October 2021 Newsletter



CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH

Note From our Warehouse Specialist







For those of you who do not know me, I am Susan Hicks, Warehouse Specialist for CPO. I joined the staff during the pandemic, after serving as a longtime volunteer. One of my efforts on behalf of Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry is working on the planning committee of the Greater Triangle Area CROP Hunger Walk, where 25% of the funds raised will benefit 4 local agencies including CPO.



This fundraising event began in 1947 as the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) under the leadership of Church World Services (CWS) to help feed those who were left destitute after the ravages of World War II in Europe and Asia. In the first two years CROP collected approximately 118 million pounds of farm products.

Today, CROP is known as the "Christian Relief and Overseas Program" with a new focus; their mission is "Transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster." The local community supports CROP's mission through the Triangle CROP Hunger Walk every year. You can be

part of this worthwhile endeavor by joining your neighbors or by making a monetary donation through the Greater Triangle Area CROP Walk website listed below:

https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/event/trianglenc

LATEST UPDATE ON THE 2021 WALK

Unfortunately there will NOT be a CROP Walk from Pullen Park again this year. The COVID numbers in Wake County and near capacity ICU rooms have all gone into this decision. It is the safest and most responsible decision for our walkers and our community.

Sunday, October 31, 2021 is still the official day of the Walk.

We encourage individuals and teams to have their own micro walks (one person to small groups) in a self -chosen route to fundraise as normal. Good Luck and Be Safe!



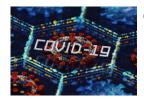


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Providing Help – Creating Hope – Serving All

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CPO has distributed enough food to feed <u>more than 87,000</u>

<u>people</u> with almost 2 weeks of groceries since the

beginning of the pandemic!

People Served
Families Served

Sept 2020	Sept 2021
4846	3838
1290	1055

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. Gas heating costs are projected to go up 180% this winter. 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.



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 <u>10 am—1 pm</u> 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