

2014 Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR APRIL 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2014



What Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry Means to Me

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry has played an important part in my granddaughter's and my life for the past few years. I am living on Social Security Disability and have been raising my granddaughter,

Thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts!

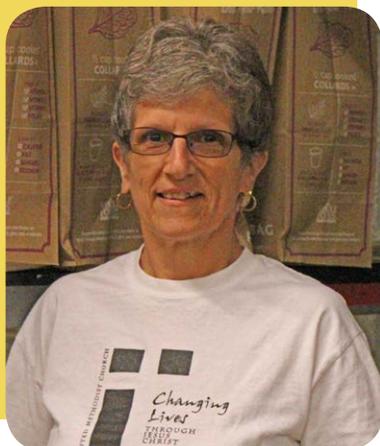
Ciara, for the past eight years. With

limited income, it is hard to provide well, and this is why we rely on Loaves & Fishes once a month. Without this wonderful food pantry we would not be able to get such wonderful frozen meat, fresh and frozen vegetables, fresh and canned fruit, fresh bread, rice, pasta, juice and so much more.

Ciara and I really are so

thankful for this wonderful Ministry. God Bless all of the wonderful people who volunteer their time to all of us who are in need of their services. Thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts!

Jan Wiltsie
Client



Greetings from the Executive Director



Thank you! With your help, this year Loaves & Fishes was able to help more of our neighbors in need than ever. It's been a year of exciting changes at Loaves & Fishes, and another year of setting records in the number of clients served, the number of pounds of food distributed, and the number of volunteer hours donated. In 2014,

the number of clients seeking our services increased 24% from 2013.*

Our Major Accomplishments in 2014:

- With our continued growth, we began a serious search for a new facility, and are pleased to have found a new home! You'll be hearing more about it in 2015. (We've planned a move for late July to early August.)
- We provided free groceries to an average of 1,712 low-income households per month in 2014 – that's up from an average of 1,381 in 2013. The average number of individuals served per month in 2014 was 5,947.
- We distributed over 1.6 million pounds of food to low-income families in Charlottesville and surrounding communities in 2014.
- Hundreds of volunteers from the community donated a total of well over 13,000 hours during the year to help with our food distributions.



The Pantry's new home at 2050 Lambs Rd, before renovation

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* These numbers are for the full year of 2014. Because of switching our fiscal year from April–March to the calendar year, our actual fiscal year in 2014 was short (April–December). However we feel that a full year's numbers are more meaningful in comparison to past years.

While the numbers are gratifying, my attention is continually drawn back to the many personal stories behind each and every number. Stories that have names and faces, struggles and heartaches, as well as, joys and victories. As Executive Director, I often get to hear many of these from clients who call our office or respond to our requests for comment. On the front page of this annual report you heard from Jan, a grandmother who is caring for her grandchild, and needs a little extra help each month. As I write, a comment received last year from a client named Joe comes to my mind:

“Times have been hard on my wife.
She had a stroke and now chemo.
She always smiles when I come
back from Loaves & Fishes.”

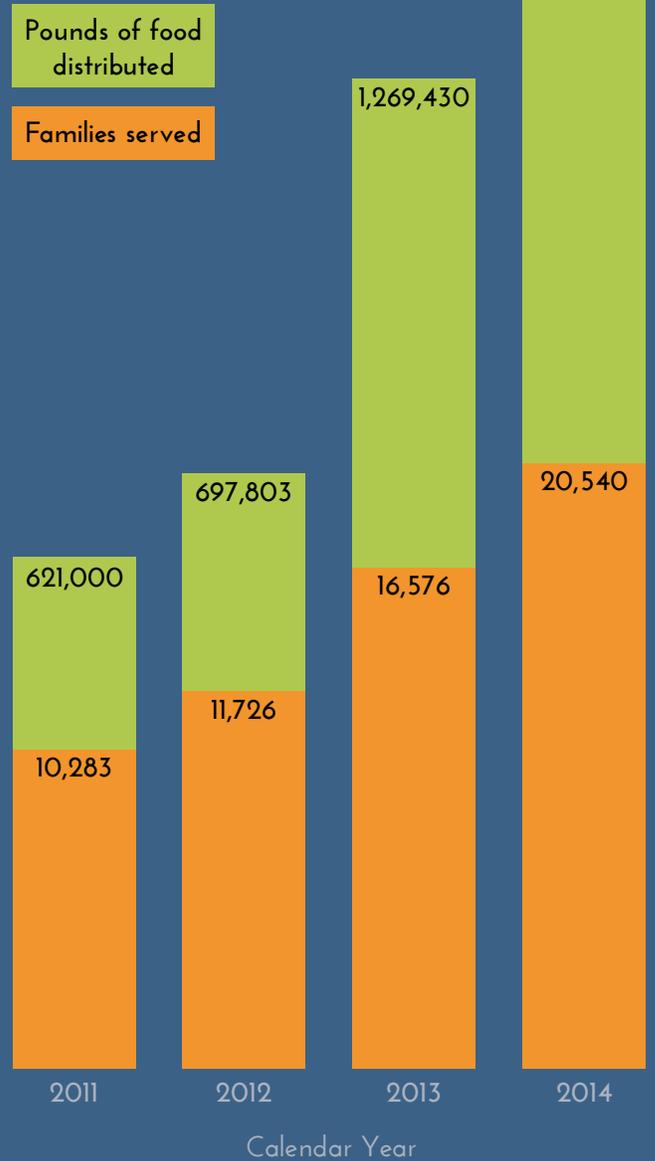
For all the Jans and Joes out there, thank you for all that you, our donors and volunteers give and do. As we continue through 2015, our goal is to keep striving to live up to the ideal of our mission that Loaves & Fishes provides the best possible place to get not only food, but a healthy dose of compassion as well.

All the Best & Thanks,
Margaret McNett Burruss
Executive Director

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“Families served” tracks our total volume of client visits in a calendar year; thus each individual family is counted each time they receive food. Families are eligible to receive food once per month, so no individual family is counted more than 12 times per year.

Our 990 federal income tax returns are available at www.cvilleloavesandfishes.org

The Value of Volunteering

Almost every year of my thirty seven year career in education I had some kind of hand in organizing a food drive for the local food bank with our students. I believe it helped the community as well as built empathy and a spirit of sharing for those involved, students and adults.



When I retired in 2012, I called our local food bank to ask how I could help. They directed me to Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc. What a gift that was. The first time I volunteered, I left physically tired, but emotionally energized, and over time have found that to be a consistent outcome. The positive energy in this place is terrific. We all jump in and do whatever it takes. There is camaraderie and focus and kindness. The caring goes to the clients and the volunteers as well. It feels to me that everyone feels valued and welcome. I hope that is true and do know that we all want it to be so.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to be part of this team. I always say that you get what you give. Thank you, Loaves & Fishes, for tipping the scale; I get more than I give.

Linda King
Volunteer

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An Eye-Opener

When my wife, Caroline, and I lived in Charlottesville, we saw first-hand the impact Loaves & Fishes had on the community. We volunteered

with our young son a few Saturday mornings at the pantry. There, we witnessed the outpouring of love that the other volunteers had for their work and the extreme gratefulness that clients expressed. In speaking with them, we realized that these folks were just like us. Many had just run into a rough patch and needed a little support without judgement. With all that Charlottesville has to offer, it is easy to overlook those in need. Had we not volunteered, we may have continued to look right past, but now our eyes were open. It was after these encounters that we started donating to Loaves & Fishes on a monthly basis.

Steven Weiskircher
Donor



Our Mission

To give food with kindness and compassion to those seeking assistance while providing an opportunity for volunteers to serve their neighbors in Charlottesville and surrounding communities.





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