is improving.

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

A note from our retiring Volunteer Coordinators Bea & Marty

The best part of being the CPO volunteer coordinators has been our interaction with so many wonderful people. We'll miss you, so please stay in touch.

*Thanks for a great experience,
Bea & Marty Traube*



Save the Date

*CPO celebrates 38
years of serving our
community!*

*Evening of
Sept. 17, 2015*

*Our Lady of Lourdes
Fallon Center*

Words of Wisdom
& Artwork
volunteer Judy Lamanna

Praying Is Like Fishing

- BELIEVE THERE IS A "FISH" IN THE LAKE (GOD THE FATHER).
- BELIEVE HE WANTS YOUR "WORMS" (PROBLEMS).
- FISH WITH THE PROPER "HOOK" (THE NAME OF HIS SON JESUS).
- USE THE STRENGTH (GRACE) YOU HAVE TO LAND THE FISH. DEPEND ON THE SMALL SEEDS OF FAITH YOU HAVE—BELIEVE IN THE LOVE OF GOD FOR YOU.
- IF YOU THINK HE HAS SLIPPED THE HOOK—KNOW HE HAS THE WORM! TRUST HIM WITH IT!
- STOP WORRYING! IT IS SO TAKEN CARE OF!



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Thank you to the Target team who volunteered!



Rebecca & Sydney are two seniors at Ravenscroft School. Before they graduate in June, They completed a 2 week internship at CPO.



Wake Co. Human Services Pregnancy Care team helped pack TEFAP in May

Tweet from Pope Francis



It is better to have a Church that is wounded but out in the streets than a Church that is sick because it is closed on itself.

- The Pope said that the people of Catholic Charities are the hands and feet of Christ. Our work at CPO is a wonderful example of his words.

Donation Highlights

• Cardinal Gibbons High School food drive:	5,224 lbs. of groceries & \$111
• St. Raphael food drive:	3,282 lbs. of groceries & \$3,860
• St. Luke food drive:	1,612 lbs of groceries & \$5,587
• St. Francis Prayer Shawl Ministry:	47 crocheted & knitted children's items



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Beyond the numbers: Pattie

In early May, volunteer interviewer Carol Cusimano was talking to a client who gave her a handwritten note as she left Carol's office. The note said:

"I appreciate all the help you give me at my time of need

Love, Pattie M."



Thank you to Our Lady of Lourdes School! Their 2nd grade class held a "garage" sale, and we received a huge donation of 3 corrals of children's books and toys.

Save your travel toiletries for CPO

Did you know that SNAP (food stamps) cannot be used to purchase toiletry items for the family? Many of our clients are having trouble purchasing soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine products like tampons and pads, deodorant, dental floss, lotion, etc. If you travel and get samples from hotels, please consider saving them for our food pantry.

Can't come on your scheduled volunteer day?

If you can't come, or find a sub on your scheduled volunteer day, please call our Volunteer Coordinator number 919-847-1466.



Stats for April

	<u>Apr 2014</u>	<u>Apr 2015</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Families/Referrals	2,801	2,608	10,250
People served	10,244	9,539	37,745
Total clothing	1,077	958	3,441
Total diapers	707	585	2,183
Total volunteer hours	3,934	3,998	14,710
# of new volunteers (includes groups & youth)	49	74	257
Note: On average a family visits CPO 2.9 times a year			

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