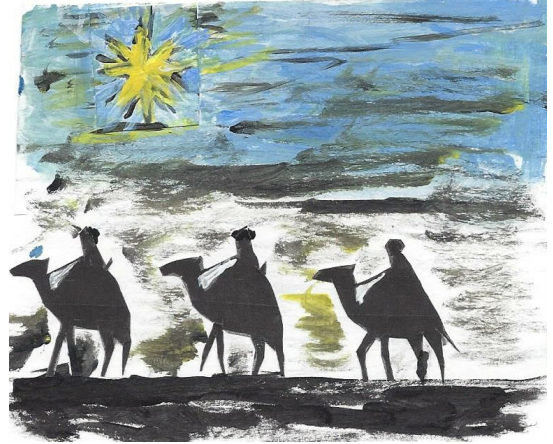


January 2016 Newsletter



CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH



A message from Kelly Rappi



Pope Francis has been a shining light to the world, showing us the transformation that can take place when we show love, compassion and mercy to our fellow brothers and sisters. On December 8th he pushed open the great bronze doors of St. Peter's Basilica to launch his Holy Year of Mercy. He said that by passing through it, we should take on the role of the Good Samaritan. He also said the Holy Door was a "Door of Mercy, through which anyone who enters will experience the love of God who consoles, pardons and instills hope".

As we begin a new year we can focus on this message of hope and mercy in a world that continues to be filled with uncertainty and fear. As we have seen daily at CPO, we know what a difference those things can make in the lives of our clients. Only through the power of God's love can we hope to truly begin to heal hurt, pain and divisions.

"I have asked the Church in this Jubilee Year to

rediscover the richness encompassed by the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. The experience of mercy, indeed, becomes visible in the witness of concrete signs as Jesus himself taught us."

Pope Francis

Per the December *NC Catholic*, "Mercy is more than a feeling of kindness and forgiveness; mercy is the practice of compassion, a readiness to assist. In Catholic teachings, the corporal and spiritual works of mercy are all about actions. Works of mercy are about living mercy.

At CPO we directly embody living mercy every day that we serve the less fortunate in our community: to feed the hungry; to give drink to the thirsty; and to clothe the naked. We are extremely blessed to have so many loving hands to carry out those works; through our donors and volunteers who share their time, talent and treasure to be "concrete

signs as Jesus himself taught us".

But what our clients have told us is that those physical needs are not the only ones met when they enter through our doors. They are met with kindness, respect and a smile. They are treated with dignity and caring, and that fills a spiritual need that we all have! And as God has demonstrated continuously that by helping to transform other's lives, we are ourselves transformed!

We are truly instruments by which God may shower his people with love, compassion and mercy.

Thank you and God bless you and all you do for CPO!

Kelly

Words of Wisdom & Artwork volunteer Judy Lamanna

SANTA WAS A PRETEND MIRACLE. THE BIRTH OF JESUS WAS A REAL ONE!

THE THREE WISEMEN WERE WELL EDUCATED ASTRONOMERS, WHO UNDERSTOOD BOTH THE SCRIPTURES AND THE UNUSUAL MORNING STAR; BOTH INDICATED A NEW KING WAS BORN IN ISRAEL.

PEACE ON EARTH, GOODWILL TO MEN, THE ANGELS SANG AT HIS BIRTH—TO THE CHRIST. HIS DEATH WOULD FULFILL THE ANGEL'S SONG OF PROMISE. PEACE AND A NEW RELATIONSHIP BEGAN BETWEEN GOD AND MAN OF LOVE, FAITH, AND TRUST.

ALL MANKIND BECAME THE FORGIVEN CHILDREN OF THE FATHER. WE CHOOSE TO FOLLOW JESUS AND LET HIM BE OUR GOOD SHEPHERD TO LEAD US HOME.

JOHN 14:6 JESUS SAID TO HIM, "I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME."



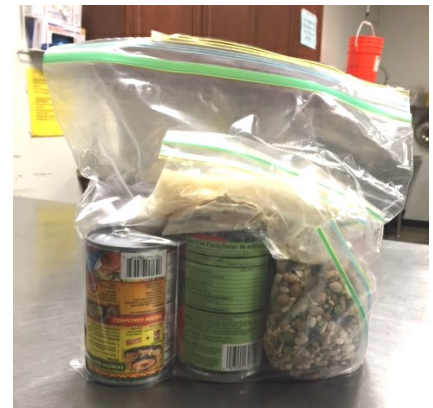
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Inclement Weather Policy



On days that the weather is snowy or icy, our Director Terry and Raleigh Regional Director, Rick Miller-Haraway will make a decision around 7am as to whether or not CPO will

open for the day. If we are closed, Terry's work voice mail greeting (919-873-0245 x230) will be changed to indicate that CPO is closed and an e-mail will be sent out. **Very Important:** if CPO is open during questionable weather- please use your own discretion when deciding whether or not to come in. As always, feel free to call Kathy our Volunteer Coordinator (919-847-1466) or Terry (cell 919-522-9892).



Buhler Areoglide employees made 1,000 soup kits. Each kit will make a hot meal for a family of 5!

This team from Kellogg's came in 2 days to help us sort clothing.



Donation Highlights

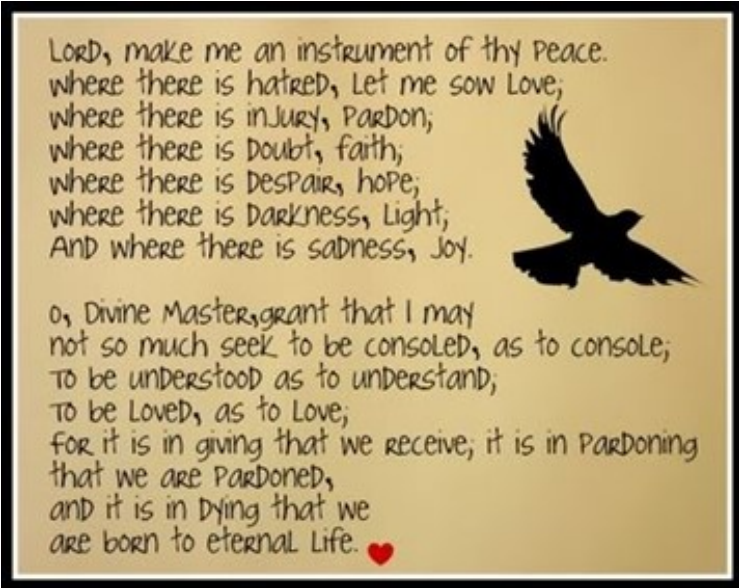
- IRS SB/SE Division: 2 turkeys & \$270
- Catholic Center food drive: 454 lbs. of groceries & \$125
- St. Luke food drive: 2,214 lbs. of groceries & \$7,755
- St. Mike/St. Andrew Knights: 12 children's coats
- Buhler Aeroglide Corp: 1,000 soup kits + leftover supplies, 3,222 lbs.
- St. Francis Prayer Shawl Ministry: 195 handmade children's items
- Carolina Country Club Bogey Busters: 212 lbs. of diapers & wipes & \$275
- Eagle Ridge Craft Group: 45 children's Christmas stockings
- Catholic Campus Ministry at NCSU: Children's Christmas stockings

Tweet from Pope Francis

The time has come for new messengers of Christ, ever more generous, more joyful and more holy.



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Terry & a SAS volunteer at the ABC11 Heart of Carolina Food Drive for the Food Bank of Central & Eastern NC. Did you know that 35% of our food comes from the Food Bank—some purchased and some donated? Far left is Gideon Adams, Food Bank Senior Manager of Programs & Outreach.



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Stats for November

	<u>Nov 2014</u>	<u>Nov 2015</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Families/Referrals	3,060	2,867	29,295
People served	11,070	10,227	105,569
Total clothing	1,101	847	9,810
Total diapers	654	457	5,533
Total volunteer hours	3,884	3,846	43,637
# of new volunteers (includes groups & youth)	53	63	816
Note: On average a family visits CPO 2.9 times a year			