

November 2021 Newsletter



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Usually November is the time of year that most people think of cornucopias and abundance. This year the buzz words are “supply chain shortages” “supply and demand” and “inflation”.

Per the article ***Grocery store shelves aren't going back to normal this year*** on CNN Business: “Shortages at grocery stores are nowhere near as visible as they were at the beginning of the coronavirus outbreak, when shoppers flocked to stores to stockpile food and household staples. But supply in grocery store aisles has not fully recovered to pre-pandemic levels, and companies such as Costco and Sam's Club have recently reinstated purchase limits for customers on paper products and cleaning supplies... Some food brands are imposing allocations, or purchase caps, for certain products on grocery stores and distributors, while other vendors are warning more generally of limited availability. Suppliers typically put products on allocation when there are supply shortfalls...The allocations have not been confined to one area of the country or a single type of retailer, said an executive at a leading regional wholesaler. Instead, they are happening nationally...”

Inflation is a real danger, one we have not seen in many years. According to another article in CNN Business prices are surging on many commodities, including natural gas: ***Home heating sticker shock: The cost of natural gas is up 180%***. “The risk is that an early winter or extremely cold fall temperatures will force households to crank up the heat. That would further shrink the nation's below-average stockpiles of natural gas and could lift prices even higher...The natural gas spike is exacerbating the US' first brush with inflation in more than a dozen years. Families are already dealing with surging prices on everything from used cars and gasoline to bacon...”

With all this doom and gloom in the news, there is still good news to report. There are so many people that are quietly but meaningfully being very generous to those less fortunate than them. CPO has been blessed by this trend since we were able to increase our already generous average food / person by more than 25% during the pandemic. With the help of our donors, volunteers and staff, we have been able to continue to serve clients regularly even though we are heading towards a pandemic that looks to last 2+ years. We have been able to do this safely with not one COVID spreader events in our ranks.

This is a beacon of hope in a situation that looks never ending. The tough times always show the true spirit of love and kindness that exists in this world, even if it is not headline news. Thanks for helping CPO preach the “Good News” in a world that really needs it!

When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

- Mister Rogers

Take care, have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, and God Bless!

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CPO Remembers.....



Margaret Anne Wood
Raleigh, North Carolina
Age 83.
Died 09/04/2021.

Margaret Anne Wood, daughter of Cletus Anthony and Anne Leonard Mannas, passed away on September 4 at the age of 83. Marge managed the grill at Wildwood Country Club and later worked for IDS Financial. She was devoted to her family at St. Raphael the Archangel Catholic Church and served the parish in numerous volunteer ministries over the forty-five years she was a parishioner. **She was also a longtime CPO volunteer.**

Marge was a wife, mother, grandmother, and friend to many who loved the beach and the peaceful sound of the waves. She was an accomplished seamstress and wonderful cook whose food graced many receptions and dinners. In addition to her parents, Marge is predeceased by her husband, Andrew M. Wood, Jr., a brother, Leonard Mannas, and a sister, Ellen Edwards. She is survived by her children, James (Tammy) Kuehl, Barbara (Bill) El Daly, Thomas Kuehl, and Joanne Pulley; step-children Andrew M. (Andrea) Wood, III and Vikki (Richard) Newell; a sister, Virginia Dickson; 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Parish Outreach, 2013 Raleigh Blvd. Raleigh, NC 27604 or the charity of your choice.

Mary Louise Walek

May 12, 1946 - April 26, 2021

Wake Forest, North Carolina - Mary L. Walek, 74, died on April 26, 2021 having survived cancer for 23 years. She was born in Miami, Florida in 1946 and graduated from the University of Florida with a B.A. (honors) in anthropology in 1968 and a Ph.D. in 1972. She taught physical anthropology at N.C. State University from 1973 until her retirement in 2003 and served as Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Academic Affairs in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences from 1992-1996.

Her parents, John and Sophie Walek, and older brother, Bruce, are deceased. She survived by a family of dear friends and a beloved companion pup, Maggie.

She loved learning and she loved teaching. A primatologist, she was fascinated by the behavioral similarities of human and non-human primates and particularly enjoyed sharing that knowledge with her students. As a Secular Franciscan, she found her spiritual home in nature and the outdoors, enjoying bird watching with good friends, long walks on the beach, and biking the greenways. Justice and equal opportunity for women in her church and in society were her passion.

Mary was a long time volunteer at CPO and was the started and grew our food drive program. Even after becoming ill, she created and published our food drive calendar to the parishes for many years. **She was generous even after her passing by remembering CPO in her will.**

Mary Louise Walek

1946 - 2021



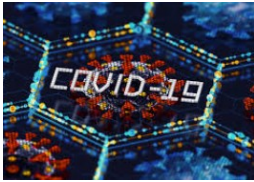
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CPO has distributed enough food to feed more than 90,000 people with almost 2 weeks of groceries since the beginning of the pandemic!

People Served
Families Served

Oct 2020	Oct 2021
5215	4457
1395	1216

Please note due to the new database we are only reporting families/individuals served at this time.

Inflation is beginning to become a concern for our clients. There will be many who will not only be making difficult choices for their families between food and shelter, but also food and utilities. This is only one example of costs rising that we need to keep an eye on to be prepared for increasing numbers of clients requesting food to be able to make these choices .



***It is that time year again.
We will all be changing
to daylight savings time
in November.***

***CPO is also changing back to our regular
hours of 10 am—1 pm on Monday
November 8, 2021.***

***We will be adding Thursday
to our open days of
operations beginning on
Thursday Nov 11, 2021.***



***We are ready to begin giving out children's
clothing once again. In order to stay safe, as
we continue to deal with the Delta Variant
clothing will be pre-packaged for
distribution.***

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Hours of Operation:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday 10 am—1 pm