

2016 Events (July – December)

July

- **Sharpsburg Baptist Church VBS Food Drive** - It was such a pleasure working with the sweet children of Sharpsburg Baptist Church! They held a food drive during their Vacation Bible School week to help stock our food pantry. They donated 280 pounds of food! What a difference this will make in the lives of many families. Thank you, Sharpsburg Baptist Church, for your partnership.



- **USDA Distribution** - We served 63 families at our USDA Distribution at Dogwood Church last week! A very special thank you to all of the volunteers at Dogwood Church who came to serve. We are so grateful for you!



- **River Life Summer Camp** - We were thrilled to have volunteers from the River Life Summer Camp join us this week. They were able to help us prepare donations of frozen meat and school supplies for distribution. They are spending their week giving time to many other groups as well. What a generous way to spend part of their summer - giving to others!



- **Second Chance** - Second Chance will be performing at our Harvest for Hope Gala on Thursday, Sept 15. We are so grateful for their gift to us. Who is Second Chance you may ask? Some of them met as children, some of them are related, many met through music at Church, but first and foremost they are friends who love classics of the past. They have played music together as a group for almost eight years, and they are excited that they can get together to do what they love. When you hear them play, every song will fill your heart with great memories. Their vocal line up is so strong and has such a wide dynamic range that it gives them the ability to perform a broad spectrum of sweet spot 60's, 70's and 80's songs in original keys. The Musicians in each position are well seasoned, and love playing music together. "We think each of us has been impacted by the help of others more than once in our lifetimes and all of us are eternally grateful for those who extended a helping hand when it was needed. For us, returning that help to the Real Life Center is simply repaying that kindness" Joyce Gruschow, Lead Vocals shared.

Check them out on Facebook: [**2nd Chance.**](#)

Visit our Gala website at [**www.harvestforhopegala.org.**](http://www.harvestforhopegala.org)



- **Heritage Christian Church Winshape Camp Food Drive** - Thank you to Keisha Williams with Heritage Christian Church for coordinating a food drive during Winshape Camp Week! It is amazing to see what a difference the children can make in the lives of many. Thank you to everyone who participated!



- **Panasonic 2016 School Supply Drive** - Many children in our community will start their school year with a smile on their face as they go back to school with book bags filled with needed school supplies! Panasonic Automotive Systems and employees came together to purchase and fill 76 book bags to donate to local families. We are so grateful for Delphina Jones Turner with Panasonic for coordinating this school supply drive. Thank you to everyone who participated in helping local families in this wonderful way!



- **Macaroni Kid Act of Kindness Day** - September 24 is Macaroni Kid's National Act of Kindness Day, and they would like to support a local non-profit. This year they are having their readers vote for the organization that they most want to support, and Real Life Center has been nominated. According to Michelle Schwab, Macaroni Kid Publisher, it is very easy to place your vote.

Visit www.PeachtreeCity.MacaroniKid.com for details. You will be asked if you would like to subscribe to Macaroni Kid, but there is no requirement.

If Real Life Center wins we will receive much needed items for our food pantry. Thanks for your help!



Macaroni Kid Act of Kindness Day

Voting is taking place NOW thru July 27.
Please take a minute to vote for Real Life Center.

- **July Mobile Food Pantry** - We held our July Mobile Food Pantry last week and we are so thankful for all of the wonderful volunteers that came to serve! This month was special because the youth members from Rolling Hills Baptist Church also came to help. We were so grateful to have their helping hands! We served 188 families in our community that morning. God is good!



- **Legacy Christian Church Food Drive** - The members of Legacy Christian Church collected food during the month of July to help families in need in our community. They donated over 1,000 pounds of the food that they collected to the Real Life Center! We are overwhelmed by their generosity and so thankful to have their continued support! A special thank you to Phil Fincher for coordinating the food drive!



August

- **Pajama Program Donation** - We were so happy to have received 40 sets of adorable boys pajamas from the Pajama Program! What a blessing they will be to so many little ones in our community.



- **Eight Oak Farms** - A very special thank you to Eight Oak Farms for another donation of fresh produce! We are so blessed to have their continued support in sharing hope in our community!



- **St. Andrews in the Pines 2016 School Supply drive** - It can be a very hard time of the year for some families. School supplies are necessary but hard for many to afford. St. Andrews in the Pines Episcopal Church held a school supply drive, as they do every year, to help the children in our community get off to a good start this school year. They donated brand new book bags filled with supplies! We are so grateful for their partnership and the difference that they will make in many lives this year. A very special thank you to Heidi Bridges for coordinating the school supply drive!



- **Peachtree City First Baptist Church Food Drive** - Peachtree City First Baptist Church donated over 500 pounds of food from their food drive in July! We are so thankful that we can always count on their support to help keep our food pantry stocked. It is truly a blessing! Thank you to everyone who participated!



- **St. Paul Lutheran Church Food Drive** - Thank you to St. Paul Lutheran Church for their food donation from their July Food drive! The 300 pounds of food will help many families who are going through difficult times. We are so thankful for your continued support!



- **Fayette County Board of Realtors Grant** - We are thankful to have been chosen as a grant recipient from our Fayette County Board of Realtors. The money was raised through the Fayette County Dancing Celebrities event. What a great group of people working together to make our county a great place to live and work!



- **PTC Seventh Day Adventist Church** - We are so thankful for our friends at PTC Seventh Day Adventist Church! We cannot thank them enough for their gift of a monetary donation to go towards purchasing school supplies! We were able to purchase brand new book bags and other school supplies that will help many children in our community. A very special thank you to Cathy Wofford with PTC Seventh Day Adventist Church for coordinating this!



- **Sigvaris' Donations** - Our friends at Sigvaris are always willing to lend a helping hand! We want to thank them for their generosity in having a school supply and personal care items drive to help families going through difficult times. All of the donations from this drive will surely help many children get prepared for the new school year. Thank you to Elaine May for coordinating the drive and delivering the donations!



- **Like New Consignment Sale** - We were so blessed to be invited to receive all of the leftover consignment items from the Like New Consignment Sale at Heritage Christian Church last weekend! These

donations will help so many families in our community! A very special thank you to Britt Clearie for offering these donations to us! We are so very grateful! We would also like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who took time out on their Saturday afternoon to help us pick these donations up. We could not have done it without your help!



- **Thanks to Grace Church!** It was a great morning to spend with the ladies from Grace Church! "Blessed to be a Blessing" was the topic, and the ladies worked on several projects to share with others. Pictured are prayer journals to share with the Real Life Center families.



- **Keith Family Food Drive** - A very special thank you to the Keith family for having a neighborhood food and toiletry drive to help families in need in our community! We are so very grateful for these children and their generous hearts!



- **August Mobile Food Pantry** - We were able to serve 159 families in our community at our August Mobile Food Pantry. Thank you to all of the amazing volunteers who devoted their time and energy to serve! We distributed over 10,000 pounds of fresh sweet potatoes, squash, watermelon, potato chips, and crackers among other food items to families who are hurting.



September

- **Southside Small Bible Study Group** - We are so thankful that Jim and Elaine Mix's small group could join us Saturday to help us switch out our Clothing Closet from Summer to Winter items. We are now ready for cooler weather to arrive!



- **Rolling Hills Volunteer Group** - It is always so much fun to have volunteers from Rolling Hills Baptist Church join us. They love to serve God by serving others! Our household linens were in need of sorting and organization, and they did a great job!



- **Starrs Mill High School Beta Club Food drive** - The Starrs Mill High School Beta Club has gotten off to a great start on their fall food drive! Every year, Kelly Rock, the Beta Club sponsor for Starrs Mill High School, coordinates a three month long food drive to help us stock our food pantry. Last week they donated over 60 bags of some of our top needed items. Thank you Starrs Mill High School Beta Club! We are so grateful for you and the difference you make in our community!



- **September Mobile Food Pantry** - We were able to serve 154 families in our community last week at our September Mobile Food Pantry. A very special thank you to our fabulous volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to serve others!



- **Dogwood Life Group** - A big thank you to Janet Brown for encouraging her Life Group to come serve with us! They were able to restock the

food pantry and sort through a ton of new clothing donations during the two hours they were here. Great Job!



October

- **Macaroni Kid Act of Kindness Day** - We are so grateful for Michelle Schwab with Macaroni Kid for coordinating the Act of Kindness Day in our community! On September 17, several businesses offered discounts on services in exchange for food that they donated to help stock our food pantry! They also donated some much needed clothing items for our clothing closet. Thank you to Starlite Family Fun Center in Sharpsburg, Bubbles and Brushes Family Fun Art Center, NCG Cinemas, Canvas Colors Art Studio, Peachtree City School of Dance, and Jazzercise Tyrone! Together they donated over 350 pounds of food! A very special thank you to Michelle for her continued support in making a difference in our community!



- **St. Paul Lutheran School Book drive** - We would like to thank the teachers, parents, and the precious students of St. Paul Lutheran School for their generous donation of children's books! They will bring joy to many children in our community! A special thank you to Pamela Dietrich for

coordinating the book drive. We are so grateful for all of the support that we receive from St. Paul Lutheran School!



- **Whitewater High School** - Students from the Ambassadors Group came in Thursday night to help us with a few projects. They are always such fun to work with and do a great job!



- **Thrivent Financial** - It was a great day to serve and fellowship together with Greg Bickert and the team from Thrivent Financial. What a great reminder that we can all make a difference!



- **CertainTeed Food Drive** - A very special thank you to our friends at CertainTeed in Peachtree City for having their second annual food drive to

help families in our community! We are so very grateful for this partnership!



- **Real Life Center Orchard Video** - Enjoy this wonderful **video** with Jeff Meyers, Manager of the Harvest for Real Life Fruit Orchard. The fresh produce from the Orchard has been a tremendous blessing to our client families.
- **Eaton's Community Service Awareness Fair** - We are most appreciative to Eaton Lighting for hosting a phenomenal Community Service Awareness Fair this week. We met a lot of Eaton colleagues passionate about helping their local community! Also this week, Eaton performed a professional Clothing Drive. They collected over 500 items. What a blessing and savings for those families at the Real Life Center currently looking for work or working in a professional setting. Thank you Eaton.



- **Frank Cawood and Associates Food Drive** - We are so thankful to have the continued support of our friends at Frank Cawood and Associates in Peachtree City! We can always count on their help with stocking our food pantry this time of year. This year they donated close to 250 pounds of our top needed items along with a cash donation for us to purchase our

greatest needs for our food pantry. A special thank you to Bettina Morton, for coordinating this food drive every year. She is always such a pleasure to work with!



- **Carrabba's Cares Day** - JOIN US on Thursday, Nov 3 at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Peachtree City for "*Carrabba's Cares Day*" to benefit Real Life Center.

Present the attached flyer/picture or identify yourself as a Real Life Center supporter, and Carrabba's will proudly donate 10% of your check to the Real Life Center. WOW! Food is not just about food; it's about connecting together over the dinner table. We hope you will join us. Thank you to Kurt Henson, Restaurant Proprietor for your heart for those struggling in our local community.



- **All Saints Anglican Church Christmas Bazaar** - All Saints Anglican Church is having a Christmas Bazaar on Nov 12 from 9am - 3 pm and plans to donate some of the resulting revenues to Real Life Center. Click [here](#) for full details.



- **US Foods Winter Coat Drive** - Everyone needs a coat during the fall and winter months, but it can be so difficult for many families to afford. We are so grateful for our friends at US Foods for their donation of 200 coats that will be distributed to many people in need this year. Thank you US Foods for the difference that you make in our community!



- **Starr's Mill International Thespian Society** - We so thankful to have the continued support of the Starr's Mill High School International Thespian Society! This year they donated over 230 pounds of food from their "trick or treat so kids can eat" food drive. What a difference their generosity will make in the lives of many!



- **Brandywine at LaFayette Apartment Homes** - Thank you to everyone at Brandywine Apartment Homes who participated in a food drive to help those in our community who are hurting. The food that was donated will be a blessing to so many! A special thank you to Ebony Simmons, the Property manager, for reaching out to us!



- **Socks and Underwear Donation** - Our Clothing Closet is now stocked with new underwear thanks to the generous donation by All Saints Anglican Church. We are so thankful for their partnership with us!



- **US Foods** - What a hard working group US Foods HR Coordinator, Gigi Mahalik, brought with her to serve with us at Real Life Center. In under two hours they were able to get all the coats out of storage ready for distribution. They also helped organize our upstairs storage area. US Foods' partnership has helped us reach the needs of local families with food, coats, and paper goods. We appreciate their desire to reach out to families in need.



- **Show Mercy** - When you show mercy to those in need, you may never know the impact of your kindness. Click [here](#) to see a heartwarming video that displays this beautifully.



- **October Mobile Food Pantry** - We served over 12,000 pounds of food to 217 families at our October Mobile Food Pantry. Thank you to all of our fabulous volunteers who came to serve!



- **Dogwood Children's Ministry** - We want to thank the sweet 5th graders in the Dogwood Children's Ministry for helping us advertise for the Dogwood Church food drive! They worked so hard to make sure that everyone received a flyer and a bag that they could fill to help our neighbors who are hurting.



- **Peachtree City Elementary School Food Drive** - What a blessing it is to have the continued support from our friends at Peachtree City Elementary School! Julie Wood, the Pay It forward club sponsor, coordinated another food drive this year to help stock our food pantry. The students, teachers, and faculty donated a total of 633 pounds of food. Thank you, Peachtree City Elementary School!



- **Dogwood Church October Food Drive** - A special thank you to everyone who participated in the Dogwood Church Food drive!! We are overwhelmed by the support and truly grateful for the generosity of everyone who donated food. We had over 400 bags of food come in that day that equaled well over 2,400 pounds! Many families will be blessed by this food drive. Thank you Dogwood Church!



- **Rising Starr Middle School Fall Festival** - We are so thankful for Team 7A with Rising Starr Middle School for having a food drive during their schools Fall Festival last week! They donated an amazing 450 pounds of food! A special thank you to Sarah Schneider for coordinating the food drive. It is so wonderful to see students helping their neighbors in need.



- **St. Paul Lutheran School Coat Drive** - St. Paul Lutheran Schools continues to help our neighbors in need! We are so thankful for the donation of coats from their coat drive that they held during the month of October. The students and teachers also collected food for our food pantry. Their generous hearts will bless many families who are hurting. A special thank you to Pamela Dietrich for coordinating the drive!



November and December

- **First Baptist Church Peachtree City Food Drive** - What a blessing it is to have the continued support from our friends at Peachtree City Elementary School! Julie Wood, the Pay It forward club sponsor, coordinated another food drive this year to help stock our food pantry. The students, teachers, and faculty donated a total of 633 pounds of food. Thank you, Peachtree City Elementary School!



- **St Paul Lutheran Church Food Drive** - Thank you to our friends at St Paul Lutheran Church who also had a food drive last Sunday to help stock our food pantry! They do so much for our community, and we are so thankful for them!



- **JC Booth Middle School Student Council Food Drive** - We are always amazed at the generosity of the students and teachers at JC Booth Middle School! The Student Council organized a fall food drive again this year, and donated over 11,000 pounds of food to help families who are hurting in our community! A special thank you to Jane White, the student council sponsor, for coordinating the food drive. It is always a pleasure to partner with JC Booth Middle School!



- **Kiwanis Club** - Cathy had the opportunity to share about the Real Life Center with our local Kiwanis Club of Peachtree City. What a great group of people!



- **GA Military College** - It is always fun to work with students from the GA Military College! Professor Pamela McKenzie-Rundle invites students from her classes each semester to help sort food. It wasn't surprising to find out that most of this group is working towards their nursing degree. It was easy to see they have a heart to serve others!



- **Living Faith Youth Group** - Over the years we have appreciated our partnership with Living Faith Fellowship and their willingness to serve with us wherever needed most. Recently, they brought their youth group out to help us sort food in the warehouse. Many thanks for a great job!



- **Dogwood Mercy Project** - It was great fun having some of our friends from Dogwood Church join us! They all did a great job sorting some of the recent food drives. We hope to see them again!



- **Be Rich Groups from Southside Church** - We are happy to have groups signing up to serve with us from Southside Church. Every year they commit two months to give support to the community through service and financial donations. A big thanks to the Gayda, Smith and Oot families for all their hard work today!



- **Dogwood Church Mercy Project** - Many thanks to all the Howard Small Group members who came out to help us sort food donations. We appreciate the generous gift of time you gave!



- **Whitewater High School** - We had a large group from the Whitewater High School Ambassador's Club out to help us sort food donations. Many

thanks to their sponsor, Ms. Sherry Stout, for providing opportunities for her students to help give back to our community. We look forward to seeing them again this Spring!



- **Crossfit PTC Food Drive** - Our friends at Crossfit PTC continued their tradition of having a food drive during the month of November to help families in need in our community! They loaded our truck up with non-perishable food, fresh potatoes, fresh fruit, and even a few thanksgiving turkey's! They also donated money to go towards purchasing food items for our food pantry. Thank you Crossfit PTC! We are so grateful for your help!



- **Peachtree City Community Food Drive** - We would like to thank Ken and Patty Schrader for coordinating a Halloween food drive again this year in Peachtree City to help stock our food pantry! The amount of food that they donate every year with this food drive is amazing, and it will help many families who are going through tough times. We are so grateful for the Schrader family and how they encourage other families in our community to help their neighbors in need!



- **LaPatite Academy Fall Food Drive** - Partnering with our sweet friends at LaPetite Academy is always a pleasure! They had a fall food drive again this year to help us stock our food pantry. The sweet children, along with their parents and teachers, donated food that will be a blessing to many families in our community. A special thank you to Mary Marietta, the school's Director, for coordinating the food drive. We are so grateful!



- **Kiewit Infrastructure Food Drive** - We are so thankful for our friends at Kiewit Infrastructure for their continued support in having a food drive again this year! They donated many non-perishable food items as well as \$1,000 to go towards purchasing food for our food pantry! Thank you, Kiewit Infrastructure! We are so very grateful for your partnership!



- **Music Schools International Fall Food Drive** - A very special thank you to Music Schools International in Peachtree City for having a food drive again this fall! They always amaze us with their generosity! What a difference they make in the lives of many! We are so very thankful for this partnership!



- **Be Rich Southside Church** - We want to give a big thank you to the Duncan and Kitchen families (and Katelyn!) for coming out to help us as part of Southside Church's Be Rich Campaign. They sure worked well as a team and were able to sort over 1,500 lbs in under two hours! Great Job!



- **November Mobile Food Pantry** - We served 212 families in our community at our November Mobile Food Pantry! A special thank you to everyone who came to volunteer their time and energy to serve. We were also so grateful to have a women's bible study group from Rolling Hills Baptist Church serve with us that morning!

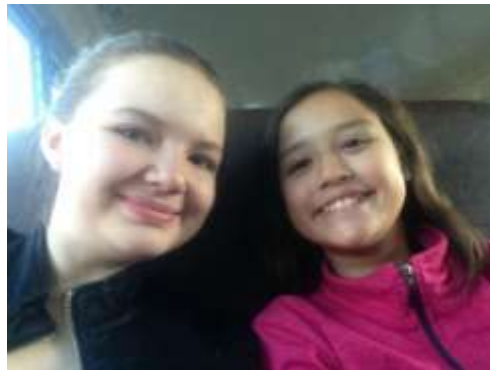


- **Greater Atlanta Athletes' Food Drive** - We appreciate Greater Atlanta Athletes for organizing a food drive during their Southside Turkey Trek 5k on Thanksgiving morning. Participants were asked to bring pantry items, such as canned goods, cereals, pasta, paper goods, personal care products,

and cleaning supplies, to help support those who are going through difficult times this holiday season. You were amazing!



- **Two Special Young Ladies Give** - Thank you to 2 special young ladies for collecting food and cash donations for the families of the Real Life Center. Isabella and Cielo, we appreciate your loving hearts, and we appreciate you coming to the center for a tour.



- **North Fayette Elementary School Food Drive** - The teachers and students of North Fayette Elementary School amazed us with 1,955 pounds of food that they donated from their food drive in November! Wow! What a difference their generous hearts will make in so many lives. Thank you North Fayette Elementary School!



- **The Joseph Sams School Food Drive** - The Joseph Sams School continued their fall tradition this year of having a food drive to help the

many families that we serve. They donated 280 pounds of food! It is always such a pleasure partnering with these teachers and students. We are so grateful for their generosity!



- **Crabapple Lane Elementary School** - Our friends at Crabapple Elementary School had a food drive for us in November that was a huge success! Over 930 pounds of food was donated by the students, and we couldn't be more grateful for their help in sharing hope with others in our community. A special thank you to Stacey Patterson, the school counselor, for coordinating this food drive every year. We are so thankful for this partnership!



- **Kedron Elementary School Food Drive** - The students at Kedron Elementary School make it a priority to help their neighbors in need! They donated over 700 pounds of food to help stock our food pantry during the month of November. Their generosity will be a blessing to many people. Ms. Nicole Douglas, the school's counselor, schedules a fall food drive every year. We are so grateful for her influence on our community in this way. Thank you Kedron Elementary School!



- **Sandy Creek High School ROTC Food Drive** - Every year we are blessed with the generous gift of food from the ROTC students at Sandy Creek High School! This year, they donated 2,725 pounds of food from their food drive! The students worked hard to make a difference in our community and we are so thankful for their kindness and generosity. A special thank you to Maj Dodson and CMSgt Davidson for coordinating the food drive. We are so grateful for this partnership!



- **Curves Food Drive** - Our friends at Peachtree City Curves were so generous to help families who are going through difficult times by having a food drive during the month of November. We have partnered with Debbie Sanders, the owner of Curves, for many years and we are so grateful for the impact that she has in our community. Thank you to Debbie and all of her clients who helped to make a difference! The 376 pounds of food and monetary donation to purchase food will be a blessing to many!



- **Southside Be Rich Campaign** - The majority of our food drives are held this time of year, so it is great to have extra help from our friends at Southside Church. We are thankful for 13 very hard working volunteers who joined us Tuesday evening. They helped sort about 2,000 lbs. of food items!



- **Sprouts Grab 'N Go** - From the moment they opened, Sprouts has been a generous supporter of Real Life Center. On top of the regular, twice-weekly donations we pick up, they have just added a way for their customers to give food donations as well. Customers can pick up a Sprouts Grab 'N Go bag to fill as they do their shopping. What a fun and easy way to help families in need during this holiday season!



- **New Clothing Closet Program Director** - We are happy to announce that Deidre Jones has accepted to serve in the role of Clothing Closet Program Director. Deidre is not a stranger to the Real Life Center. For the past year, she has been volunteering weekly on Wednesdays, and has made many valuable contributions. What you may not know about Deidre is that she spent part of her childhood in Venezuela, followed by Texas, Pennsylvania and Minnesota. She moved to Atlanta for school and never left. Deidre has been married for 16 years to her husband Troy, a native of Georgia. She is the proud mom of 2 kids in middle school, Riley and Peyton. As a family, they have been members of Providence United Methodist Church for many years. Congratulations Deidre. We are so blessed to have you serve in your new role.



- **Christmas Dinners** - We are so thankful for our friends at Word of God Lutheran Church and their continued support. This is the seventh year they have donated a complete Christmas Dinner in a bag. This year they put together enough meals to bless 138 families. Many thanks to Pastor Jeffray Greene and Mr. Ron Pike for delivering all the food!



- **Laura Story Concert** - What a great night at Dogwood Church to hear Laura Story! We are thankful for the many gift cards that were shared for our families at the Real Life Center.



- **Southside Strikes Again!** We had a full house on Saturday and were able to get so much work done! Many thanks to all the volunteers who signed up through Southside Church's Be Rich Campaign and gave up their Saturday morning to come serve with us.



- **Starr's Mill High School Beta Club** - We are so very grateful for Kelly Rock, the Beta Club sponsor at Starr's Mill High School, for continuing to help families in our community by coordinating a three month long food

drive every fall! It so wonderful to see how the generosity of these students makes such an impact in our community. This year, they donated close to 2,300 pounds of food from this food drive! Thank you Starr's Mill Beta Club students!



- **Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church** - A very special thank you to all of our friends at Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church for their food donation of 520 pounds from their November food drive! Every year, Grace Swartz, the church's Administrative Assistant, organizes a food drive to help the families that we serve during the holiday season. We are so very grateful for this partnership!



- **Hoshizaki America Food Drive** - We are overwhelmed with gratitude for our friends at Hoshizaki in Peachtree City! For the second year in a row, they had a food drive to help the families that we serve. This year, they amazed us with their donation of over 10,000 pounds of food! What a difference the generosity of these two hundred employees will make in our community. There are just no words to express how thankful we are for their help in sharing hope with others!



- **St. Andrews in the Pines Episcopal Church** - Our friends at St. Andrews in the Pines Episcopal church provided Thanksgiving meals to twenty five families in our community this year! We are so grateful for their generosity and their hearts for helping families who are going through difficult times this holiday season!



- **Volunteer Thanks** - We want to take a moment to say how thankful we are for Dennis Palmer for volunteering his time and energy to help with food drives! Food drive season is a busy time of year for us and Dennis is always willing to serve with a smile on his face! Thank you Dennis!!



- **Thrivent Financial Services** - Real Life Center is thankful to Thrivent Financial Services for offering a food drive and being a great advocate for Real Life Center !



- **United Way of PTC Food Drive** - Thank you to United Way of Peachtree City for having a food drive in November to help our families through the holiday season! We are so thankful for their support!



- **Optimist Club Continues to Make a Difference!** - We can always count on the Optimist club to help our families during the Christmas season! We are so grateful for their continued support this year. The food that they donated will be a blessing to many families!



- **US Foods Food Drive** - Our partnership with US Foods is one that we are so very thankful for! In addition to all of the wonderful ways that they support our ministry throughout the year, they held a food drive in November to help meet the needs of the families that we serve. Thank you, US Foods!



- **LaFayette Kids World Food Drive** - Our friends at LaFayette Kids World in Tyrone held a food drive to help stock our food pantry for the holidays! Thank you to all of the teachers, parents, and students for their generosity. A special thank you to Ms. Jamie and Ms. Amber for reaching out to us and coordinating the food drive!



- **PTC Runners Club Food Drive** - A very special thank you to the PTC Running Club for their food donation! We are so thankful to have their help in stocking our food pantry every year just before the holidays!



- **Christmas Social for our Seniors** - Everyone enjoyed the wonderful Christmas Social put on by volunteers from Grace Evangelical and All Saints Anglican Churches. There was a wonderful breakfast buffet and a raffle for Christmas Gift items. To help create a festive atmosphere, Julius played Christmas carols at the keyboard for over two hours. We greatly appreciate all the volunteers giving their time to make our seniors feel loved and special during this holiday season!



- **Trinity Christian School** - Two nights in a row we were blessed to have groups of 20 students from Trinity Christian School come in to help sort food. During the two nights they got through 6 pallets of food. Great Job Everyone!



- **Landmark Fifth Graders** - We had a great time working with Ms. Leslie Cook's 5th grade class. They came in to help us make batches of homemade laundry detergent. It was a messy project, but they were good sports about it. Many thanks kids!



- **Be Rich Southside Group** - The Be Rich Campaign certainly finished strong with our last group of the year this past Saturday. We had fun working together and were able to sort through a ton of food!



- **Durst Family Food Donation** - We want to thank the Durst family for their food donation from their community food drive. This donation will help so many of the families that we serve!



- **Toiletry Kits** - The Johnson family was looking for a way to serve others this Christmas season and we asked for their help with much needed toiletry items. Together with donations from their friends and neighbors, they filled dozens of toiletry kits with toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc. You can tell by the smiles that the kids had fun with this generous gift!



- **Georgia Military College Annual Food Drive** - We are so thankful for the food donation from our friends at Georgia Military College in Fayetteville! They held their second annual food drive in November to help the families that we serve through the holiday season. Thank you, GMC, for your partnership!



- **Panasonic Food Drive** - We want to thank everyone at Panasonic for their continued support in making a difference in our community! Their food donation from their fall food drive will be a blessing to many this holiday season. Thank you, Panasonic!



- **Robinson Rd Kids R Kids Food Drive** - A special thank you to the teachers and students of Kids R Kids on Robinson Rd in Peachtree City for having a food drive during the month of November. Their generous hearts will be a blessing to many! Thank you to Sally Weaver for coordinating this food drive every year, and for teaching the children about the importance of helping our neighbors in need.



- **Lexington Pass Kids R Kids Food Drive** - We are so thankful to have the continued support from our friends at Kids R Kids on Lexington Pass in Peachtree City! The teachers and children donated a generous 126 pounds

of food from their fall food drive! A special thank you to Meghann Brooks for coordinating this food drive every year, and for teaching the children how they can make a difference in our community. It is always a pleasure partnering with Kids R Kids!



- **Davis Chiropractic Center Food Drive** - A special thank you to Dr. Davis and staff at Davis Chiropractic Center for their help in stocking our food pantry! Every year, they coordinate a food drive to help the families that we serve. We are so thankful for this partnership!



- **Christmas Toys** - We look forward to seeing Major Ron McCauley about this time each year! He is the Scoutmaster for the 15 scouts of Troop 210. They generously donate toys as one of their service projects. There will be several very happy kids come Christmas morning thanks to Troop 210!



- **Rising Starr Middle School** - Many thanks to Ms. Bambi Hudson and her students for participating in the Scholastic's Annual Pajama Program. Students donated new pajama's and books!



- **Coweta-Fayette EMC** - Marsha McDaniel and her team from EMC came out to help us sort food donations and also gave us a very generous financial gift. We are truly grateful for their partnership in meeting needs of local families.



- **Parkside Family Dentist** - Parkside Family Dentist in Peachtree City has been such a wonderful support for us this year! They have held a couple of food drives to help stock our food pantry throughout the year, as well as volunteering their time to serve at the Real Life Center. It is always such a pleasure working with this great team!



- **Peachtree City Fire Department Santa Run** - We are so very thankful to Chief Stoney Lohr and the Peachtree City Fire Department for the food donation from this years Santa Run! They donated over 1,500 pounds of food that will bless so many of our families! We are grateful for this partnership and the difference that they make in our community!



- **Oak Grove Elementary School** - Our sweet friends at Oak Grove Elementary held a week-long food drive to help stock our food pantry! They donated over 800 pounds of food. Thank you for your help, Oak Grove Elementary School! We always love partnering with these amazing students. A very special thank you to Ms. Kelly Green for coordinating the food drive.



- **Spring Hill Elementary School** - We received a gift of almost 500 lbs of food for our food pantry from the teachers and students of Spring Hill Elementary School! What a blessing this food will be to so many. They also took some time to spread some Christmas cheer by making Christmas cards to share with the families that visit the Real Life Center. Thank you, Spring Hill Elementary school!



- **Fayette County Students Give Back** - We were blessed to receive stockings filled with toiletry items to give to the families that we serve! Thank you to Stacie Kilgore who worked with groups of students from Kedron Elementary School and from the Fayette County Wyldlife Program to fill these stockings. Toiletries can be so difficult to afford, but they are so needed. Their generosity will help so many!



- **Wencore Group Food Drive** - We are so thankful for our new partnership with Wencore Group in Peachtree City! They held a food drive in December, and we are so very thankful for their donation of food. It was a pleasure working with everyone at Wencore, and we look forward to partnering with them again in the future!



- **Sigvaris Food Drive** - Our friends at Sigvaris held a food drive again this year to help stock our food pantry for the holiday's! We can always count on their support, and we are so very grateful!



- **Palmer's Christmas Dinner** - What a wonderful time at Palmer's to enjoy a Christmas Dinner! Thanks to Ashley Edwards, her family, and her small group for giving many of our families the gift of a wonderful Christmas meal. We so appreciate the generosity and kindness shown to many!



- **Keller Williams Food Drive** - So thankful for Mike Ray and the team at PTC Keller Williams Real Estate group for their continued support!



- **World Gym Food, Clothing, Toy, and Toiletry Drive** - This wonderful group of people from World Gym Fayette sure does know how to make a difference in our community. We are so thankful for their donations of food, toiletries, clothing, and even toys to bless the families that we serve!

