



# March 2015 Newsletter

## Catholic Parish Outreach

Dear CPO Volunteers and Friends,

On a Friday this month, volunteer Ed Tremblay shared during our morning prayer an excerpt from Fr. Steve's message in a recent St. Francis bulletin: "A glimpse into the world of our kindergarten students: The students were packing bags of food to give away to those in need, when a student named Sophia said, with a thoughtfulness beyond her years, 'We're doing it because we're passing part of Jesus on to someone else.'" What awesome and inspiring words from such a young girl! Many of our schools pack soup kits, make birthday bags, hold food drives, collect toilet paper, and hold diaper drives for the people we serve. Jesus is passed from those children, to our volunteers, and to our clients. Through this chain, all of us are enabled to serve with kindness and gratitude, by being His hands and feet. Thank you for being part of that chain of grace and love.

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

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### Bread for the World NC Annual Convention



**Saturday, March 28**  
8:30am—3:30pm  
Highland United Methodist Church  
1901 Ridge Rd.  
Raleigh, NC 27607  
Registration website:

<http://RaleighBFTWconvention.eventbrite.com>

Cost \$25

Please join us in the 2015 statewide convention "Uniting Our Voices to End Hunger". Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization with the goal to urge our nation's leaders to end hunger. We are challenged to end hunger in our time...whether the hungry live in the next house, the next state, or the next continent.

Master of Ceremonies: David Crabtree, WRAL News  
Keynote Speaker: Gene Nichol, Director UNC School of Law Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity  
Many other special guests & speakers in attendance.

### Donation Highlights

- St. Andrew food drive: 3,030 lbs of groceries & \$5,581
- St. Catherine baby shower: 1,728 lbs of children's items & \$1,535
- St. Francis food drive: 9,631 lbs of groceries & \$5,210
- Andrews & Hamilton: new shelving in the Clothing area
- St. Michael's Knights Council 6650: new children's coats
- St. Raphael Preschool: 178 lbs of groceries
- St. Raphael Knights of Columbus: \$2,000

### Stats for January

	Jan 2014	Jan 2015
Families/Referrals	3,232	3,136
People served	11,701	11,049
Total clothing	1,146	1,094
Total diapers	675	633
Total volunteer hours	3,588	4,304
# of new volunteers (includes groups & youth)	62	80

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

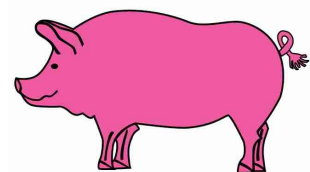
### Clothing News



Carol, Jeanne, & Nancy

Welcome to our new clothing area Co-Lead Carol Schriber! Carol is joining Jeanne Kauss & Nancy Szews in leading our clothing ministry. There is so much behind the scenes work: recruiting donations, managing the clothing pickups, sorting, distribution, and most recently a redesign of the clothing area that adds more shelving. From our latest client survey, 25% of participants receive clothing, and 52% of those people said that all, or nearly all, of their children's clothing comes from CPO!

### Save the Date



2nd annual Pig Pickin and open house to benefit CPO.

**Saturday April 18**

3:30—7:30pm