November 2025 Newsletter



CATHOLIC PARISH OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY







It has been a "topsy-turvy" year and it is not over yet. As of the end of October 2025 (10 months), CPO served as many clients as we did in the WHOLE year in 2024 (Jan-Dec). Recently, the government shutdown occurred and we served 40% more clients the first week in November than for the same period last year due to NO SNAP payments being processed. The government is now open, but we still have our two historically busiest months ahead of us to finish 2025.

No matter what is still to come, CPO is well prepared and will be providing not only food, but respect and hope to our neighbors. Everyone in the CPO family has been instrumental in preparing us for just such a situation. Our donors, volunteers, and staff of CPO and CpFH are all key components to help us serve others.

There have been so many who have reached out seeking ways to help their neighbors. Financial donations, food drives, volunteering, etc. Another way is to participate in our annual Honor Card Christmas campaign. You can send a beautiful card to those you care about and help those who are struggling with rising prices and fears. Details are on page 2 of this newsletter.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Take Care and God Bless!



Across North Carolina, surging prices are stretching family budgets thin. In the Raleigh-Durham area, costs are up as much as 2–3% over the past year—and even higher for essentials like beef, eggs, and poultry.





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Mon/Wed/Thurs/Friday & Saturday
9 am—12pm

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VOLUNTEERING AT CPO

We are in need of volunteers to work in the warehouse or do monthly/quarterly/yearly maintenance projects at CPO.

Looking to volunteer:

We are now using Point software for people to volunteer at CPO.

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator Darcy Hull (call or text) 919-847-1466 or email CPOvol.Coordinator@ccharitiesdor.org and she will work with you to sign up to serve.

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Give gifts that reflect the true meaning of Christmas!



Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry has been serving those in need for 48 years.

Last year we distributed one week's worth of groceries to over 130,000 people.

> A gift of \$55 feeds a family for a week.



Unto Us A Child Is Born...

A generous gift has been made to Catholic Parish Outreach Food Pantry in your honor by

Thanks to this kindhearted donation, we will feed more families during this Christmas season.

Every dollar makes a difference in the fight against hunger.

Consider honoring friends, co-workers, teachers, and family members in this meaningful way.

We will send a beautiful color Christmas honor card to share the joy of your donation with those you wish to honor. (minimum donation of \$10 / card)

Enclosed is my gift to CPO for: \$

Minimum donation is \$10 per card. Donations may be tax-deductible.

Please make checks payable to: Catholic Parish Outreach To charge your credit card: with "Christmas Honor Cards" in the notes section.

Your Name: Address: City, State, Zip:_ Phone:

O VISA ODiscover

O MasterCard ○ AMEX Card Number: Exp. Date: _ Security Code: ___ Signature:

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION

	Oct-24	Oct-25	% Inc
Familes	2,742	3,206	17 %
People	10,798	12,947	19%

	Wk 1 Nov 24	Wk 1 Nov 25	% Inc
Familes	622	872	41%
People	2,375	3,412	44%

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY—WAKE	<u>CO</u>
Oct-25	

Oct	Oct-25		
MFP 1	Feb 25-Oct 25		
Familes 100	836		
People 431	3,795		

MFP1 = Kingsborough Estate Raleigh NC Distribution -mobile home park
Oct-25

MFP 2	1st Distribution
Familes 94	94
People 131	131

MFP2 = King's Ridge CASA location -- mix newly housed 100 units including veterans/familes (some with single mothers), senior citizens

CLOTHING & DIAPERS

	Oct-24		Oct-25		Clothing	Diapers
	Clothing	Diapers	Clothing	Diapers	% Inc	% Inc
Familes	692	698	786	772	14%	11%
People	913	868	1,043	939	14%	8%







Hi, my name is Susan Kinane. I became a CPO volunteer this summer. I followed in my father's footsteps as a volunteer. My father, Daniel Callahan, began volunteering in 2012 after my mother passed. My father enjoyed helping others and needed a new purpose. Initially, I think his reasoning was that it was better than "staring at the four walls".

However, he soon realized that there was something special going on at CPO. I remember when he was asked to be a lead volunteer. He was so proud and honored! For him this was another reason to continue moving forward after such a loss. He frequently spoke of the camaraderie of the other volunteers and how much fun they had. Many of the friendships carried on outside of the building.

After hearing his stories and noting the joy in his heart, I planned to volunteer at CPO once I retired even after his passing. I am so happy that I did! The ministry serves so many people. I have joy in my heart too! Even though my father is gone, his legacy with the CPO family lives on.....

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TOY DRIVE

for Centro para Familias Hispanas

Help us reach our goal of 400 toys!

We are collecting, **new unwrapped TOYS** for **kids ages 1-12** (\$15 and up, no board games or puzzles)

Please bring them to Centro para Familias Hispanas
Address: 2013 Raleigh Blvd. Raleigh, NC
Mondays through Thursdays 9am-4pm and Fridays 9-1pm

Deadline for donations: December 5.

Wrapped with Love of Centro para Familias Hispanas gives toys to about 400 Hispanic children in Wake County every year, thanks to the support of generous donors.

For more information contact Marlene at marlene.montsinger@ccharitiesdor.org

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