

April 2024 Newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY



Kelly



On behalf of CPO, I want to extend a special THANK YOU to the Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral Knights of Columbus Council #2546 Father Thomas Price for being co-hosts for our 12th Annual Pig Pickin'! I wanted to commend Chef Chris Weir on his amazing talents at the grill. The event is a success every year in a huge part to the great food they provide. Feedback says that this was the best year yet and I can attest to quality controlling the hush puppies personally and I concur!

We also want to thank all the bakers who provided such amazing baked goods that sold out! The display certainly made it hard to choose from, since there were so many yummy looking choices in pretty packaging! Special shout out to the band: Shannon Baker and sometime soon!

Thank You to our Sponsors who generously support this event every year to make it successful; and also to the attendees who "pigged out" to feed our neighbors.

Finally we want to thank all the CPO staff, Resource Committee members, and volunteers who made this event successful year after year. It takes tremendous planning and hard work to put on an event of this magnitude and y'all made it look easy!

Take Care and God Bless!

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Hours of Operation:
Mon/Wed/Thurs/Friday and 2nd/3rd/4th
Saturday 9 am—12 pm

We are adding the 2nd Saturday of the month in May for CPO food distribution.

CPO is now open on from 9 am—12pm:

2nd Saturday

3rd Saturday

4th Saturday

We will be looking add 1st and 5th to get all Saturdays open later in 2024.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Darcy, CPO Volunteer Coordinator at 919-847-1466 (text) or CPOvol.Coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org (email) for more details!

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Compared to pre-pandemic prices, ground beef is up 35%, chips are up 45%, bread is up 57% and a 12-ounce can of soda is up 66%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which tracks trends on common grocery store items.



CPO Truck gets a MAKEOVER!

Keep an eye out since the CPO truck just got a makeover. We are very excited with how eye-catching and colorful the new look is. The truck will be on its usual rounds to the food drives. Stop by and see our new look and make a donation at the same time!



	Jan-23	Jan-24	% Incr
People Served	5513	9405	71%
Families Served	1414	2390	69%

	Feb-23	Feb-24	% Incr
People Served	5283	8864	67%
Families Served	1345	2277	69%

	Mar-24	Mar-24	% Incr
People Served	6678	8203	23%
Families Served	1700	2097	23%

	Qtr 23	Qtr 24	% Incr
People Served	17474	26472	51%
Families Served	4459	6764	52%



Volunteers Needed for CPO's "CPO Samaritans" Home Delivery

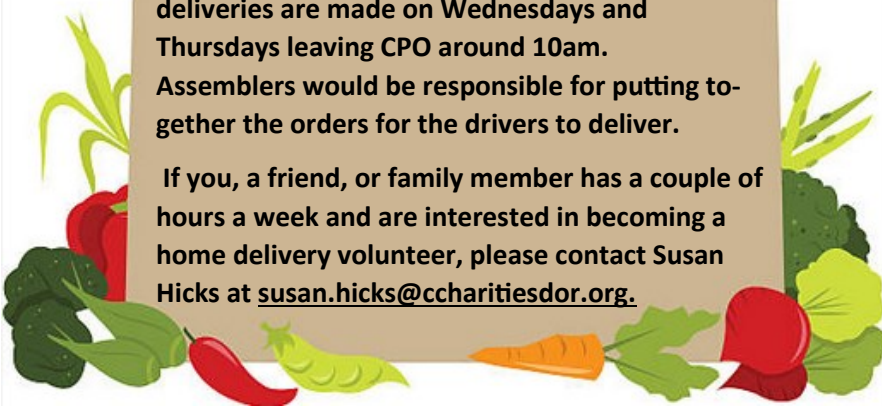
To better serve our neighbors in need, CPO has been piloting a home delivery program for those who are homebound or lack transportation. Due to demand /need, this program is starting to grow, and more volunteers are needed. We are in need of assemblers and drivers. The home deliveries are made on Wednesdays and Thursdays leaving CPO around 10am. Assemblers would be responsible for putting together the orders for the drivers to deliver.

If you, a friend, or family member has a couple of hours a week and are interested in becoming a home delivery volunteer, please contact Susan Hicks at susan.hicks@ccharitiesdor.org.

CPO is still in DESPERATE need of toddler (2T-6T) clothing to provide to our clients and we need your help! Currently our racks and bins are not full and new families are coming to CPO daily. We need more clothing to help families are in need with young children.

Ways you can help source TODDLER (2T-6T) clothing:

- Share with us the clothes your children and grandchildren have outgrown
- Encourage donations from Schools/Church groups and Business drives
- Donate from sales — buy 1 for a child / buy 1 for CPO
- Contact Neighborhood, Social or Facebook Groups



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12TH ANNUAL CPO PIG PICKIN' DRAWS HUNDREDS – RAISES THOUSANDS FOR CHARITY

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The sunny Raleigh skies shined bright for the 12th Annual Pig Pickin' hosted by Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry on Saturday, April 6th. The event saw 350 people gather for good BBQ and live bluegrass music. The event was a resounding success, raising over \$30,000 for the pantry. These funds will play a vital role in ensuring that families across Wake and Johnston counties have access to essential food resources.

Program Director Kelly Rappl expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support: "Last year, over 73,000 people received food assistance from Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry. That number is growing every day and events like the Pig Pickin' are instrumental in enabling us to meet the needs of so many families, ensuring they have access to nutritious groceries."



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While Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry benefits greatly from donations across Wake County, there remains a need for fresh items that are not always readily available. “We are committed to providing a balanced selection of groceries,” Rappl emphasized. “This includes shelf-stable items often donated, but also extends to purchasing fresh essentials like eggs, milk, meat, and produce. Our goal is to empower families to prepare nutritional meals at home.”

Beyond supporting a worthy cause, attendees partook in freshly cooked on-site chopped pork with sides such as fresh hush puppies, expertly prepared by Chef Chris Weir, and the dedicated volunteers from the Cathedral Knights of Columbus. Many guests also took advantage of the bake sale offerings of pies, cookies, and cakes, often sharing with others around them.



Surrounded by three levels of storage racking for food inventory, guests gathered in the Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry 10,000 square foot warehouse to “pig out on” their meals while taking in the mesmerizing sounds of live bluegrass music performed by Shannon Baker & sometime soon! The excitement continued as attendees tried their luck in the raffle, hoping to secure one of the many great prizes.

Reflecting on the event’s success, Rappl expressed her heartfelt appreciation: “We are deeply grateful to everyone who joined us today. It truly takes a unified community effort to care for our neighbors, and the great turnout at the Pig Pickin’ proves once again how dedicated the Raleigh community is to “nourishing our neighbors.”