



May 2015 Newsletter

Catholic Parish Outreach

Dear CPO Volunteers and Friends,

As May approaches, I celebrate my 11th year as Director of CPO. The time has gone by so quickly. My partners in this ministry, Bea & Marty Traube, are also celebrating 12 years of tirelessly managing our volunteer calendar and talking to hundreds of volunteers every month. They are RETIRING as our Volunteer Coordinators!!! I can't thank them enough for their devotion to CPO, especially after agreeing to hold the position for only one year. Over time, the Volunteer Coordinator responsibilities have grown to coordinating 1,800 volunteers. To fill Bea & Marty's big shoes, we've decided to hire a part-time staff person. The job position can be viewed on our website www.cporaleigh.org.



I'd like to thank everyone who helped with the 2nd annual Pig Pickin Open House, especially the Cathedral Knights, the Sherman Lee Dillion Band, and our Resource Committee. It was an amazing evening of great food, music, and lots of fun spending time with friends. 352 tickets were sold (compared to 300 last year), and we raised \$7,259 (compared to \$7,239 last year). I'm already looking forward to next year's event.

Thank you for your dedication to our food pantry. Please keep our ministry and clients in your prayers.

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This is the Final Mailed Paper Version of the CPO Newsletter

Newsletter

Beginning in June, this newsletter and calendar will only be available by e-mail, on the website, or paper copies at CPO. The new format will include room for more pictures and stories.

It's easy to sign up to receive the information by e-mail:

- Go to www.cporaleigh.org
- Click on the blue "Newsletter" button to the left
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We will save approximately \$3,600 a year, which will provide a week's worth of groceries to 144 families!

Beyond the Numbers: Jim



Jim always worked hard because he grew up on a farm. He and his wife are both employed, but they just cannot make ends meet because they are supporting his relatives, including his sister's entire family. Jim worries that he can't continue helping his extended family much longer. He was so grateful for our help with groceries.

Donation Highlights

- Lourdes food drive: 2,418 lbs of groceries & \$1,615
- Cathedral food drive: 1,456 lbs groceries & \$1,849
- St. Francis Prayer Shawl Ministry: 375 crocheted & knitted children's items
- The Franciscan School 2nd Graders: 80 children's birthday kits
- St. Francis Preschool: \$50 (a Lenten service project where the children earned coins for helping around the house)

Stats for March

	Mar 2014	Mar 2015	YTD
Families/Referrals	2,639	2,967	7,642
People served	9,525	10,531	28,206
Total clothing	919	976	2,483
Total diapers	573	669	1,598
Total volunteer hours	4,530	4,442	10,712
# of new volunteers (includes groups & youth)	86	72	183

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

CPO will be closed for Memorial Day weekend May 23 - 25