

## 2013 Events

### January

- **McIntosh Chapter of Kiwanis Club** - Real Life Center is grateful for the recent gift from the McIntosh Chapter of Kiwanis Club. This is a great example of partnering together to help our local community.



- **Thanks to Fayette Woman Magazine** - Thanks to Joyce Beverly and her team at the Fayette Woman Magazine.



- **World Gym Food Drive** - Real Life Center is grateful for the food collected at World Gym!



- **AWBA group at the Tea Room** - Cathy Berggren, Executive Director of Real Life Center, was invited to speak and enjoy a great evening with the AWBA group at the Tea Room!



- **Birthday Boxes from Kedron Elementary** - Julie Pruett delivered Birthday Boxes put together by the students at Kedron Elementary. The students assembled the boxes during their Christmas Parties in December. They call their project, Parties With A Purpose. Thank you Kedron Elementary students and Julie Pruett for your generous donation. We are blessed to have you partner with the Real Life Center.



- **Gary Koger's Small Group at Dogwood Church** - On Saturday, January 12, Gary Koger's small group from Dogwood Church met for coffee and then went out shopping for the needs in the food pantry. Thank you for your generous hearts!



- **Oak Grove Elementary School Fourth Grade** - The fourth grade teachers and students of Oak Grove Elementary School donated winter items like gloves, hats, scarves, and blankets to help keep families warm this winter. Thanks Oak Grove Fourth Grade!



- **Carriage Lane Church** - We appreciate the continued support of Carriage Lane Church. They held a food drive in November and then collected winter items, which included hats, gloves, and scarves in December just in time for the cold weather! Thanks Carriage Lane!



- **Ribbon Cutting at Real Life Store Fayetteville** - Our ribbon cutting with the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce was a great celebration of our new store! 1,500 volunteer hours were given to help make this happen. Thank you to all who have given their time, donations, and support in so many ways. If you haven't stopped in, come check out our new location – it is a great way to shop and help your neighbor! We are so glad to be a part of the community!





- **Grace Church Youth Serving at Real Life Store Fayetteville** - We had a great day, Sunday, January 27, at the new Fayetteville location with the help of the youth of Grace Church. We all served together to make a difference!



- **Lisa Younger's Small Group from Southside Church** - Lisa Younger's small group (from Southside Church) came to serve Wednesday, January 30, 2012. They did a wonderful job helping us sort food!



## February

- **Thanks to Alexandria Thompson!** - We were touched by the sweet and generous heart of Alexandria Thompson! For her sixth birthday she asked her friends to donate food in place of birthday gifts. She must have generous friends too as the car was full of food!



- **Ga Baptist Healthcare Foundation Grant** - Cathy Berggren is pictured with Faye O'Dell from the Ga Baptist Healthcare Foundation. Faye was instrumental in helping with a trustee grant of \$10,000 for the Real Life Center to assist with prescription and healthcare needs for those unable to afford them.



- **Golf Cart Donated for Orchard** - Pictured below is a golf cart ready to go for the orchard team. We are thankful for PROLOGIS in atlanta for the donation; this will be a tremendous help.



- **Thanks Sigvaris!** - Thanks to Sigvaris for collecting 5000 items to kick off the Boy Scout food drive!





- **Scouting for Food Drive** - Real Life Center received over 11,000 items Saturday, February 9, 2013 from Scouting for Food. This event is Boy Scouts' annual county wide food drive. We are very grateful to everyone involved in donating, collecting, and sorting the food. Enjoy pictures below of some of the wonderful individuals involved in making this a great event!



Jordan and Ryan brought the food that was collected by Troop 212. They collected from these neighborhoods: Woodcreek, Highgrove, Timberlake, Newhaven and Jefferson Woods.

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Pictured above is Ford and Anthony from Cub Scout Pack 75 Den 9.

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Students from the Georgia Military College came to help us receive and sort the food.

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This group from Pack 179 delivered food that was donated by families who live in the Gaelic Glen Neighborhood.

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Wil Trinquero's small group from Heritage Church came to help us sort the food.  
They also did a wonderful job helping organize the food pantry storage areas.

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Scott and his dad brought the food that was collected by Pack 75 in the Kedron Hills Neighborhood.

- **Panther Partners at Rising Starr Middle School** - Panther Partners is a group of students at Rising Starr Middle School who welcome new students to the school. The club sponsors, JoAnne Sampson (pictured), Jamie Carson, and Wendy Keener, wanted to



find a community oriented project for the club. They decided to put together snack boxes for students who will be home during winter break as a special gift for struggling families.



- **Thanks to Kakao Café!** - Real Life Center is grateful to Kakao Cafe for the coupons they gave us to share with some of our client families, giving them a free, delicious cup of coffee or tea and an order of yummy churros.

Visit **Kakao Cafe** on Facebook for hours and location!

- **Sharing about Orchard at First Baptist Church Peachtree City** - Sunday was a great day at First Baptist Church Peachtree City to share about Real Life Center and the Orchard!



- **Thanks to Deja Vu!** - A special thanks to Jim and Lynn Mock of Deja Vu Home Furnishings Consignment in Tyrone for their partnership with the Real Life Center. We are grateful for you and your generosity.



- **Sharpsburg L.D.S. Food Drive** - We were so thankful to receive the items collected by the Sharpsburg L.D.S. church during their February food drive! We are especially grateful for the shampoo, as we have been out for weeks!
- **Crosspoint Community Church Food Drive** - Crosspoint Community Church held a food drive to help stock the Real Life Center food pantry as part of their local missions focus in February. Senior Pastor Greg Plott and Youth Paster Brian Wetmiller delivered all the food. We very thankful to all who participated!



- **Drayer Physical Therapy Institute "Penny Wars"** - Corinna Stitt dropped off a generous financial donation from the Drayer Physical Therapy Institute. The money was raised through their "Penny Wars" challenge with staff and patients participating. Thank you, Drayer Physical Therapy Institute!

## March

- **Food from US Foods** - Pictured below is Steve Butler delivering the most recent donation from US Foods on Thur, March 7, 2013. We are blessed to receive a pallet or two of items from US Foods every Thursday. These restaurant sized items are a big help to the families of five or more who visit our food pantry.



- **Real Life Center is Moving!** - Real Life Center is now closed at the Tyrone location. We are making final preparations and will reopen on Monday, April 15 at 9am at our new location:

**220 Parkade Court Suite A  
Peachtree City, GA 30269  
770-631-9334**



Directions from 382 Senoia Rd, Tyrone, GA (old location):

**Turn right out of the parking lot and travel south on Senoia Road for 1.3 miles.  
Turn right onto Joel Cowan Pkwy (Hwy 74) and travel 5.8 miles.  
Turn left onto Gardner Park and travel .2 mile.  
Turn right onto Parkade Court and travel .1 mile.  
Your destination will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> drive on the right, down on the cul-de-sac at 220 Parkade Court.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Our new building is shown below.



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Betty Crisp and Vicky Troyer are packing for the move.



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Wade Camp is helping with the move!



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Pallet shelving is going up at the new location.



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Food is being put on shelves in the new food pantry!



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The group has gathered for closing prayer after one of the work days.



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Shelves are being hung!



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Boxes are being unloaded!



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Pictured are a some of the wonderful volunteers who helped during spring break week!  
We had more than 30 volunteers that day!





We are SO grateful for all the help from our wonderful volunteers!

Bob Barnard's team, along with Latham Drywall, have completed renovations.

Ulta Refrigeration has been preparing the walk-in cooler.

We are thankful for everyone's hard work!

We live in a great community!

- **Grateful for Foundation Grant** - We are so grateful for a new grant from a foundation (that wishes to remain anonymous) for our financial assistance program. The gift will allow us to help an additional 145 families this year through our financial assistance program.



- **Thanks to Atlanta Bread Company in PTC!** Real Life Center is very grateful to Atlanta Bread Company in Peachtree City for having one of our "Got Change?" jars out on their counter. They have been faithful to collect change for us, which makes a difference in the lives of our neighbors going through the tough times. Over the years, the change has accumulated to thousands of dollars. Thank you ABC!



- **Thanks to Christ Church at Whitewater Youth Group!** - The youth group at Christ Church at Whitewater and their leader, Houghston Taylor, came prepared to work on Saturday, March 9, 2013, and work they did! They completed the entire day's "to do" list and more! We are very grateful!



- **Fayette Chamber Young Professionals** - It was great to be a part of the Fayette Chamber Young Professionals group the morning of March 20, 2013! This event was sponsored by the PTC Rotary club.



- **Easter Bags Donated by Word of God Lutheran Church** - Thank you to Word of God Lutheran Church for 50 Bags of Easter goodies to distribute!



- **Peeples Elementary School Food Drive** - Peeples Elementary School held their annual food drive for us from March 18–22, 2013. As always it was a great response by the staff, students, and families! Pictured are school counselor and food drive coordinator, Monique Collins, and her kids.



- **Grace Evangelical Church's "Fill the Truck" Food Drive** - Grace Evangelical Church held another very successful "Fill the Truck" food drive. This is an annual event held in March. The youth group, along with several adults, delivered the food Sunday, March 24, 2013. They were able to unload and sort it all in under an hour proving the old adage, "Many hands make light work!" We greatly appreciate all the support we receive from Grace Evangelical Church!



- **Bennett's Mill Middle School Beta Club Drive** - The Bennett's Mill Middle School Beta Club held a "March Madness" drive for items to help restock our pantry. They collected items like toothpaste, toothbrushes, laundry soap, dish soap, bar soap, etc. These items are hard to keep stocked, so we appreciate their generosity! Thanks to the students and their club sponsor, Ms. Dawn Rodriguez.



- **Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry Foundation Grant** - Cathy Berggren, left, Executive Director of Real Life Center in Tyrone, accepts a check for \$10,000 from Faye O'Dell of the Georgia Baptist Health Care Ministry Foundation. The funds will be used to help provide prescriptions for under- and non-insured residents seeking assistance through the non-profit entity. O'Dell, a member of the Atlanta-area Foundation's board, presented the check at the Baptist Missions and Ministry Center in Duluth on Feb. 7, 2013. Berggren was one of 48 recipients chosen from 109 applicants who shared in \$2,634,973 of grants.



#### April

- **Thanks to McMullin, Stone, and Associates!** It was great to have the team from McMullin, Stone, and Associates helping with the move at Real Life Center on Wednesday, April 10!



- **Thanks to Young Professionals of Fayette County!** Thanks to the Young Professionals of Fayette County through the Fayette Chamber of Commerce. We are grateful for the time they served on Tuesday, April 9.



- **Orchard Schedule** Here is the schedule for the orchard volunteers: <http://reallifecenter.org/wp/orchard/qa>. There are two corrections: Blackberry team is fertilizing this Saturday, April 13 at 9 am and Grounds Crew Team training session is on April 27 at 10 am. If you'd like to volunteer, you can sign up on the website. We can't wait to see how much this helps our community!
- **Dedication of New Real Life Center Location** REAL LIFE CENTER HAS MOVED! Real Life Center is now closed at the Tyrone location and we have reopened at our new location:

**220 Parkade Court Suite A Peachtree City, GA 30269 770-631-9334**

We had a great group to gather on Sunday, April 14 to pray over our new space.  
We are very thankful for the support of so many!



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We continue to make improvements to enable us to serve our community more effectively. Pictured below is the new awning out back.



- **Vote Now in the 2013 Salute to Senior Service Contest** Two of our wonderful Real Life Center volunteers, Shirley Smith and Don Hopson, have been nominated for the 2013 Salute to Senior Service Contest. **VOTE NOW!** You can vote once every day April 15 through April 30.
  
- **Annual Curves Donation** - The annual Curves Food Drive lasted 5 weeks and ended with a grand total of 1,976 pounds of food and \$2,130 in cash/checks and gifts cards. The staff and members at Curves are wonderful supporters of RLC and a generous group of ladies! Terri Davis is delivering the last carload of donations.



- **LexisNexis Cares Spotlight: David Fournier** - April is National Volunteer Month and David Fournier, one of Real Life Center's volunteers, has been spotlighted by LexisNexis. We are excited to see David being recognized for the dedication he has shown to helping others. Great job David; we are very thankful for you!





Click **here** to read the article.

➤ New Fruit Orchard in Fayette County Helps the Local Community –

### **New Fruit Orchard in Fayette County Helps the Local Community**

**Open House:**  
**Saturday, June 15, 9-11 am**

The Real Life Center's U-Pick blackberry and blueberry patch will open the first part of June. Please let all your friends know about this by encouraging your friends to...

**"Like" us on Facebook (Harvest for Real Life Fruit Orchard)**  
**and**  
**Follow us on Twitter (RLC\_Orchard)**

**This will ensure that you and your friends get the notice when we open.**

**Hours: 9-11 am on Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday**

#### **Guests Will Have Two Choices**

1. You can pick for the Real Life Center's Food Pantry and will be able to take a portion home at no charge as a "Thank You" for helping.
2. You can serve by picking for the RLC Food Pantry.



#### **About Harvest for Real Life Fruit Orchard**

We are a 3 acre fruit orchard where our purpose is to grow approximately 30,000 lbs of fresh fruit to be given away to clients of the Real Life Center every year.

#### **Mission**

Grow fresh fruit to give away through the Real Life Center's food pantry.

### **Description**

Planted in the orchard you will find: 140 apple trees, 55 peach trees, 7 plum trees, 4 pear trees, and 3 persimmon trees. Additionally, we have 300 blueberry bushes, 135 blackberry vines, 35 grape vines, 7 fig, and 12 pomegranate bushes. Once in full production (2014), the orchard will produce approximately 30,000 lbs of fruit a year. This will provide 3-7 lbs of fruit per family per week. This will complement the current fruit and vegetables the center already receives and will be a fresh and healthy food source for our clients. The orchard is cared for by approximately 80 volunteers.

### **General Information**

Orchard Location:  
Dogwood Church  
975 Hwy 74  
Tyrone, GA 30290

We are always looking for volunteers.

### **Contact**

Jeff Meyers  
jmeyers@reallifecenter.org  
770-631-9334  
Facebook: Harvest For Real Life Fruit Orchard  
Twitter: RLC\_Orchard  
[www.reallifecenter.org/orchard](http://www.reallifecenter.org/orchard)

## **May**

### ➤ **Real Life Center Ribbon Cutting**

Please join us for the ribbon cutting for our new location:

**Real Life Center  
220 Parkade Ct Ste A  
Peachtree City, GA 30269  
Tuesday, June 11, 5:30pm**



### ➤ **Real Life Store in Fayetteville - New Hours**

**Real Life Store in Fayetteville has New Hours**

**Effective June 1, 2013**

**Monday - Saturday, 10am-4pm**



- Life With Purpose Radio Interview -

Go to **[www.LifeWithPurposeRadio.com](http://www.LifeWithPurposeRadio.com)** to enjoy an interview with Cathy Berggren, Executive Director of Real Life Center.

The program is scheduled to air May 18-19, 2013

- **Bank of North Georgia - Fayetteville Branch** - The Fayetteville branch of Bank of North Georgia had a great turn out for the annual Peanut Butter and Jelly Drive. Pictured from left are Cami Crandell, Lisa Chapman, and Susan Godbee, Assistant Vice President, holding part of the donated items. This drive helps keep our food pantry stocked for the summer months when students are home without school lunch programs. Many thanks to all who participated!



- **Food Collected by the Youth of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** - Sean Miner is shown in the photo below delivering food that was collected by the youth of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. We appreciate you!



- **Thanks to Keller Williams of Peachtree City** - A special thanks to Keller Williams of Peachtree City for serving at our center and our Fayetteville store Thursday, May 9, 2013. It was a great day!!



- **Gift From Peachtree City Rotary Club** - We are thankful to the Peachtree City Rotary Club for their gift to the Real Life Center.



- **USPS Food Drive** - Thanks to the USPS and to all who made donations of food. We received approximately 2,400 lbs of items on Saturday, May 11, 2013. This is a wonderful example of Neighbor helping Neighbor!

Jake Troyer is shown below helping with the food.



- **Sandy Creek High School DECA Club Jeans Drive** - Sandy Creek High School's DECA club held a jeans drive this May and collected 47 pairs of jeans to be distributed through our Clothing Closet. Thanks to the DECA Advisors, Ms. Jamie Carter and Ms. Melanie Duncan, for organizing this collection. Pictured are Ms. Melanie Duncan and Kali Williams, one of the club's officers.



- **Sigvaris' Donation of Mother's Day Gifts** - Employees of Sigvaris Inc. donated these colorfully decorated shoe boxes full of much needed toiletry items to be distributed by the Real Life Center as Mother's Day gifts.



- **Thank You, Karyn Rankin!** We are celebrating Karyn Rankin's faithful service as our program leader for our Daily Bread Program for the past five years. We will miss you Karyn!



## June

- **Lowe's Home Improvement & TitleMax Car Show** - Pictured below are Cathy Berggren and Jim from Titlemax, who organized the fundraiser sponsored by Titlemax and Lowes in Fayetteville on Saturday, June 22. Aaron's donated a 32in flat screen tv for the raffle. It was a great day!



- **Bank of America of Braelinn Village in Peachtree City** - Thanks to Bank of America of Braelinn Village in Peachtree City for sharing boxes of supplies that were assembled especially for our women!



- **Free Berries are Ready for Pickin' at Real Life Center's Orchard**



## Free berries are ready for pickin' at Real Life Center's orchard in Tyrone

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 4:18 AM  
Submitted by The Citizen



Looking for a new way to serve locally that the whole family can do?

Check out the new Harvest for Real Life Fruit Patch at Dogwood Church in Tyrone. It's a great way to have the whole family work together and pick berries to help local families going through the hard times in life.

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. beginning this month, join us for a pick days. Members of this community can pick and eat for others and take some home if no one is there as well. — or simply pick and give.

And be sure to pop out on Saturday, June 15 for a picnic, coffee, and a tour during the 100th anniversary house tour 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join kids, family, friends, church, friends... life is better with unexpected friends and family. The Real Life Center is designed to help in and help — and the orchard is one way to help people during those hard times.

The orchard was an idea that came to Jeff Meyers, as he was trying to figure out how he could use his skills to make a difference. After many years of operating and managing one of the largest retail computer stores, he noticed that the local community was in need of a place to help with various other needs. After he visited the Real Life Center, he saw the need to provide fresh healthy food. The idea came to him to compound the need's necessities that most don't have, being healthy, and help for Real Life Center. It's a reality — and now after thousands of hours of volunteer time for Jeff and many others, the generosity of one local business, at least 100,000 pounds of food and many individuals — in the first season of harvest for the orchard.

The orchard will eventually produce 30,000 lbs. of fruit each year, starting with strawberries and blueberries, and the needed needs help.

"It's a great way to help your neighbor" says Jeff Meyers, executive director of the Real Life Center. "So often we wonder how we can help. There is a great way to make a difference. Jeff Meyers is collaborating with the help of many helping hands. It is really a reflection of the community we live in. Follow us on Facebook, @RealLifeCenter, to keep posted on the latest happenings and take us on Facebook to get updates on special all-star pick days harvesting. Thank you for Real Life Fruit Orchard."

The orchard is on Dogwood Church property at 1014 Oak Hill, Tyrone.

For any additional information contact The Real Life Center at [www.reallifecenter.org](http://www.reallifecenter.org).

- Our First Harvest! Jeff Meyers is displaying our first harvest from **Harvest for Real Life Fruit Orchard**.



- **Keller Williams Realty PB&J Drive** - Keller Williams Realty Atlanta Partners - Peachtree City held a peanut butter and jelly drive just in time for the summer months when kids are home from school. Pictured is just some of what they collected! Many thanks to all the realtors who participated!



- **Ladies from Word of God Lutheran Church Shop for Shoes at Smith and Davis Tent Sale** - Word of God Lutheran Church sent these brave ladies out to shop the Smith and Davis Tent sale. They were able to purchase 65 pairs of shoes for families needing help with back to school shopping. Pictured from the left are Holly Bowler, Jennifer Griffin, Pam Davis, Karen Quamme, and Lauren Simmonds.



- **Thanks Paradise Fruit!** It was great to have fresh apples and spinach donated by Paradise Fruit!



- **Thanks to Tavern on 74!** The Tavern on 74 asked their regular customers to join them in supporting the Real Life Center. They collected over \$750 to spend on items for the food pantry. Owner, Brandi Davenport, manager, Kelli Carden, and Sue Hensley had a great time bargain hunting in order to purchase as many items as possible for families in our community who are struggling. Pictured from left to right are Kelli, Sue, and Brandi delivering the items to the Real life Center.



- **Orchard Ribbon Cutting** - Saturday, June 15 was a great day celebrating the opening of the orchard! Thanks to Mr. Bray and Jeff Meyers for all of their hard work!



- **Real Life Center Ribbon Cutting** - Real Life Center's Ribbon cutting was Tuesday, June 11. Thanks to [Fayette County Chamber of Commerce](#) and everyone who made this a great success!



- **Young Single Adult Group from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** - Earl and Dixie Randall brought a wonderful group of young adults to serve with us this past Saturday. They are the Young Single Adult group from the Church of Jesus Christ of

Latter Day Saints. They helped lay pine straw, washed both of our trucks and helped sort food donations all in two hours. We sure did appreciate their help and hope to see them again!



- **It's Not All About Me Camp** - The kids from It's Not All About Me Camp held another successful neighborhood food drive. They brought all the food they collected to the center Thursday and were able to get a tour of our new facility. They are always most impressed by the walk in refrigerator! We appreciate their continued support.



- **Lighthouse Project by BB&T Reese Insurance** - The Real Life Center was selected as this year's Lighthouse Project by BB&T Reese Insurance. They donated \$2,200 worth of items for our food pantry and spent two afternoons volunteering with us. We sure do appreciate their time and donations!



- **St Paul Lutheran Church VBS Food Drive** - St Paul Lutheran Church held a food drive during their Vacation Bible School last week. Their theme was Kingdom Rock. Pictured is Joel and Aden Dietrich with Donna King dressed as the queen.



- **Fayette Piedmont Hospital Auxiliary Group** - The Real Life Center received a cash gift of over \$800 and school supplies for children from Fayette Piedmont Hospital Auxiliary Group. Pictured at the bottom with John Leake and Cathy Berggren are the CEO of the hospital and the volunteer president of the auxiliary.





- **Peaches from Pearson Peach Farms** - Janet and Addison from the Master Gardener group are delivering peaches from Pearson Peach Farms. Each week during peach season, this team drives to Ft Valley where Mr. Pearson generously shares peaches for our local food pantries. It is a great gift to share with our families!



## July

- **Peachtree City First Baptist Church's Food Drive** - Real Life Center is thankful for the creative way Peachtree City First Baptist Church collects food on the 5th Sunday of every month! Thanks to those who participated this month.



- **Fayetteville First Baptist Church VBS Food Drive** - First Baptist Church of Fayetteville had a great week of Vacation Bible Study last week. The students brought in different items of food each day to help fill the Real Life Center food pantry. We appreciate their partnership!



- **Chamber for Good** - Be sure to check out Real Life Center's listing on Fayette Chamber of Commerce's site **Chamber for Good**.



- **Rolling Hills Baptist Church Youth** - The youth group from Rolling Hills Baptist Church held a neighborhood food drive this past week. Here they are delivering three carts full of food! Thankfully they didn't let the rain or hot humidity stop them!



- **St Paul Lutheran Church 5th Sunday Food Drive** - Michelle Haas is shown delivering the food that was donated by St Paul Lutheran Church at their most recent 5th Sunday food drive.



- **Vegetables Grown by Master Gardeners** - Mr. Dave West is shown delivering over 340 pounds of vegetables that were grown by the Master Gardeners. They include beautiful cantaloupes, tomatoes and cucumbers to provide nutritional options for families in need.



- **Fresh Fruit and Vegetables from Master's Produce** - Mike Martaus is pictured processing 4 full carts of fresh watermelons, cantaloupes, tomatoes, okra, and squash from our dear friends at Master's Produce.



#### August - September

- **Legacy Church Food Drive** - This is Carolyn Strack delivering food that was collected by Legacy Church. The food drive was held the entire month of July and this was her second delivery to RLC. Thanks for helping keep our food pantry shelves full during the summer months!



- **Peachtree Seventh Day Adventist Church School Supplies Drive** - Peachtree Seventh Day Adventist Church collected school supplies just in time for Back to School. Nancy Langer and Cathy Wofford are pictured delivering over 30 backpacks, along with paper, pens and other needed supplies.



- **Peachtree City Rotary Club Food Donation** - Mr. David O'Rear and Mr. John Hall dropped off food items that were donated by the members of the Rotary Club of Peachtree City. Both gentlemen work at the Bank of North Georgia. The rotary club meets Thursdays at noon at the Wyndham Peachtree Conference Center.



- **Kroger Community Rewards** - Did you know you can support Real Life Center just by shopping at Kroger? It's easy when you enroll in Kroger Community Rewards®! To get started, sign up with your Plus Card and select Real Life Center. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for Real Life Center every time you shop and use your Plus Card! [Click here for more details.](#)

- **The Last of the Season's Peaches** - Pictured are the last of this season's peaches!



- **Real Life Center gets boost from Staples** - Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., has awarded Real Life Center with a \$5,000 grant. [Click Here](#) to read The Citizen's article about the award. Thank you Staples!



**USDA Food Distribution - USDA Food Distribution**

- We are excited to have an opportunity to distribute USDA Food as a one-time event in addition to our regular monthly Mobile Food Pantry.

**Grace Evangelical Church, 164 Flat Creek, Fayetteville, GA 30214**

**Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> Starting at 11am**

- **Fayette Chamber Community Expo -**

**Find out what Fayette has to offer at the EXPO!**

**Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 3-7 pm**

**NEW LOCATION!!!**

**New Hope Baptist Church, South Campus**

**Free Admission! Health Screenings! Networking! Giveaways & Prizes!**

**Be sure to stop by the Real Life Center booth!**

**[Click here for more details.](#)**



- **Dragon Boat Races -**

The Rotary Club of Peachtree City and the Peachtree City Convention & Visitors Bureau are hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual International Festival & Dragon Boat Races on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Real Life Center is participating again this year!

**[Click here for more details.](#)**



- **Thanks to Global Aviation Holdings** - Thanks to the team at Global Aviation Holdings sponsoring the Real Life Center through the employee charity golf tournament. They raised over \$800 to share for local families in need. Thanks Global Aviation for your business community partnership with the Real Life Center!
- **August 2013 Mobile Food Distribution** - In spite of the rain, we were able to serve 185 families with 8,956 lbs of food Thursday, August 15! We had frozen whole chickens, string cheese, fresh zucchini, and a variety of other items. Thanks for everyone's help.
- **Dogwood Church Food Drive** - We wanted to thank everyone who participated in the Dogwood Church Food Drive Sunday, 8/25/13. We received 142 bags of food and over \$400 in cash! Your generosity will help many local families. Leslie and Wade Camp were there to help Cathy Berggren load all the food into our truck. Thanks!



- **The Blessing of School Supplies!** - We helped 237 students with over \$3,000 worth of school supplies this year! We are so thankful for the provisions that enabled us to do that!



- **Sharpsburg Ward Relief Society LDS Church Donation** - Ladies from the Sharpsburg Ward Relief Society LDS Church came by Thursday evening, August 29 to drop off several boxes of food and clothing!



- **USDA Food Distribution** - We were able to serve 141 families Thursday morning, August 29, with USDA food. Thanks again to Grace Evangelical for hosting the event!



- **Fall Classes Offered at Real Life Center** - **The following classes are being offered to our Real Life Center client families. If interested in participating, call Real Life Center at 770-631-9334 and follow the prompts to speak with Jan for more details.**

| Date           | Time          | Class and Presenter                                                                                                     |
|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Thurs, Sept 19 | 5:15pm-6:15pm | "Dollars and Sense" with Tom and Amy                                                                                    |
| Thurs, Sept 26 | 5:15pm-6:15pm | "Breakthrough Spiritual Life Principles" with Frank<br>(Building a better future with God's help rather than self help) |
| Thurs, Oct 03  | 5:15pm-6:15pm | "Eating Well" with Sandy                                                                                                |
| Thurs, Oct 10  | 5:15pm-6:15pm | "Dollars and Sense" with Tom and Amy                                                                                    |
| Thurs, Oct 17  | 5:15pm-6:15pm | "Breakthrough Spiritual Life Principles" with Frank<br>(Building a better future with God's help rather than self help) |
| Thurs, Oct 24  | 5:15pm-6:15pm | "Eating Well" with Sandy                                                                                                |

- **3 Generations Serving Together** - Given our busy schedules, it can be hard to find time to spend as a family and also give back to the community. One family has solved that problem by serving together- all three generations! Pictured are Monssy Ocasio, with her daughter, Brenda McCammack and her granddaughter, Gabrielle McCammack. They are a great help to us at the Real Life Center in the food pantry on Thursday evenings and enjoy the time together as well.



- **Southside Church Small Group** - Larry and Cindy Bradley's small group from Southside Church came by last week to help us get caught up. It is always fun to have their help!





- **Department of Defense Education Activity Food Drive** - Debra Markart delivered the first donations from the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) month long food drive. The employees were very happy to collect and donate these much needed items to the Real Life Center as a part of the Feds Feed Families campaign. This is the fifth year for this campaign where Federal workers collect and donate food and other non-perishable items to families in need across the country.



- **Landmark Middle School Donation** - Landmark Middle School students showed their generosity by collecting peanut butter, crackers, and rice for the food pantry at Real Life Center.



- **Lance Donation of Crackers** - We were so excited to receive three shopping carts full of crackers today! They were donated by **Lance Crackers!**



- **Scuppernongs and Muscadines from Harvest for Real Life Orchard** - Mike and Lani Byrd delivered Scuppernongs and Muscadines that were grown in the Harvest for Real Life Orchard.





- **Real Life Center Had a Great Time at Fayette Expo** - Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Real Life Center table at this year's Fayette Expo.



- **Give Local - Give Local - [Click Here to Learn More!](#)**



- **Luke Carden's Eagle Scout Project Helps Real Life Center!** For his Eagle Scout project, Luke Carden collected donations of toothpaste and toothbrushes, many of which came from local dentists. Luke collected enough items to fill two whole shopping carts which will keep the food pantry stocked for several weeks. Great job Luke!



- **Southside Church Small Groups Help Prepare Clothing Closet for Winter Months** - We were thankful to have two small groups from Southside Church help us prepare the clothing closet for the winter months. We spent Saturday morning, September 21, packing up the summer clothing for storage and bringing out the winter items!



- **Starrs Mill Beta Club Food Drive** - The Starrs Mill Beta Club fall semester food drive is off to a great start! Students drop off their donations to club sponsor, Ms. Kelly Rock's room. So far the club has donated 675 lbs of food in just the first month!



- **Grace Evangelical Church Small Group** - We had lots of fun sorting food last night with John Leake's small group from Grace Evangelical Church. The men also helped with a few projects in the warehouse. We are so glad they came to help! Thanks Grace!



- **Thanks to Word of God Church!** - We are thankful for the group from the Word of God Church and all the work they accomplished!



- **September Mobile Food Distribution** - We had a record number of families show up on Thursday, September 19 for the Mobile Food Distribution. We were able to stretch the food that was meant for 200 families to actually reach 232 families. Sadly, there were about 15 additional cars that left empty handed. We distributed 10,810 lbs and had 27 volunteers helping!
  
- **Warriors For Change at Peachtree City Dragon Boat Race** - Real Life Center's Dragon Boat Race Team, Warriors for Change, had a great time together on Saturday, September 28. Thanks to Ed and Denise Outlaw and Doug and Carol Warner for sponsoring us! Below are some fun photos from the event.



## October

- **PTC Seventh Day Adventist Church Collected Can Openers** - PTC Seventh Day Adventist Church collected can openers for us to give to families who visit our food pantry. Most of the nonperishable food comes in cans.



- Christmas Wish List - Click [Christmas Wish List](#) for a list of items that Real Life Center would love to receive as donations this Christmas to help our client families. Practical items are a huge need, so your donations make a difference by helping us meet those needs and offer hope throughout the year, not just at Christmas.

*If you are interested in signing up to participate, email Vicki at [vtroyer@reallifecenter.org](mailto:vtroyer@reallifecenter.org) or call her at 770-631-9334 with the specific item(s) and quantities you want to provide. Then we will update the list with your name or organization. We are so grateful for you!*

**Signed up so far...**

**Beale's Dogwood Small Group**

**Lisa Younger**

**Heritage Church**

**Oak Grove Elementary School 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classes**

- St Paul Lutheran Church's 5th Sunday Food Drive - Kelly Haas and Tyler Watkins helped deliver all the food donated by St Paul Lutheran Church during their 5th Sunday Food drive. Their consistent donations help keep our pantry shelves full! Many Thanks!



- Real Life Store Fayetteville - Christmas Open House



- Newnan-Coweta Chamber's Big Expo - [Click here](#) for details on the Newnan-Coweta Chamber's Big Expo.



- **Thanks to AARP for 50 Boxes of Food** - Thank you to AARP for 50 boxes of food to share with our seniors!



- **Toys For Tots** - Real Life Center will be accepting applications for Toys for Tots for our clients living in Fayette County from October 9 - December 5. Clients must come into the center to fill out an application. Our clients living in Coweta County should go to the **Toys For Tots** website for details.

- **Prayer Request Answered by Dogwood Members** - Tracy (pictured below) and her husband Kent prayed over a prayer request of one of our clients who was worried about clothing for her children for the fall. They shopped for shoes and clothing for the family and brought everything to the center on Monday, October 14. The client was very grateful! Thanks, Tracy and Kent!



- **Crossroads Christian School 5th Grade Class** - Crossroads Christian School 5<sup>th</sup> grade class came with their chaperones to RLC Monday, October 14. They donated ingredients to make laundry detergent and assembled over 30 packages. What a fun group of kids! Thanks!



- **Apples and Grapes from Harvest for Real Life Fruit Orchard** - One hundred forty pounds of apples and 60 lbs of grapes were picked the evening of October 15 by our wonderful orchard volunteers. There are more pink lady, goldrush, and Fuji apples to pick over the next few weeks and the grapes just keep coming! Normally, a first year crop will produce 15-20 lbs of grapes per vine. We are already at 32 lbs per vine! How about that? This is evidence that God does great things through people willing to invest time in serving others.



- **Real Life Center at Newnan-Coweta Chamber Expo** - It was a great time at the Newnan-Coweta Chamber Expo!



- **Dogwood Church's Riot Day** - We had 20 volunteers from Dogwood Church come serve Saturday morning, October 19. They participated as part of the church's Riot of Love and Good Deeds Project. Small groups went to serve at several non profits to provide volunteer support to our community.







- **JC Booth Middle School's Student Council** - The Student Council at JC Booth Middle School sponsored a school wide food drive to help stock our food pantry. They collected over 2,000 lbs of food items which will be a huge help to many local families! The students worked hard to get the food boxed up and loaded on our truck! Many Thanks to the Student Council and all the families at JC Booth!



- **Ever Been Hungry?**





Ever been hungry? I mean, hungry and have no idea when or what you might get to eat? We have people in our area that live in this reality, and could use the help of those that don't know what that feels like.

Want to have some fun and help out at the same time?

Come out to Turner PhotoDesign on Thursday 10/31 from 2:00pm-4:30pm, and on Friday 11/1 from 4pm-7:30pm in costume, bring (at least) 5 cans of food, and we will make your picture and share it with you on Facebook/Instagram!

All food collected will go to the Real Life Center.



All ages...Bring your costume! We may even have a contest for the Facebook fan favorite!



What a deal! Let's all get involved and help those that could use it!

Forward to your friends that may want to be involved!

Drop in! No appointment needed!

Thank you for your help!

- **Peachtree City Elementary Pay It Forward Club** - These students in the Pay It Forward Club at Peachtree City Elementary School held a food drive all month for the Real Life Center. The sponsors of the club are Kim Bernard, Julie Wood, and Michelle Halm. The parent helpers are Amanda White, Allison Elliott, and Erica Elrod. Each month they chose a different organization to support. They are truly making a difference in our community!



- **Hopewell United Methodist Church** - Many thanks to the ladies from Hopewell United Methodist Church who came to help Saturday morning! They did a great job preparing flyers for an upcoming food drive. They have been faithfully serving with us for several years!



- **Dogwood Church Food Drive** - Sunday, October 26 was great day for a food drive at Dogwood Church! We filled the truck with over 3,500 lbs of food and received \$974 in donations.



- **Orchard Volunteer Appreciation Lunch** - We had a beautiful day on Saturday, October 26 for our Orchard volunteer appreciation lunch! Thanks to Project Leader, Jeff Meyers, we had some fabulous gumbo soup along with much more! So far this first year the orchard has produced 3,358 lbs of fruit valuing over \$17,000 that has been given to families through the Real Life Center. Way to go team!



- **T-Shirts for Turkeys** - Click [HERE](#) for detailed information about T-Shirts for Turkeys.

Thanks for your support!



- **End of 2013 Orchard Season** Last night, October 29, marked the end of the 2013 harvest season for our orchard. We produced over 3500 lbs of fruit for The Real Life Center. This exceeded our expectations by 800 lbs! We appreciate all the efforts of our volunteers. We now look forward to the hope of next season and tripling our yield. With that said, our goal is to double the number of active volunteers. Can you carve out 15 hours in 2014 to serve with us?

Follow the team on **Facebook**.



- **Boy Scouts Finishing Requirements for God and Country Badges** - We had a fun group of Boy Scouts come by Tuesday evening, October 29, with their families! They were finishing requirements for their God and Country Badges.



## November

- **Beale's and Small's Group Wish List Donation** - The Beale's and Small's group donated items from our wish list for their Micah Project. Thanks for providing these much needed items!



- **Gloria Hickok's Group from Southside Church** - Gloria Hickok's group from Southside Church came to help us with several projects this morning! Many thanks!



- **Turner's Halloween Food Drive** – Mr. and Mrs. Mark Turner stopped by with the food they collected from their Halloween Food Drive. Thanks to everyone who participated!



- **Lighthouse School Junior Civitan Club Coat Drive** - The Lighthouse School Junior Civitan Club held a coat/jacket drive by hosting a pancake breakfast. They invited students, parents and teachers to donate a gently used coat, jacket or \$3 for some great pancakes! They raised \$78 and over 50 coats to donate to the Real Life Center.



- **The International Thespian Society Troupe 6412 from Starrs Mill Drama Department** - The International Thespian Society Troupe 6412 from Starrs Mill Drama Department held their annual "Trick or Treat so Kids Can Eat" food drive. Pictured are Taylor Rowell, Franziska Harms, and Camille Edwards delivering three carts full of food to the Real Life Center. Thanks to everyone who participated; it was a great success!

Check out these talented students next weekend in their performance of Shrek!



- **Keller Williams Donation** - Keller Williams gave 1200 in gift cards to help for Christmas! Pictured are Cathy Berggren, Real Life Center Executive Director, and Kim Estes, Team Leader for Keller Williams Realty Atlanta Partners in Peachtree City.



- **Gift from McIntosh Kiwanis Club** - Real Life Center is thankful for a gift from the McIntosh chapter Kiwanis Club. We're partnering together to make a difference in our local community.



- **New Hope Baptist Church Women's Event** - It was a great night at the women's event at New Hope Baptist Church. What a great group of ladies and a great way to get into the Christmas spirit!





- **Great First Night of T-Shirts for Turkeys!** - Monday, Nov 11, was a great night for T-shirts for Turkeys! Thank you to the JOY FM, Franklin Financial, and Starr's Mill and Town Center Chick-fil-A's. Together we raised 325 turkeys for families in need! Thank you to all of you who came out and supported us to help others.



- **Thanks to the Osmose Staff in Tyrone** - Real Life Center is very thankful to the staff of Osmose in Tyrone for the donation of food they brought by the Real Life Store in Tyrone on Monday, 11/11/13!



- **PTC Curves Food Drive** - Terri Bailey is pictured dropping off the first week's donations from the PTC Curves Food Drive. It has been an exciting turn out so far! Thank you ladies!



- Help Crossfit PTC Raise 3,000 lbs of Food for Real Life Center - Everyone is welcome - not just Crossfit Members!

Have you ever been HUNGRY?  
**FITNESS begins with FOOD**  
**HELP US RAISE 3000 LBS OF HEALTHY FOOD!**  
**STARTS 11/9 - ENDS 12/14**

*benefiting*  
**THE REAL LIFE CENTER**



**2 FOOD DRIVE EVENTS**  
**EVERY LB OF FOOD BUYS**  
**YOU 1 LESS REP!**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> & DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:30 AM**

Come into CFFTC these 2 days with as many friends that you can dig up for a free Food Drive WOD. For every pound of food you bring in you get to take 1 rep off of your workout!

Come in with your food weight counted!

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| <b>FOOD DRIVE</b><br>We have a container externally in the gym. We can take non-fresh items starting NOW! | <b>FRESH FOOD</b><br>We can take fresh food only during the 2 Food Drive WOD events. Keep track of your lbs! | <b>LET US SHOP</b><br>Don't want to shop? Give us the cash and we will go out and shop for the fresh food for you. We will buy the items & return for you! |
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**FOOD DRIVE WOD**  
**November 16th**  
 RUN 1 MILE  
 100 BURPEES  
 200 WALL BALLS  
 300 SIT-UPS  
 RUN 1 MILE  
 This is for a team of 2. Reps will be added for each team member accordingly.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>**  
 TBD



- Awesome Night of T-Shirt for Turkeys at Kedron Village Chick-fil-A - Thanks everyone for your donation of 374 turkeys at the Kedron Village Chick-fil-A!!



- Thank you for turkey donations at Chick-fil-A Fairburn! Thanks to all who braved the cold Thursday morning to make turkey donations. Real Life Center received 179 more turkeys to help those in need.





- Challenge to the Fittest Man and Fittest Woman in Peachtree City! Check out this video for a great challenge and an opportunity to help Real Life Center!

**FIT M BOX.com**  
for affiliates

<http://www.fitmybox.com/affiliates/crossfit-good-life/box-challenge-invitation>

- **Tacky Light Tour** - Attend the Tacky Light Tour and Donate Food to Help Real Life Center!

## **TACKY LIGHT TOUR**

[http://www.tackylighttour.com/christmas\\_lights/tour.aspx?decorationId=1698](http://www.tackylighttour.com/christmas_lights/tour.aspx?decorationId=1698)

- **Certificate of Recognition from Fayette County Board of Commissioners** - A special thank you to our Fayette County Board of Commissioners for recognizing our food pantries and for caring about the community!



- **Dogwood Church 40 Days Small Group Students Bring Donations** - Several students from one of Dogwood Church's 40 Days in the word community group dropped by Thursday evening to donate food and clothing items they collected for their Micah 6:8 project. The new socks and toiletry items will be a real blessing to families this holiday season! We appreciate them for partnering with us to help others.



- **Food Donation from the Builders Club at Flat Rock Middle School** - Students from the Builders Club at Flat Rock Middle School donated over 700 food items this year during their annual food drive. This was just part of the many activities they held to give back to the community. Builders Club is a service oriented club affiliated with the Optimist Organization.



- **Crossfit PTC Held Their First Saturday Food Drive Workout!** - Crossfit PTC held their first Saturday food drive workout. Twelve members joined in and raised \$120 and donated over 1,000 lbs of food! For every pound of food they donated they were able to subtract reps from their workout. The next event is Saturday Dec. 14th and is open to the public. Come check out Crossfit PTC and join in the fun!



- **The Music Schools International Gives Team Held Non-Profit Giving Day** - The Music Schools International Gives Team held their Non-Profit Giving Day event on November 16 from 2-3:30pm. There were several families in attendance and activities included designing Thanksgiving cards, making laundry detergent, and loading the canned goods that were donated. There was over 400 food items donated and 66 bags of laundry detergent was assembled! The younger kids made some very creative Thanksgiving Day cards that will be given to families who visit Real Life Center food pantry. What a great event giving these families a chance to give generously to this community! Many Thanks!



- **Sandy Creek High School Food Drive** - Sandy Creek High School's DECA, FBLA, HOSA and Skills USA clubs held their annual Halloween Food Drive and collected 477 food items to donate to the Real Life Center food pantry. These organizations are CTSO's (Career Technology Student Organizations) that are partnerships between instructors, students & industry to provide enhanced development in professionalism, leadership and skill-building through subject-specific competition at the school, state & national level. Sandy Creek's CTSO's are some of the largest and most successful in the state of Georgia. We are thankful for their support!



- **Power in Christ Ministries Food Donation** - Shannon was happy to receive food donated by the members of Power In Christ Ministries. They held a food drive this holiday season to share their blessings with families who are in need.



- **Music Schools International Donation** – Mr. and Mrs. Brian Simmons of Music Schools International delivered the laundry detergent, canned food, and thanksgiving cards donated during their drive.



- **DECA Club Jean Drive at Whitewater High School** - The DECA Club at Whitewater High School was able to collect over 100 pairs of gently used jeans. This group of students was kind enough to help load all the boxes into our truck. Thanks!



- **Kids R Kids on Robinson Rd Food Drive** - Sally Weaver was able to deliver several boxes of food that was collected by her students at Kids R Kids on Robinson Road in PTC. She and Carolyn Morris coordinate this annual drive to support families during the holidays.  
This is truly a blessing to many!



- **Dogwood's Ironmen Small Group Milk Donation** - Jack Perry dropped by with milk he purchased with money that was donated by the men in Dogwood Church's Ironmen Small Group. Fresh milk is something we don't always have and a real treat!



- **North Fayette Elementary School Food Drive** - Students from North Fayette Elementary School donated over 1300 items during their annual Thanksgiving food drive! Their school counselor, Heather Sherwood, promised that the class with the most items would win a pizza party - that proved to be a great motivational tool! Pictured are Ms. Sherwood and some of the fifth grade boys who helped.





- **Starlite Family Fun Center Joint Food Drive Event** - Macaroni Kid webmaster, Michelle Schwab, and her children, Niko and Kiersten, dropped off the food they collected during their joint food drive event with Starlite Family Fun Center. Thanks to all the families who contributed to this drive; it sounded like a ton of fun!



- **Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church - "Thanks-living Food Drive"** - We are grateful to have received this food from Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church. They hold a food drive every Thanksgiving, called "Thanks-living Food Drive", where they give back to the community as a way to show their thankfulness. It was a huge success this year! Pictured are several of our RLC volunteers who were happy to be sorting the food!



- **Family Chiropractic & Wellness Center Food Drive** - We want to thank Dr. Kathryn and her team at Family Chiropractic & Wellness Center for choosing to donate their annual food drive to the Real Life Center this year. They have a wonderful office off Hwy. 54 on Shakerag Hill in PTC.





- **Rinnai America Corporation Food Drive** - Several ladies from Rinnai America Corporation came to tour Real Life Center when they dropped off all the food that had been donated by the team at Rinnai. We appreciate corporate support for our community!



- **Huddleston Elementary School Food Drive** - Mr. Josh Noland loaded all the food donated by the students and faculty at Huddleston Elementary School during their annual fall food drive. As you can see it was a great turn out giving him reason to smile!



## December

- **Davis Chiropractic Center Challenge** - Davis Chiropractic Center will be hosting a food drive during the month of December. Please bring in a bag of food to donate to the Real Life Center and in return you will receive a gift certificate for a complimentary initial visit for a friend or family member in need of quality chiropractic care.

**Davis Chiropractic Center** is located at 271 Hwy 74 North Suite 1, Peachtree City, GA 30269



- **Southside Church Food Drive** - Southside Church held a food drive for Real Life Center on Sunday, December 1, and donated 4,872 lbs of food. We are thankful for their great support and all the wonderful volunteers who helped gather and unload the food! **Update:** Southside collected an additional pallet of food Sunday, December 8 for their Be Rich campaign, adding an additional 350 lbs of food. The total collected was over 5,000 lbs. Thank you, Southside Church!





- **Starr's Mill Beta Club Food Drive** - The BETA Club from Starr's Mill High School finished up their semester long food drive this week.



- **Curves' Month Long Food Drive** - It was great to have Terri Bailey stop by tonight with the last delivery of Curves' month long food drive. They had 89 ladies participate this year. All together they donated over \$2,300 and over 1,600 lbs of food meeting their goals for the month! Great job ladies - we are so thankful for your hearts to help others!



- **Ben Moore's Small Group from Southside Church** - A big thanks to Ben Moore's small group from Southside Church for coming to help sort food donations last night! They sorted two pallets full in under two hours! We sure appreciate the help!



- **Word of God Lutheran Church Christmas Bags** - Lauren Simmons and Pam Davis helped deliver 130 bags filled with items for Christmas dinner. The food was donated and assembled by the families at Word of God Lutheran Church. Publix donated the cloth bags which can be reused. The bags also contained a handmade Christmas Card. Lots of love went into this project and many families will be blessed this Christmas season! Thanks!



- **December's Mobile Food Pantry** - We were able to distribute 10,535 lbs. of food to 182 families this month at our Mobile Food Pantry. We had 34 volunteers from Grace Evangelical Church, Word of God Lutheran Church and Rolling Hills Baptist Church helping us sort, bag and distribute the food. There was some wonderful fresh produce this month! Thanks to the Atlanta Community Food Bank for partnering with us to hold this monthly event!

- **Oak Grove Elementary Annual Food Drive** - Kelly Green, school counselor, from Oak Grove Elementary School dropped off the food donated by the staff and families of Oak Grove during their annual food drive. What a great turn out!



- **Peachtree City Keller Williams Group Gives Gift Cards** - Peachtree City Keller Williams group provided the Real Life Center with 26 gift cards to give to older children for the holidays. This is another great way our business community is involved to make a difference! We are very thankful for this wonderful gift! Pictured below are Kim Estes, Letrissa Freison, and Rose Gossett.



- **Delta Air Lines' Operations and Corporate Services Group** - A special thanks to Scott Loeffler, Eartha Snead, and the representatives of Delta Air Lines' Operations and Corporate Services group from Atlanta for giving back to the community by serving at the Real Life Store in Fayetteville. It was a great day of team building and serving!



- **Health Source of Fayetteville Wellness Day** - Health Source of Fayetteville, the office of Dr. Alisha Mayheu, has a strong commitment to serving non profits and the community. On Dec 11, staff members of the Real Life Center were invited to participate in a Wellness Day, enjoying free massages by Elaine Haddock and receiving education on wellness and health by Christine Baldassarre. We are grateful for their expertise and contribution.





- **Kiewit's Putt Fore Pantry Event** - Kiewit sets aside the Friday before Thanksgiving each year to hold their employee appreciation day "Putt Fore Pantry" Event. This event includes a miniature golf tournament followed by an award luncheon. Employees bring in food items to donate, but first they use them to create a 9 hole miniature golf course throughout the building. The competition is stiff for most creative hole and prizes are given to the team that wins the golf tournament. Even though they are working out of space at the Dolce Atlanta while their building is being remodeled, they still went all out this year to donate over 600 items of food. In addition, Kiewit matches all cash donations made by employees, and the Real Life Center was honored to receive a \$2,000 check along with the food items. Pictured from Left to right are Ben Carnazzo, Cathy Berggren, John Leake, and Rich Hart.



- **Southside Church Check Presentation** - One of the things we are grateful for is being able to work together – making a difference as a community. Southside church has provided us with a check for \$16,000 to help with Christmas hams and several projects for the Center as well as to help families in need. It is truly neighbor helping neighbor!





- **Southside Small Group Sorts Food** - The young married couples group from Southside Church sure had fun Saturday night serving together! They were able to sort three pallets of food in 1 1/2 hours. We are pretty sure this is a new record! Thanks for all your help!



- **Edward Jones of Peachtree City** - We are pleased and honored to receive donations from Mike Martin and Star Thornton of Edward Jones in Peachtree City. Clients brought food and toiletry items to the annual open house. Thanks to everyone for your generosity.



- **PTC Fire Department's Santa Run** - Pictured is retired Fire Chief Stoney Lohr delivering the food collected during the PTC Fire Department's Annual Santa Run this past weekend. The Fire Dept. drives Santa Claus on a fire truck through selected neighborhoods to visit all the children and collect food donations. In spite of the rain all day Saturday there was an overwhelming response with over 2,300 lbs of food donated. The food was given to Real Life Center to be distributed to local families.



- **Toys for Tots Distribution** - On Saturday, December 14, 51 families drove through to pick up toys for their children. Thanks to Toys for Tots and all who donated toys!



- **William and Laurie Rader's Donation** - William and Laurie Rader stopped by with 9 bags full of items to make a Christmas Dinner. Thanks for sharing your blessings with others!



- **Heritage Church Donated Items from Wish List** - We were thankful to receive all the diapers, socks and underwear from our Christmas Wish List that Heritage Church donated. Terry Randall not only delivered the items, she also stayed to help sort and prepare it for distribution. Thank you to all the "Angels" at Heritage Church for your donations!



- **Braelinn Elementary Food Drive** - Braelinn Elementary school had such a great turnout for their annual food drive they were able to share food with three organizations. The Real Life Center, Fayette Samaritans, and Promise Place each received 500 assorted food items. Several fifth grade girls were having fun helping box and load the food! Thanks to teacher, Kathy Caldwell for organizing "The Giving Tree" food drive!



- **CrossFit PTC Donation** - CrossFit PTC owner, Ric Thompson, his staff, and several members came in for a special Saturday workout last weekend. Ric promised them that for every pound of food or dollar donated they were able to subtract a "burpie" from their workout that morning. Ric must have planned a tough workout, because everyone was motivated to donate over \$325 and 1,200 lbs of food that morning! They will continue to collect food for the Real Life Center until the end of December. Many thanks to all who participated!



- **Bank of North Georgia Toy Collection** - The Bank of North Georgia was pleased to participate again this year in the Toys for Tots program said, Linda Banks, the Branch Manager. The items collected will be distributed through the Real Life Center. Thanks so much to everyone who donated toys to make Christmas special to many kids!



- **Kedron Elementary Donation** - We needed a team of volunteers to pick up all the food donated by the staff and families at Kedron Elementary school! Pictured are school counselor Abigail Abel who coordinated the event and Kathy Brooks, who is a RLC volunteer.



- **Dogwood Church College Group** - As part of their Christmas Party Tuesday night, the members of the Dogwood Church College Group chipped in to buy three turkeys helping the Real Life Center provide holiday meals to three additional families! What a great example of giving from their hearts!



- **Girl Scout Donation** - We had the sweetest Girl Scout stop by this week! Emmy collected food in her neighborhood as part of the requirements to earn one of her Girl Scout badges. We are thankful she chose to bless the families at Real Life Center with all she collected.



- **Girl Scout Troop 10101 and 181 Donation** - Girl Scout Troop leader, Alanson Ricca, dropped off food donated by both Troop 10101 and 181. The girls were busy collecting from family and neighbors! Many Thanks!





- **Davis Chiropractic Donation** - Dr. Gary Davis of Davis Chiropractic Center is collecting food donations all month and offering new patients free exams.



- **Atlanta Air Cargo Association Grant** - The Real Life Center is pleased to be the recipient of a \$1000 grant from the Atlanta Air Cargo Association. Pictured above is Kevin Madden from AACA and Cathy Berggren, Real Life Center.



- **Neighborhood Bible Study Group** - Thanks to Lani Bryd and her Neighborhood Bible Study Group for coming to sort food today.





- **The Joint Chiropractic Center Food Donation** - A warm thank you to The Joint Chiropractic Center and their patients for collecting food the past two months to help stock the food pantry at Real Life Center. We appreciate your help this holiday season!



- **Kroger Community Rewards** - Did you know you can support Real Life Center just by shopping at Kroger? It's easy when you enroll in Kroger Community Rewards®! To get started, sign up with your Plus Card and select Real Life Center. Once you're enrolled, you'll earn rewards for Real Life Center every time you shop and use your Plus Card! [Click here for more details.](#) Thanks so much to those of you who have already signed up!
- **Megadoor Donation** - A special thanks to Megadoor for bringing toys and food for the families at the Real Life Center.

