

2016 Events (January – June)

January

- **Panasonic Helps Families in Need!** We would like to thank Panasonic for supporting the RLC by having a food drive to help us stock our food pantry! We are so grateful for everyone who participated! Every bit of food that is donated to our center makes a difference in the lives of many



- **Fayette Piedmont Volunteers Make Donation** - Our Fayette Piedmont Volunteers donated items and over \$1,000 to help those going through hard times. Thanks to all of you for serving and giving!



- **Thanks to U.S. Army Recruiting Center in Peachtree City** - Staff Sergeants Thomas and Johnson with the U.S. Army Recruiting Center in Peachtree City stopped by with a delicious treat of Chick-fil-A chicken biscuits and hash browns for us to share with our volunteers and client families. We are very thankful for their generosity and for their service to our country!



- **Sandy Creek High School Chick-fil-A Leader Academy Gives! Wow!** We are amazed at how big of a difference the Chick-fil-a Leader Academy Club students at Sandy Creek High School can make in our community. They collected boxes and bags of toiletries and clothing items to help families that are needing a helping hand this winter. Thank you to all of the students for all of your hard work and generosity. Thank you to Major Shon Dodson for coordinating this drive and for helping us load it all onto the RLC truck! We are so grateful for our partnership with Sandy Creek High School.



- **Class at Christ Church at Whitewater Helps Families in Need!** Thank you so much to Mrs. Robin and Ms Sue's 2 year old class at Christ Church at Whitewater for having a Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive! They are a sweet group of children! We are thankful for their help with restocking our food pantry. Their efforts will bless many families in our community.



- **Be Rich** - It has been a tremendous help having volunteers from Southside Church's Be Rich Campaign come to serve with us! Kim Seiple's Bible Study Group helped sort food donations while the Buckle family was restocking the food pantry shelves. Both groups did a great job and we hope to see them again!



- **Be Rich Volunteer Group** - We had twelve volunteers help us sort the last of the holiday food drive donations this past Saturday. Most of them were here for the Be Rich Campaign from Southside Church, but we also had a Boy Scout earning community service hours for a merit badge. They all did a wonderful job and were able to get three pallets of food sorted. Many thanks to all!



- **Mobile Food Pantry January 2016** - Our first Mobile Food Pantry of 2016 was a success! We distributed over 11,900 pounds of food to 148 families that day. Some of the items that we distributed were fresh oranges, fresh sweet potatoes, yogurt, peanut butter bars, crackers, and more. We could not have done it without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Thank

you to all who served! God is good! Our next Mobile food pantry will be held on February 25.



February

- **Atlanta Community Food Bank Conference** - We are thankful for the Atlanta Community Food Bank and all they do for the community and the Real Life Center! It was a great day of learning together at the 2016 conference.



- **Jack and Jill of America Organizes Neighborhood Drive!** The Teens of the Fayette County Area Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. held a food drive in the Centennial neighborhood in Peachtree city on Saturday morning. They collected over 180 pounds of food to help families in our community who are going through difficult times. It was such a pleasure working with these sweet ladies! This is their second year organizing a food drive to support the ministry of the Real Life Center. Thank you Jack and Jill of America!



- **Believe You Can Luncheon** - We are very thankful for the donation of 145 pounds of food and \$500 that Real Life Center received from the Believe You Can luncheon sponsored by AJAKO.



- **Coweta Community Foundation** - We were honored to be a part of the Coweta Community Foundation grant reception on January 22. We are thankful for their role in the community, a \$1,500 grant, and the gift of their partnership with us!



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- **First Baptist Church of PTC Engage 2016 Celebration** - As a part of their Engage 2016 Celebration, First Baptist Church of Peachtree City encouraged their members to volunteer in the community. We had two groups come to serve with us at Real Life Center. Scott Branch's Community Group came to help us sort food on Thursday evening. Nancy Waller's Community Group came Saturday morning for three hours. We sure appreciated their time and help!



- **Awesome Eagle Scout Project** - Daniel Shoaf completed an awesome Eagle Scout project for the Real Life Center. He built and delivered 4 sets of shelves to be used to organize supplies. Thank you, Daniel, for this wonderful gift!



- **St. Paul Lutheran Church Continues to Help Families in Need!** We are so grateful to have the continued support of St. Paul Lutheran Church.

In January, they donated over 190 pounds of food from their 5th Sunday Food drive to the Real Life Center. We just had to get a photo of the adorable little ones that greeted us when we went to pick up the food! Thank you, St Paul Lutheran Church!



- **Rolling Hills Church** - We were so thankful to have three special ladies from Rolling Hills Church come in to help Pete, our Operations Coordinator, with a special project. They did such a great job; they finished early! Thanks for your help ladies!



- **PTC United Methodist Church Children's Ministry Helps Families** - Thank you to the PTC UMC Children's Ministry for collecting and delivering some of our top needed items in our food pantry! Some of the items they donated were canned food, cereal, spaghetti sauce, soap, shampoo, and more. These donations will make a difference in the lives of many in our community who are hurting. The RLC is blessed to have their support!



- **Oak Grove Elementary ASP Food Drive!** - Thank you to the Oak Grove Elementary After School Program for having a food drive on behalf of the Real Life Center! The children worked hard to make their food drive a success. They made all kinds of posters and banners to decorate the halls of the school to encourage their classmates to help families in our community. The school collected close to 200 pounds of our food pantry's top needed items. Many families will be blessed by their support!



- **They're Back!** The women's group from Providence United Methodist Church has been serving the first Friday each month for over a year now. This month they helped us get our housewares program organized. It is a big project, but is well underway thanks to their help!



- **Celebration of Seniors** - Last year we started a quarterly program to celebrate the seniors in our community. Our second meeting was February 10. The seniors enjoyed a wonderful lunch full of great food, fellowship, and conversation. Thank you to Kem Williams from Grace Evangelical Church and Diana Britt from All Saints Anglican Church for heading up this great gathering.



- **Rising Starr Middle School Panther Partners Club** - We would like to thank the Panther Partners Club at Rising Starr Middle School for their continued support for our center! Again this year, they made shoe boxes full of snacks for the children of our families to enjoy over the winter break from school. They used their creative abilities to decorate these boxes with drawings and inspirational messages to help put a smile on the faces of other children in our community. It was such a pleasure to meet such a kind, generous, and talented group of students! We would also like to thank Joanne Sampson with Rising Starr Middle School for organizing this event and for inviting us to be a part of it. We are so grateful for you!



- **Rising Starr Middle School “Share the Love” Food Drive** - A big thank you to Rising Starr Middle School Beta Club for organizing their “Share the Love” food drive this February! The students did a wonderful job working together to make a difference in our community. A special thank you to Laura Benefield, teacher and Beta Club sponsor for Rising Starr, for her continued support for our ministry at the Real Life Center. We are so grateful for Rising Starr Middle School!



- **Flint River Council Boy Scouts – Scouting for food!** Words cannot explain how thankful we are to have the support of the Flint River Council Boy Scouts! They had their annual Scouting for Food event last weekend and many of the Boy Scouts chose to donate the food that they collected to the Real Life Center. They woke up early on Saturday morning to work to make a difference in our community. We would especially like to thank David Flohr for all of his hard work in organizing this amazing event! All together, the Boy Scouts donated over 9,300 pounds of food to help our families. Wow! Their generosity will bring hope to so many people in our community. Way to go Flint River Council Boy Scouts!





- **Ply Gem Windows Corporate Challenge Food Drive!** We would like to thank Ply Gem Windows for participating in the 2016 Corporate Challenge Food Drive! They donated over 600 pounds of food to our food pantry! What a blessing this will be to the families that we serve. David Flohr with the Flint River Council Boy Scouts coordinates the Corporate Challenge food drive every year. We are so thankful for him and all of the businesses that participate in this event!



- **Sigvaris Participates in Corporate Challenge Food Drive!** A big thank you to Sigvaris for participating in the 2016 Corporate Challenge food drive, coordinated by David Flohr with the Flint River Council Boy Scouts. This year the Sigvaris employees donated over 1,400 pounds of food! Wow! It is amazing how much of a difference they are making in our community. It is always a pleasure working with everyone at Sigvaris, and we are so grateful for their continued support!



- **Partnership Club** - It was fun meeting some of the students from the Partnership Club at Fayette County High School. They came to help us sort recent food donations and were able to get through two whole pallets. Their club was started a few years ago by Sehr Abdulla who is the current club president and is designed to give support to local non profits.



- **February 2016 Mobile Food Pantry** - Last week we had our February Mobile Food Pantry and we are so grateful for all of the volunteers who came out on that cold and windy morning to help serve 139 families in our community! We served over 9,000 pounds of assorted fruit and vegetable cups, green bean chips, baby food, fresh sweet potatoes, lettuce, carrots, fresh beets, and more. Thank you to everyone who helped make it a successful day! It is a pleasure serving with you all. Our next Mobile Food Pantry date is March 24.



March

- **Peachtree City United Methodist Church** - We enjoyed a great weekend with Peachtree City United Methodist Church at their missions weekend. They were a wonderful group of people to share the weekend with!



- **Peoples Elementary School 2016 Food drive** - We want to thank Peoples Elementary School for having a food drive on behalf of the Real Life Center in February. The students collected over 845 pounds of food during this food drive! So amazing! We are grateful for Monique Collins, the schools counselor, for her continued support and for showing her students how they can make a difference in our community! It is always a pleasure partnering with Peoples Elementary School!

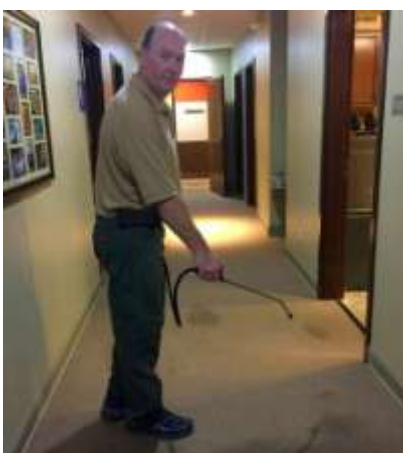


- **Rolling Hills Church** - We are always thrilled to have our friends from Rolling Hills Church come to serve with us. Thank you all for your help sorting food!



- **Meet Norman Koenighaus from Perfection Floor Care** - This past month we were blessed by a special visit from Perfection Floor Care, a business with a "Servant's Heart"! Owner Norman Koenighaus loves his community and came in to clean our carpets and those of our neighbor, the Midwest Food Bank, at no cost. That was not an easy task given the deep stains of several years! *"It feels really good to be able to give back,"* Norman shares. His business is a commercial and residential cleaning and restoration company that provides one-time cleanings, restorations, and on-going maintenance programs for virtually every surface in your home or office. From carpet and upholstery, tile and stone, granite countertops, and concrete garage floors, Perfection Floor Care offers custom cleaning and care solutions to fit their clients' needs and budget. Their motto is "We Clean, Seal and Restore...Carpet, Tile, Stone and More!". Norman also volunteers his services at a Saturday Scholar program working with kids experiencing difficulties in school.

We appreciate you so much. Check out their business at [**Perfection Floor Care**](#).



- **Hopewell United Methodist Church** - The Hopewell United Methodist Women's group not only came to serve with us this past weekend they also brought 390 pairs of socks! The socks came from their recent Sock Sunday Drive at church. It is truly a blessing to be able to give our families brand new socks. Thank you ladies for coordinating the drive and for your help at the center!



- **North Fayette Elementary School 2016 Food Drive** - Thank you to North Fayette Elementary School for having a food drive to help us stock our food pantry! The school's counselor, Ms. Heather Sherwood, coordinates a food drive with us every year and we are so grateful for her support! The students collected 650 pounds of food during their food drive this year! Their generosity will bring so much hope to families in our community!



- **Easter Fun!** The 3rd grade students from Crossroads Christian School put together over 60 Easter snack bags for us to give out to families with young children. It was fun meeting the students when they came to visit us and learn more about Real Life Center.



- **Cookie Time** - We were thrilled to see Emmy Elkin again this year! She generously shares donations of Girl Scout cookies for us to give to the families who come to Real Life Center for food assistance. What a special treat!



- **Panasonic Laptops** - Online job applications can be tricky! Thanks to Delphina Turner and Panasonic for their donation of two laptop computers to use for those needing that extra help. This gift is a great asset to our "Preparing for Employment" educational classes. Thank you to Panasonic and to all involved with the classes.



- **Peachtree City United Methodist Church** - Thank you to **PTCUMC Church** for serving with us. We so appreciate their commitment to the mission of the Real Life Center.



- **Mobile Food Pantry March 2016** - It was a beautiful sunny day for our March Mobile Food Pantry! A big thank you to all of the volunteers who came to make this day happen! We served over 8,000 pounds of food to 138 families this month. We were so blessed to receive fresh tomatoes, tangerines, broccoli, bread, popcorn, baby food and other nutritious items that we were able to serve to these families. We are so grateful for the opportunity to help our community in this way.



- **Meet Cindy Manning!** Meet **Cindy Manning**, a lady with a servant's heart.

Donating your expertise goes a long way. Cindy Manning, owner of Manning Legal Group LLC, came to the Real Life Center offering to do just that! Our bylaws and articles of incorporation required an in-depth review,

a service which Cindy offered generously to us on a pro bono basis. *“I am so appreciative of what the Real Life Center does for our community and am proud to support them and their ministry. I love our community. I also believe that as moms and local business owners we have a moral responsibility to help those less fortunate. I work to teach my children that volunteering and community involvement is not only the right thing to do, but what God asks of us as Christians.”* In addition to a successful legal career, Cindy has held leadership roles and volunteered in numerous industry and community organizations. In 2014 her various service activities resulted in her being awarded the Justice Robert Benham Award for Community Service, presented by the State Bar of Georgia and the Chief Justice’s Commission on Professionalism. Cindy lives with her husband Erik, a veteran of the United States Navy, in Peachtree City with their three children Cameron, Emily, and Daniel. Thank you for your valuable contributions to our community Cindy!



April

- **Sharpsburg Baptist Church Children’s Missions** - We would like to thank Sharpsburg Baptist Church Children’s Missions for choosing to do a food drive on behalf of the Real Life Center for their service project in March. The sweet children worked hard at collecting some of our top needed items for our families this spring. They donated canned goods, boxes of rice, spaghetti sauce, crackers, toothpaste, shampoo, soap, and more! We are so grateful for their generous hearts!



- **Grace Evangelical Church Annual Food Drive** - We are so grateful to have the support of Grace Evangelical Church! We would like to thank them for holding their annual food drive in March to help stock our food pantry. They collected over 2700 lbs of food to help our families! A special thank you to Kem Williams, Engage Fayette Coordinator, for coordinating the month long food drive! We would also like to thank Andrew Hill, Pastor of Student Ministries, and all of the students that took the time during their spring break to help deliver the food to the center! It is always a pleasure partnering with Grace Church!



- **All Saints Anglican Church Yard Sale**

Saturday April 23
8:00 am - 1:00 pm
All Saints Anglican Church

149 Ebenezer Rd
Just off Highway 54

Household items for everyone
Priced to Sell
small furniture pieces, books,
toys, kitchen items, dishes, china
Half price and Bag sale at end
Hot dogs & chips

Half of proceeds from this sale
will be donated to
The Real Life Center
serving Fayette & Coweta Counties

- **Parkside Dental Practice Gives Back!** A big thank you to Parkside Dental Practice for their continued support for the families that we serve at the RLC. They donated over 270 pounds of food from their food drive in March! We are so grateful for this partnership and for their generosity!



- **Students Strike Again!** We had a great group of students from the Ambassadors Club at Whitewater High School come join us again. They did a great job sorting food donations, and we appreciate their hard work! We also want to thank their sponsor, Sherry Stout, for coordinating the evening.



- **Parkside Dental Group** - In addition to holding a food drive last month, the staff from Parkside Dental came out Saturday to volunteer with us. Thanks to their help we were able to get all the winter clothing stored and fill the clothing closet with summer items. They were so fast with this we were also able to restock the entire food pantry! We sure do appreciate their support!



- **Mastermind Group Serves** - Today we received a very special visit from Patti Kadkhodaian's Mastermind Group for a service project in our warehouse sorting donations. A Mastermind Group consists of like-minded people sharing great thoughts and ideas, positively affecting intentional personal growth through the teachings of John Maxwell. In Q4 2015 the group studied Maxwell's newest book "Intentional Living: Choosing a Life That Matters" and they selected the Real Life Center to serve their time. Patti also made a generous financial donation to assist our families. For more information on the next Mastermind class, visit [here](#). Patti Kadkhodaian is a certified John Maxwell Independent Coach, Teacher, and Speaker. She is a successful entrepreneur and loves sharing her expertise with people to help them achieve their goals. She is the owner of AJAKO.



- **Fayette Celebrity Dancers Charity Show** - 4th ANNUAL "FAYETTE CELEBRITY DANCERS" Charity Show: "Love Makes the World Go Round."

The Real Life Center is a beneficiary. We are most appreciative.

Date: May 14, 2016

Location: Starr's Mill High School

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Tickets are \$15.00 pre-paid or \$20.00 at the door. This will be an exciting and enjoyable show. It will be beautifully presented by our local “Celebrities and their Dance Pros”. For more information, please visit: [**Fayette Celebrity Dancers.**](#)



- **Crosspoint Church** - It was great to have some extra help at our Tyrone Store from a couple of Crosspoint Church members. Thanks for polishing the silver and sorting the fabric bins ladies!



- **Dogwood Church Mom2Mom Food Drive** - The beautiful ladies of the Dogwood Church Mom2Mom group collected over 380 pounds of food during their food drive to help stock our food pantry! We cannot thank them enough for their wonderful support. A very special thank you to Shugie Collingsworth for putting this food drive together! We are so grateful for this group of generous women.



- **New Ramps** - We are so grateful to Ryan Bohdan for building two new ramps for our back doors. Ryan is a boy scout in Troop 212 and is working towards earning his Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge. When he offered us his community service hours, we told him our greatest need was new ramps and he didn't hesitate to offer to build them. Ryan did a great job and went the extra mile to put a weather proof deck coating on them for us. We are very impressed with this young man!



- **Dogwood Church Spring Food Drive** - We want to say thank you to everyone who participated in the Dogwood Church Food Drive! It is so awesome to see God at work! The food came flooding in last Sunday morning as members brought bags of food to help stock the RLC food pantry. There were 265 bags of our top needed food items, toiletries, and laundry detergent donated to help share hope with families who are hurting in our community. What a difference this will make in the lives of many! We are so very grateful!



- **Time for Bingo!** We had a fun afternoon with some of our seniors. Everyone enjoyed "build your own" ice cream sundaes and a few games of Bingo. Our senior programs are being held quarterly and the next date is September 14. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out on the fun!



- **JC Booth Middle School Beta Club Food Drive** - It is amazing the difference that this group of students makes in our community! The JC Booth Beta Club students collected over 640 pounds of food during their spring food drive! Ms. Sharme Ridley is the schools Beta Club sponsor and she partners with us on a food drive every year! It is always a pleasure working with this group and we are so grateful for their generosity!



- **April Mobile Food Pantry** - We are praising God for answering our prayers for safe weather last week for our April Mobile Food Pantry! Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who made serving 155 families in our community possible. We were grateful to receive over 7,000 pounds of food from Atlanta Community Food Bank to distribute. There were bags of potatoes, fresh grapefruit, granola/seed bars, potato chips and much more.



May

- **Bank of North Georgia in Fayetteville Gives Back!** We would like to thank the Bank of North Georgia of Fayetteville for coming together to make a difference in our community! They collected and donated 145 pounds of peanut butter and jelly to help stock our food pantry! We are so grateful for their continued support!



- **Bank of North Georgia in PTC Has PB&J Drive!** We are so grateful to have received over 230 jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly from the Bank of North Georgia in Peachtree City last week! Thank you to all who participated in this annual drive to help our families. Your generosity will be a blessing to many!



- **Special Thanks to Jodi Morrow and Her Small Group** - A special thanks to Jodi Morrow and her small group for collecting food and a financial donation. We so appreciate your support!



- **First Baptist Church of PTC** - For the second time this year we were blessed to have Nancy Waller's small group from First Baptist Church come serve with us. They did a great job sorting food donations and restocking our clothing closet. We hope to see them again!



- **Sandy Creek High School Skills USA Club PB&J Drive** - A big thanks to the Skills USA club at Sandy Creek High school for having a Peanut Butter and Jelly drive to help stock our food pantry! The students collected close to 400 lbs of Peanut Butter and Jelly! Amazing! A special thank you to Mr. Jeffrey Dykes for coordinating this food drive every spring to help our families. It is always a pleasure partnering with this group.



- **PTC Post Office “Stamp Out Hunger” Food drive** - Wow! We are truly amazed at the participation in our community during this year’s “Stamp out hunger” food drive! The Peachtree City Post office Letter Carriers brought in over 2,800 lbs of food on Saturday. We cannot thank the Letter Carriers enough for putting in extra time during their routes to help our community in this way. Their hard work and sacrifice will bring hope to so many lives. Thank you to all of the Postal workers and everyone in our community who participated to make this food drive a success!



- **Tyrone Post Office “Stamp Out Hunger” Food drive!** A special thank you to all of the Tyrone Postal Employees for participating in this year’s national food drive! We are so grateful for their hard work in helping us restock our food pantry. We would also like to thank all of the residents in Tyrone who participated by donating food. This food drive will make a difference in many lives!



- **Thank you to Our Volunteers!** A very special thank you to Dennis Palmer and Quinn Phillips for helping us at the Peachtree City Post office Food drive! It was wonderful to have their help with loading the truck as all of the food came in. Dennis volunteers a lot of his time helping with many of our food drives among many other things here at the Real Life Center. Your hard work is greatly appreciated! We are so grateful for you and all that you do!



- **Thanks to All Saints Anglican Church!** A big thank you to the team at All Saints Anglican Church. Bess Davis, coordinator, is pictured below with Cathy Berggren sharing the proceeds from their annual yard sale. Thanks to the whole team that made this happen!



- **May Mobile Food Pantry** - We are so grateful to have been able to serve over 10,000 pounds of food to 146 families in our community at our May Mobile Food Pantry! This month we had lots of fresh produce to distribute. There were fresh onions, green beans, watermelons, bread, and more! Thank you to all of our fabulous volunteers who helped make this morning go so smoothly. We are so grateful for you all!



June

- **St. Paul Lutheran Church VBS Food Drive** - A very big thank you to the children at St Paul Lutheran Church for collecting food during Vacation Bible School to help us stock our food pantry! Their generous hearts will surely make a difference in many lives.



- **“It’s Not All About Me” Camp Food Drive 2016** - We want to thank the children of the 2016 “It’s Not all about me” camp for having a food drive again this summer to help stock the shelves in the food pantry! A special thank you to Julie Pruettt for organizing the food drive! We can always count on her help in the summer and we are so very grateful!



- **Woolsey Baptist Church "Loves Loud"** - We are so thankful to Woolsey Baptist Church for serving with us Wednesday evening as part of their "Love Loud" Summer Outreach. They helped sort and inventory school supplies, bag blackberries, sort food, restock our food pantry shelves, and restock clothing bins in our clothing closet! They were a fun group with wonderful, willing hearts to serve, and we loved having them serve with us!



- **Providence UMC Vacation Bible School Food drive** - A big thank you to Providence UMC for having a food drive during their Vacation Bible School week again this summer!! The children donated over 720 pounds of food! A special thank you to Tracy Williamson for coordinating the food drive. We are so grateful for your continued support!



- **Neighborhood Food Drive** - A very special thank you to Abigail and Isabel Johnson! These precious girls held a neighborhood food drive to help families in our community. They collected over 360 pounds of food! Their generous hearts will bring hope to many!



- **We Have a New Partner** - Thank you so much to Porfirio Mejia from Eight Oaks Farm for delivering beautiful home grown vegetables to the Real Life Center. Yes, the squash, zucchini, and cucumbers are really locally home-grown and provide lots of nutrition for the families of the Center. Go visit their roadside Market in Moreland, GA.



- **June Mobile Food Pantry** - We were so blessed to have had the opportunity to serve over 130 families in our community during our June Mobile Food Pantry. With the help of wonderful volunteers including some of the youth members from Word of God Church, we were able to distribute fresh watermelons, bags of potatoes, fresh corn, cereal, and more. We are so grateful for everyone who served!

