

## 2017 News Posts

**Dunlap Associates Wealth Management Food Drive** - We can always count on our friends at Dunlap Associates Wealth Management to help stock our food pantry this time of year! We want to thank Mr. Ray Dunlap for his continued support. This food donation will make a difference in so many lives!



**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!



**Piedmont Fayette Hospital Donations** - We are so thankful for the donation of socks, underwear, towels, and other items from Piedmont Fayette Hospital! What a blessing these items will be to so many families!



**Upward Basketball Food Drive** - The Upward Basketball program at First Baptist Church of Peachtree City came together to have a food drive to help stock our food pantry! They filled many of our food drive containers with our top needed items. We are so very thankful for their help in sharing hope in our community!



**Starr's Mill Academy Donates Pajamas** - We are so thankful to Starr's Mill Academy for their donation of brand new children's pajamas for the families that we serve. They will bring joy to so many little ones this winter!



**Osmose Gives Back** - Our friends at Osmose in Peachtree City held their second annual food drive to help our families. We are so grateful for this partnership and the difference that they make in the lives of others. Thank you to Lynn Burns for coordinating the food drive, and thank you to everyone at Osmose for your generosity!



**Braelinn Elementary School Food Drive** - We can always count on the Kindness Kids Club at Braelinn Elementary to help us stock our food pantry! They continued their tradition of having a food drive during the month of December. We are so grateful for the impact that their kindness has on our community. A special thank you to Ms. Kathy Caldwell for taking the time out of her busy schedule to coordinate this food drive every year.



**Edward Jones Food Drive** - We want to thank Mr. Mike Martin and the staff at Edward Jones in Peachtree City for their recent food donation from their food drive that they held in December. It is such a pleasure to partner with them every year!



**Clairmont Dental Associates Food Drive** - We are so thankful for the gift of food from our friends at Clairmont Dental Associates! They held their first food drive to support our families over the holiday season. We are so grateful for their partnership!



**Sandy Creek High School Food Drive** - We would like to thank Mr. Jeffrey Dykes, teacher and club sponsor at Sandy Creek High School, for coordinating a food drive to stock our food pantry. We are so grateful for him and the students of Sandy Creek High School for the difference that they make in our community. Their partnership is a blessing!



**Flat Rock Middle School Builder's Club Food Drive** - A special thank you to Ms. Kristin King and the Builder's Club Students at Flat Rock Middle School for having a food drive to help stock our food pantry! They donated 145 pounds of food that will be a blessing to many of the families that we serve. It is awesome to see what a difference our students can make in the lives of others.



**Prohealth Physical Therapy & Pilates Studio Food Drive** - A big thank you to everyone at Prohealth Physical Therapy and Pilates Studio for their continued support! Their food donation from their food drive will be such a huge help in stocking our food pantry. So many families will be helped by their kindness and generosity. We are so thankful that we can count on their help every year!



**Inaugural Non Profit Award of Excellence** - We were humbled and excited to receive the *Inaugural Non Profit Award of Excellence* at the Fayette Chamber of Commerce 50th anniversary celebration on January 14th. The award was presented by Piedmont Fayette Hospital. We are thankful to our Real Life Center team, Dogwood Church, and this great community for all of your support! A special congratulations to the Fayette Chamber of Commerce for 50 years of impactful history. We appreciate you.



**Ladies from Lighthouse Lane Make a Difference!** - It was such a pleasure meeting Susan Osborne and her friends Sara, Debbie, Barb and MaryAnn from Lighthouse Lane in the Southern Shore community. These ladies were conducting a neighborhood food drive for the Real Life Center over the holidays and came to drop it off personally. "I love the difference Real Life Center makes in this community," Susan shared. We equally appreciate Susan who put in a tremendous amount of work preparing the auction for our Harvest for Hope Gala in September. What an exceptional group. Thank you!



**Coweta Community Foundation** - So thankful for the partnership of the Coweta Community Foundation. It's always a pleasure to spend time with great community leaders!



**Living Faith Fellowship Youth** - It is always a great pleasure to have the youth group from Living Faith Fellowship come volunteer with us! They did a great job date-checking food and restocking our food pantry. We look forward to seeing them again!



**Staples 2 Million & Change Program** - Real Life Center was just awarded \$3,500 from the Staples 2 Million & Change program! *"This grant will supplement the Real Life Center Educational and Career Programs. These programs are designed to help equip our families on topics such as emotional health, financial stability, health and nutrition, relationships, spiritual principles, and career assistance. It is a great way to learn new skills, build confidence, and feel empowered at a time when life is challenging. We are grateful to the Staples Foundation and Wayne Hall for being our advocate,"* says Cathy Berggren, Executive Director.

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**DaVita Kidney Care** - DaVita Kidney Care in Union City presented the Real Life Center with a \$1,000.00 check as part of the "DaVita Way of Giving". DaVita's locally focused charitable giving initiative helps nonprofit organizations throughout the United States grow and thrive. *"Real Life Center is making an impact on our patients' lives. I grew up in Fayette County and continue to reside in Fayette County, and am proud to have an organization like yours serving this community. I encourage all Fayette businesses to check out this organization and make a donation of time and/or money,"* said Kim Boone, a DaVita Social Worker. DaVita is a leading provider of kidney care services committed to improving the quality of life for those diagnosed with chronic kidney disease.



**January Mobile Food Pantry** - Our first Mobile Food Pantry of 2017 was held last week. We were so grateful to have been able to serve 155 families in our community over 11,000 pounds of food. We would like to thank our fabulous volunteers for their dedication and hard work. It is because of them that we are able to serve the community in this way.



**Landmark Christian School Basketball Game Food Drive** - A very big thank you Landmark Christian High School for their support in having a food drive at two of their home basketball games this week! They collected some of our top needed items as well as gift cards and cash donations to go towards stocking our food pantry. A special thank you to Mr. Russell Aquirre for coordinating the food drive. It is always a pleasure partnering with these generous students!



**First Baptist Church Peachtree City Missions Conference** - Great time at First Baptist Church of Peachtree City missions conference. We are so thankful for their faithful support!



**Atlanta Community Food Bank** - Happy to receive the Founders Award on behalf of Jeff Meyers for his work on our Harvest for Real Life orchard project. Way to go Jeff!



**Peeples Elementary School Kindness Week** - The students of Peeples Elementary School held a food drive during their annual kindness week. They donated an amazing 2,496 pounds of food! Their kindness and generosity will help so many people who are hurting in our community. A special thank you to Ms. Monique Collins, the school's guidance counselor, for coordinating this food drive every year. We are so thankful for this partnership!



**Like New Consignment Sale** - We were so thankful to have been invited back to the Like New Consignment Sale at Heritage Christian Church! This is the second time that they have offered the left over sale items to us to help the families that we serve. We came back with a truck load of children's clothing and many other items that will surely be a blessing to many families. We also would like to thank all of our awesome volunteers who took time out on their Saturday to help us load all of these items onto our truck! We are so grateful for your help!



**St. Paul Lutheran Church Fifth Sunday Food Drive** - We want to say thank you to everyone at St. Paul Lutheran Church for their food donation from their most recent food drive! They have several food drives a year to help our families. Their most recent donation was 470 pounds! Thank you, St. Paul Lutheran Church, for all that you do to serve our community.



**Pinewood Atlanta Studios Food Drive** - Thank you to our friends at Pinewood Atlanta Studios for their food donation from their food drive! We so appreciate their help in stocking our food pantry for 2017! Their partnership is truly a blessing.



**Take a Test Drive** - Take a test drive at one of the Cronic dealerships in Griffin and owner Wanda Cronic Howell will make a \$20 donation to the Real Life Center.

For many decades, Wanda Cronic Howell, Dealer and President of Cronic Automotive Group, has demonstrated an incredible commitment to her local community. Now she wants to help the Real Life Center. Leading up to the Fayette LIVE event on March 11, mention the Real Life Center during your test drive at one of the Cronic dealerships in March, and she will donate \$20 per drive to the Real Life Center. *"Giving back is the way that we do business. And helping those who need it the most is what the Real Life Center does best. We are so pleased to be able to offer this promotion at our three dealerships this March to benefit their work,"* says Wanda.

Cronic was founded by Wanda's parents, J.A and Freda, in 1975. From one dealership with one car line (Chevrolet) on Solomon Street in the downtown area, they have grown to three dealerships representing eight car lines (Chevrolet, Buick, GMC, Nissan, Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge, and RAM trucks) on both sides of the North Expressway. For forty-two years, they have met the



transportation needs of the region by selling quality vehicles at fair prices and providing excellent customer service.



**First Baptist Church of Peachtree City** - This Valentine's Day the First Baptist Church of Peachtree City decided to show their love for our community by hosting a Community Service Day. They had members volunteer at several locations throughout Fayette County. We were thankful to have five very hard working ladies join us and assist with our food sorting process. They were a big help and had fun serving together!



**Scouting for Food 2017!** - It was such a pleasure working with the Flint River Council, Fayette District of Boy Scouts of America during their Scouting for Food event on February 11! It was so awesome to see the scouts working so hard to make a difference in the lives of many families in our community. The scouts delivered over 6,000 pounds of food that day! This is a tremendous help in stocking our food pantry for the families that we serve. A special thank you to Mr. David Flohr for coordinating this food drive with us every year. We have been so blessed by their partnership for 9 years, and we are so very grateful!





Thank you to Joyce Beverly from The Citizen - Thank you to Joyce Beverly from The Citizen Newspaper for publishing this wonderful [spotlight](#) about the Real Life Center. We are honored.

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## REAL LIFE CENTER, A HANDUP VERSUS A HANDOUT

— Photos by BONNIE HELANDER —

**Rising Starr Middle School Panther Partners Club** - Thanks to the Rising Starr Middle School Panther Partners club, many children that visit our center this week will receive beautifully decorated boxes full of snacks to keep them smiling over mid winter break! Every year the club takes time to use their creativity to share some joy with others. We are so very thankful for them!



**Oak Grove Elementary School ASP program Food Drive** - Our sweet friends in the ASP Program at Oak Grove Elementary held their annual food drive to help stock our food pantry last week! Their food donation will surely be a blessing to many families. We are grateful for their generous hearts!



**February Mobile Food Pantry** - We served 199 families at our February Mobile Food Pantry! A very special thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who came to serve!



**Hopewell UMC Women's Group** - We always have fun when the ladies from Hopewell United Methodist Church come to serve with us. This past weekend they helped with projects in the food pantry, bread room, clothing closet, food sorting and housewares areas. They can do it all now!

Additionally, one of the ways the Hopewell United Methodist Church supports Real Life Center is by donating new packages of socks and underwear which they collect on "Sock Sunday" and "Undy Sunday". The women's group then packages all the donations so they are ready to distribute through our clothing closet.



**2017 Corporate Challenge Food Drive** - We want to thank the Fayette District of Boy Scouts of America for coordinating their annual Corporate Challenge food drive! A special thank you to

Mr. David Flohr for coordinating this event, and our friends at Sigvaris and Rinnai for participating in the challenge! Their generous food donations will make such a difference in many lives!



**Destiny Christian Center International Food Drive** - We are so very grateful to have the support from our friends at Destiny Christian Center International. They held a food drive in February to help stock our food pantry. Their generous food donations will surely have an impact on many lives in our community! They are continuing to help during the month of March by collecting toiletries for the families that we serve. Thank you Destiny Christian Center International!



**CertainTeed Gives Back** - In addition to the annual food drive they hold for us, employees from CertainTeed have committed to volunteer with us throughout the year. It was a pleasure having Vonetta, Jeff, and Jade help us get the clothing closet ready for Summer and sort new food donations. CertainTeed actually pays their employees to volunteer a 4 hour shift. What a generous way to give back to the community! We look forward to having them back again soon.



**Gritton's Training System** - If you have a Facebook account and want to support us, check in to [Gritton's Training System](#), and the Real Life Center will receive a donation because of you doing so! We are very grateful to owner, Jeremy, for extending this offer until the end of this calendar year.

*How do I check in?* Scroll to the top of your News Feed or Profile and click *What's on your mind?* Click to select or search for a nearby location. Click *Post*. Location: Gritton's Training System at 2100 Highway 54, Peachtree City, GA 30269.

Gritton's Training System = RESULTS! Join their Bootcamp on Mon, Wed, Fri: 5, 5:45am, 7, 7:45am, 9 and 9:45am, or Tue and Thurs: 5am, 8:30am, 5 and 5:45pm. Go for it!



**Pinewood Studios** - We are so thankful to have the support of Pinewood Studios! Several of their team came out to help us sort food donations. They also invited students from AV Pride to join them. Thank you all for your time and help!



**Crossroads Christian School** - A special thank you to the students from Crossroads Christian School for coming by to deliver food donations for our food pantry! It was a pleasure to have such sweet visitors, and their generosity is a blessing.



**Girl Scout Cookie Time!** - Over the years we have had many people donate Girl Scout Cookies, but we were overwhelmed by the generosity of this recent donation. Girl Scout, Emma Toner, was given an order of 240 boxes of cookies all to be donated. We are so thankful that she chose to share them with the families we serve!



**ABWA's McIntosh Charter Chapter Woman of the Year** - We are so pleased for our awesome team member, Rose Gossett, for receiving the award as ABWA's McIntosh Charter Chapter Woman of the Year. Congratulations, Rose!



**Easter Baskets** - We can't wait to start handing out all the cute Easter Baskets we received from Hopewell United Methodist Church! They started right after Easter last year collecting all the supplies and spent hours putting together 80 adorable baskets! This will be a very special gift to the children of the families we help at Real Life Center. A big thank you to Elaine Pierce and the UMC Women's group!



**A Big Heart and a Green Thumb** - Look at our special client manager, Karen McLean, playing in the dirt and having some fun in the sun at the Real Life Center. She is a beautiful lady inside and out, and we appreciate her taking the time to brighten up the entry to the Center!



**Evergreen Church** - We had a fun group from Evergreen Church come help us last week. They made Easter bookmarks and tied them to two boxes of Girl Scout Cookies. This will be a special gift for the families we serve!



**Moms Making a Difference!** – The generous ladies of the Dogwood Church Mom 2 Mom group held their second annual spring food drive to help the families that we serve. They donated 375 pounds of some of our most needed items for our food pantry. A very special thank you to Shugie Collingsworth for coordinating this food drive again this year! We are so very thankful.



**Grace Evangelical Church “Fill a Truck” Food Drive** - A very big thank you to our friends at Grace Evangelical Church for the amazing gift of over 3,400 pounds of food for our food pantry! They

have their “Fill a Truck” food drive every year in March to help us get stocked up for the spring and summer months. They also took the time to write special notes of encouragement for the families that visit our center. Their partnership is such a blessing to our community. A special thank you to Kem Williams for coordinating the food drive!



**Grace Evangelical Church** - For several years now Grace Evangelical Church has held an annual food drive for the month of March to benefit Real Life Center. This year they also wanted to come out to visit and help us get the food ready for distribution. The group of 12 volunteers had fun working together and were able to sort three pallets of donations during their two hours with us. Thank you all for your time and donations!



**Living Faith Fellowship Youth Service Project** - We are so thankful that the youth of Living Faith Fellowship chose to have a neighborhood food drive to help our families for their youth service project! It was wonderful to have them deliver some of our most needed items for our food pantry, and we are very grateful for their hearts for serving our community!



**St. Paul Lutheran School Toiletry Drive** - The amazing teachers and students of St. Paul Lutheran School are always thinking of new ways to help the families that we serve! During the month of



March they held a drive to help us stock our pantry with toiletry items such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, toilet paper, and much more! We are so thankful for their partnership!



**Rising Starr Middle School Beta Club Food Drive!** - The Rising Starr Middle School Beta Club has been a great support for us over the years! They held their annual spring food drive this month to help stock our food pantry for the upcoming summer months! A very special thank you to these students for their generosity!



**April 2017 Mobile Food Pantry** - We are so thankful to have had the opportunity to serve 217 families at our Mobile Food Pantry last week! A special thank you to our wonderful volunteers for making this possible! We served green beans, carrots, potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, squash, baby food and more. Our next Mobile Food Pantry will be held on May 18.



**New Hope Baptist Church Upward Volleyball Team** - We want to thank this amazing team of girls with the New Hope Baptist Church Upward Volleyball program who were so kind to collect toiletries for the families that we serve! They also donated gently used jeans for our clothing closet! We are so grateful for their help!



**Destiny Christian Center Intl Donates Toiletries!** - Thank you to our friends at Destiny Christian Center International for their generous donation of toiletries! These items will be a blessing to so many families who are hurting. We are so thankful for their partnership!



**JC Booth Middle School Beta Club Food Drive** - It is so wonderful to have the continued support of the JC Booth Middle School Beta Club! They held their annual food drive this month to help families in our community who are going through difficult times. These students are amazing!



**Cronic Chevrolet Buick GMC** - Thank you to Wanda Cronic Howell, owner of Cronic Chevrolet Buick GMC, for donating a generous check in support of our programs and mission. Visit their dealerships when you have a chance. You will be amazed at their inventory, facilities, and outstanding service orientation. Pictured are Wanda Cronic Howell and Cathy Berggren. Picture courtesy of Marie Thomas.



**Curves Gives Back!** - Our wonderful friends at Curves in Peachtree City always overwhelm us with their generosity in giving to others in need! We received an amazing gift of food and monetary donations to purchase food for our food pantry. A special thank you to Debbie Sanders for coordinating a food drive and to all of the Curves members for their help! We so appreciate all that you do for our community!



**WWHS Ambassadors Club** - We always look forward to hosting the Whitewater High School Ambassadors Club each semester. They are always such a polite and hard working group of students. It is easy to see that they take pride in doing their best with each task they are assigned. Many thanks to their sponsor, Ms. Sherry Stout, for coordinating opportunities for them to serve in the community.



**Dogwood Church Food Drive** - We are so very grateful for Dogwood Church and all that they do to support the Real Life Center! They completely filled our truck with 2,240 pounds of food last Sunday! What an amazing gift! Thank you Dogwood Church for coming together to make such a difference in the lives of the families that we serve!



**Dogwood Kids Food Drive** - A very special thank you to the children of Dogwood Kids for participating in the church wide food drive last Sunday! They had a friendly competition between

the boys and the girls to see who could collect the most food! Congratulations to the girls for the win, but a big thank you to all of the boys and girls for their generous hearts!



**Gracepointe Church Food Drive** - We would like to thank Gracepointe Church for their support in having a food drive during the month of April! We are always in need of help this time of year to help stock our food pantry to get ready for the summer months! We are so grateful for this partnership!



**PTC City Solicitors Office Food Drive** - The PTC City Solicitors office participated in the Legal Food Frenzy food drive again this year and chose to donate their food to the Real Life Center food pantry! We are so thankful for their continued support in this way!



**First Baptist Peachtree City 5th Sunday Food Drive** - We cannot thank our friends at First Baptist Church of Peachtree City enough for continuing their tradition of having a food drive during every month that has a fifth Sunday! Their partnership has a huge impact on our food pantry all year long!



**St. Paul Lutheran Church and School Food Drive** - A very special thank you to St. Paul Lutheran Church and School for the food donations from their April food drive! They help keep our food pantry stocked all year long by having a food drive during every month that has a fifth Sunday. What a blessing this partnership is!



**Annual Volunteer Week for WENCOR** - We were privileged to have not one, but two hardworking groups join us this week from Wencor. This was their annual week for giving back to the community by allowing their employees to spend a few hours outside of work helping others. Both groups were able to get several projects done during their time with us. Many Thanks to all who participated!



**May Senior Social Event** - We had a fun afternoon playing Bingo with some of our seniors. Many thanks to Jan Anding who brought in a wonderful lunch. Her meatballs were a favorite! We also want to thank Diana Britt for organizing the event and for inviting her lovely friends to come help. We hope to see more of our seniors at the next event in September.



**Sandy Creek High School Skills USA Club** - Thank you to the students of the Skills USA Club at Sandy Creek High School for having a peanut butter and jelly drive to help stock our food pantry with these items. We are overwhelmed by their generous gift of 812 jars! What an impact this will have on our food pantry this summer! A special thank you to Mr. Jeff Dykes, the Skills USA club advisor, for coordinating this drive for us every spring. This partnership is such a blessing and it is always such a pleasure working with these students!



**Wencor Food Drive** - Not only did the Wencor employees serve their time to help us with projects, but they also collected food donations for our food pantry during their annual week for giving back to the community. We are so thankful for this special team!



**Keller Williams Donates Peanut Butter and Jelly** - We want to thank the Peachtree City Keller Williams staff for their donation of peanut butter and jelly for our food pantry! It can be difficult to keep these items stocked during the summer months, so we are very grateful for their help! It will make a difference!



**May Mobile Food Pantry** - We served over 12,400 pounds of food to 203 families last week at our Mobile Food Pantry. We are so thankful for all of our volunteers who help make the Mobile Food Pantry possible every month!



**Tyrone Post Office Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive** - We would like to thank the Letter Carriers of the Tyrone Post Office for participating in the annual US Postal Service nationwide food drive! We are grateful for your continued support in helping the families that we serve!



**Gritton's Training System Gives Back!** - We are so thankful for our partnership with our friends at Gritton's Training System! Their support throughout the year has had such a great impact in our community. Last week we received a donation of food and \$495.00 to go towards stocking our food pantry! Thank you GTS for your generosity! We are truly grateful for the difference that you make in the lives of others!



**United Way Donates Shoe Boxes Filled with Toiletries!** - Thank you United Way of Henry County for the awesome donation of 100 shoe boxes filled with toiletry items for our families! These boxes were filled with much needed items such as wash cloths, socks, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, shaving cream, sunscreen, and much more! Each box was also decorated in a way to offer encouragement to the individuals that receive them. They will surely bring a smile to many faces!



**Bank of North Georgia Peachtree City PB&J Donations** - Every year the Bank of North Georgia in Peachtree City has a peanut butter and jelly drive to help stock our food pantry for the summer months! This has a huge impact, and we so appreciate all that they do for our community!



**Bank of North Georgia Fayetteville PB&J Donations** - Thank you to the wonderful staff of the Bank of North Georgia in Fayetteville for the peanut butter and jelly donations from their annual food drive! Their help has a huge impact on our food pantry and will help so many families this summer!



**It's Not All About Me Club** - With the desire to teach her son and his friends compassion for others, Julie Pruett, started a week long summer camp for them to have opportunities to serve others in the community. They have held an annual neighborhood food drive for Real Life Center to help us keep our pantry stocked during the summer months. This year the boys were actually able to stay and help sort the food they brought in and also restock the food pantry shelves. It has also become an annual tradition to see who can stand in our walk in freezer the longest! We are so glad to see how much they enjoy serving others!





**A New Refrigerator!** We are excited to have a new glass door refrigerator for easy access. What a difference this will make for our families as they choose perishable items and what perfect timing with all of the fresh produce! A big thank you to our EMC Operation Round Up Program for making this possible!



**St. Paul Lutheran Church VBS Food Drive** - A very special thank you to our friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church for collecting food donations during their Vacation Bible School last week! They make an impact on our food pantry every summer by making this a part of their VBS tradition, and we are so thankful!



**FREE WORKSHOP - STYLE WITH CONFIDENCE 101 - DON'T MISS OUT!** June 21st 2017 at 10:30am.

FREE WORKSHOP - STYLE WITH CONFIDENCE 101 by local style consultant JoJo St. Claire. You and your friends are invited to check out JoJo's tried-and-true styling dos and don'ts for dressing the ever-changing bodies of modern women! ENTER OUR RAFFLE AND WIN AN OUTFIT! Location: Real Life Store, 400 North Glynn Street, Fayetteville. Phone 770.719.0880. Sign up at our Fayetteville Store or email Rose Gossett at [rgossett@RealLifeCenter.org](mailto:rgossett@RealLifeCenter.org). Walk-ins are welcome!



**June Mobile Food Pantry** - We are so thankful that we had the opportunity to serve over 11,000 pounds of food to 149 families at our Mobile Food Pantry last week! Thank you to everyone who came to help. It was very special to have the youth group from Word of God Lutheran Church and a group of employees from CertainTeed serve with us that morning!



**Thanks to JoJo St. Claire** - We are so grateful to JoJo St. Claire for delivering a wonderful workshop on how to style for any occasion while minimizing the dread over what to wear. Checkout her business: After the Carriage - A Style Consultancy for Supermoms and Gals. [www.afterthecarriage.com](http://www.afterthecarriage.com). Pictured are Cathy Berggren and JoJo St. Claire.



**Rolling Hills Baptist Church** - Our friends at Rolling Hills are always ready to serve when something comes up here. Most recently they came in to help us bag up donations of frozen meat for distribution. We hope their hands have thawed out by now!



**Providence United Methodist Church VBS Food Drive** - The sweet children that attended the Providence UMC Vacation Bible School amazed us with their generous donation of over 1,000

pounds of food for our food pantry!! They had a friendly competition between the boys and the girls during VBS week that ended in a tie! Thank you Providence UMC for your continued support for our families!



**Thank You to the UPS Team!** - What a great day having team members from UPS serve in our Harvest for Real Life Orchard and Garden. We are thankful for their support in many ways and coming out to serve in the heat on a day off.



**Mastermind Group** - This group of lovely young ladies spent the morning with us at the Harvest for Real Life Orchard and Garden. They are part of a Mastermind group learning and serving together!



**Thanks to Woolsey Baptist Church!** We had a wonderful group from Woolsey Baptist Church come serve with us this week! They helped sort over 50 boxes of clothing for an upcoming sale we will be holding at our thrift stores. The funds generated from the sale will help struggling families in our local community. It was great fun meeting everyone, and we hope to see them again soon!



**Local Fresh Produce** - A big shout-out to Mr. Brett Thomas for his continued support of Real Life Center! This time he brought us a truck full of beautiful sweet corn and butternut squash. This will be such a treat to the families we serve!



**Serving Together** - Many thanks to Sally Lawrence for bringing her Bible Study Group to come help sort clothing. They had a fun time of fellowship while serving!



**July Mobile Food Pantry** - We served 216 families at our July Mobile Food Pantry last week! We would like to thank everyone who came to serve. We were so blessed to have had the youth groups from Grace Evangelical Church and Rolling Hills Baptist Church serve that morning!



**McIntosh High School Students Donate School Supplies** - A very generous group of McIntosh High School students with the Fayette County Wyldlife program donated 24 book bags filled with school supplies for the families that we serve. These book bags will be a blessing to so many middle and high school students in our community. We would like to thank these amazing students for their hearts for helping others!



**Panasonic Donates School Supplies!** - We are so grateful for our partnership with Panasonic! They donated 75 back packs filled with school supplies to our center. These back packs will be such a special gift for so many families! Thank you, Panasonic, for all that you do to for our community!



**Oak Grove Elementary School Cereal Donation** - The fabulous faculty of Oak Grove Elementary School are starting out their school year generously by donating their favorite cereals to help struggling families in our community. A very special thank you to Mrs. Felecia Spicer for organizing the cereal collection. We are so thankful for this partnership and we wish them a wonderful school year ahead!



**St. Andrews in the Pines School Supply Drive** - Thank you St. Andrews in the Pines Episcopal Church for the donation of school supplies for our families! We very much appreciate that we have your support in this way every year! Your generosity is a blessing for many!



**First Baptist Church of Peachtree City** - A special thank you to our friends at First Baptist Church of Peachtree City for having another food drive last week to help stock our food pantry! We are so very thankful for the year-round support that they provide. It makes a difference in so many lives in our community!



**St. Paul Lutheran Church Food Drive** - Thank you St. Paul Lutheran Church for the food donations from your churchwide food drive last week! We cannot thank you enough for the help that you give us year-round!



**Rolling Hills Baptist Church School Supply Donation** - Thank you Rolling Hills Baptist Church for the donation of school supplies! What a special gift this will be for many children. We appreciate all that you do for our families!



**UPS Gives Back** - What a great day to get to know our UPS family. We are thankful for their role in our community and the philosophy of neighbor helping neighbor!



**PTC Seventh Day Adventist Church Provides School Supplies** - We received a generous monetary donation from PTC Seventh Day Adventist Church to purchase school supplies for the families that we serve. We were able to purchase many book bags and fill them with school supplies so that the children that receive them can be prepared for the new school year! Thank you PTC Seventh Day Adventist Church!



**Real Life Center Needs Thursday Evening Volunteers!** - Real Life Center is looking for volunteers to serve in our food pantry and bread room from 5pm to 7pm on Thursday evenings. Will you join us? Contact Vicki Troyer at vtroyer@RealLifeCenter.org or 770-631-9334. We look forward to hearing from you



**New Introductory Program at Real Life Center** - The Real Life Center has a new Introductory Program to meet the rising demands of struggling families in Fayette and Coweta Counties.

The Introductory Program is designed to provide quick access into a subset of the current Real Life Center Programs. No appointment is necessary to enroll. Residents from Fayette and Coweta Counties are invited to visit the Center during opening hours Mondays through Thursdays, 9am to 12pm and Thursday evenings, 5pm to 7pm. Arrive at least 30 minutes before closing. Simply bring one photo ID and proof of residency in Fayette or Coweta County. Enjoy going home with bread, seasonal fresh produce and a variety of other items during your first visit, and return weekly for these resources. Other services available under the Introductory Program are: educational classes, one-on-one financial counseling, senior programs, mobile food pantries in both counties, network referral, career assistance, and other seasonal programs at Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Back to School.

For more information call the Real Life Center at 770-631-9334 or visit [programs](#).



**National Thrift Store Day - Thursday 8/17** - National Thrift Store Day is on Thursday August 17th. To honor you, we will be offering a 10% discount on everything in our Real Life Stores in Tyrone and Fayetteville. Cannot be combined with other offers or discounts. We hope to welcome you.



**Help from Rolling Hills Church** - What a fun group from Rolling Hills Church! We greatly appreciate our partnership with Rolling Hills Church and their willingness to come serve often. Many thanks to them for all the sorting they were able to accomplish during their latest visit.



**CertainTeed's Community Support** - Time and again we have been blessed to have employees from CertainTeed come join us when we need them the most! Today we were joined by Mandi Culpepper and John Hammett. They were able to prepare donations for an upcoming sidewalk sale at our thrift stores.



**Trading Up!** - We are thankful for partners like Dave Nelson from Peachtree City United Methodist Church having fun in the midst of caring for people. Dave was visiting all the ministry partners they support, and each time took a gift along to trade.





**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Donates Food** - We were very blessed to have received a very generous donation of some of our top needed food items from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints last week! We received beef stew, chili, spaghetti sauce, pinto beans, and boxed potatoes. A very special thank you to Marilee Gardner for offering these items to us to help the families that we serve. We are so very grateful for you!



**August Mobile Food Pantry** - We distributed over 11,000 pounds of food to 188 families last week at our Mobile Food Pantry! We are blessed with so many wonderful volunteers who make this happen every month. We are so thankful for you all!



**Hopewell United Methodist Church** - The ladies from Hopewell UMC collected enough underwear for over 300 individuals at their most recent "Undie Sunday" Drive. In addition, they came to help us prepare donations for our upcoming sidewalk sale at both thrift store locations. They are always so generous with donations and their time! Many Thanks!



**Like New Consignment Sale** – We are very thankful for our partnership with Like New Consignment! They have a consignment sale twice a year, and they are so generous to offer the leftover items to our organization! We received many wonderful items for children such as clothing, books, and toys. We had a group of fabulous volunteers who came to help pick up the donations, including a wonderful group from Harps Crossing Church. A huge thank you to everyone involved! We could not have done it without you!



**Bennett's Mill Middle School Donates Snack Boxes** - A sweet group of students from Bennett's Mill Middle School put together boxes full of snacks to bless the children that we serve over the Labor Day weekend! We are so thankful for this special gift. Thank you to their wonderful teacher, Susan Boyd, for taking the time to do this with her students!



**Senior Event** - Our drop-in senior social served a delicious breakfast to over 18 seniors this month. They had a fun time visiting with each other!



**Gritton's Training System** - So very thankful to Jeremy Gritton and the entire group at Gritton's Training System for their support to the Real Life Center. What an honor to partner with such great folks!



**Starr's Mill Beta Club Kicks Off Their Annual Food Drive!** - A very big thank you to the Starr's Mill High School Beta Club for continuing the tradition of hosting a three-month long food drive to help stock our food pantry! We are so thankful for Mrs. Kelly Rock, the Beta club sponsor, for getting her students involved in helping our community in this way. Their generosity has a huge impact in the lives of many!



**September Mobile Food Pantry** - Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped make our September Mobile Food Pantry a success! We served 213 families in our community that morning.



**Adults in Action** - We are so thankful for Rene Chesnut and her Adults in Action group for coming to our rescue. They have spent one morning a week for the past month sorting through recent donations to prepare the clothing for distribution. They are a hard working and fun group, and we are so happy to have their help!



**Grapes and Muscadines** - Thank you to everyone who participated in the journey and made 2017 a productive and fulfilling harvest season! Our total production this year will be nearly 2,000 lbs of grapes and muscadines to help feed and provide nutrition to many families in need. Thank you again for your support, participation, and for being a part of this special ministry.



**Peachtree City Biplanes** - Thank you to Jay Herrin from Peachtree City Biplanes for generously donating two biplane rides to our Harvest for Hope Gala. What a unique gift! Tami Warman, one of our gala live auction winners, had a spectacular flight over Pinewood Studios, Starr's Mill, and her home. We appreciate you Jay!



**First United Methodist Church Donates Winter Coats!** - We would like to thank First United Methodist Church in Newnan for their kindness in hosting a coat drive to help the families that we serve! Their generosity will be a blessing for many families this fall and winter season.



**Donation of New Mattresses** - We are so grateful to Ryan Merrill, Director of BNB Program Management at Elite Comfort Solutions in Newnan for blessing our families with 192 brand new foam mattresses of all different sizes. *"Our families are so grateful,"* shares Rose Gossett at the Real Life Center. *"Many of them have not slept on a new mattress in quite some time."* This is a very special gift to the Real Life Center, which many of our families cannot always afford to purchase on their own. Thank you for your generosity.



**Thanks to FreshPoint Atlanta** - We welcome **FreshPoint Atlanta** to the Real Life Center family. For the past month, they have donated fresh produce for the families of the Real Life Center. "I had an opportunity to visit their new facility, and it is truly impressive," shares Rose Gossett in

marketing. Thank you Kim Treat (right) and Danni Horton (left), both pictured above, for your wonderful gifts.



**Real Life Store Video** - Please enjoy this beautiful [video](#) starring Vicki Alsup, a wonderful volunteer who has served at our Real Life Store in Fayetteville since its opening. Thank you very much to Hyunjee Lee, a talented young lady, for shooting and creating this video as a gift to us!



**Whitewater High School Ambassadors** - We had a small but mighty group join us from the Ambassadors club at Whitewater High School. They were a big help getting our coats ready for distribution and restocking the food pantry! Thanks to their sponsor, Sherry Stout, for bringing them out to support local families!



**Destiny Christian Center International** - Our friends at Destiny Christian Center International have been an amazing support for us this past year! Last week they donated brand new socks and underwear to the families that we serve. We are so thankful for their partnership!



**Dogwood Church Small Group Donates Food** – It is always awesome to see the impact that a small group can have in the lives of others! A special thank you to this small group from Dogwood

Church, led by Pastor JB and Shugie Collingsworth, who surprised us with a generous donation of food for our families. This will be a huge blessing to many as we head into the holiday season!



### All Saints Anglican Church Christmas Bazaar



Christmas Bazaar  
Saturday, November 11th  
9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
All Saints Anglican Church  
149 Ebenezer Road (just off Hwy 54)  
Handmade pies & Holiday baking  
Plus great Vendors for jewelry, handmade  
cards, art work, smocked dresses, ceramic  
jewelry, American Girl doll clothes,  
LuLaRoe clothing, kitchen items and  
Christmas stocking stuffers  
Start your holiday shopping here.  
Church proceeds benefit the  
**Real Life Center**

**Christian Brothers Automotive** - Thank you to our partners at Christian Brothers Automotive in Sharpsburg for providing free oil changes to our families during their National Service Day on October 14. It was an amazing day for which we are grateful.



**Eaton Lighting Service Day** - A very special thank you to our friends at Eaton Lighting for inviting us to be a part of their annual Community Service Fair! It was an honor to attend this special event. *"The world in which we live has grown darker and darker in recent time, and it is good to know that there are always good people out there to shine some light,"* shares Austin Childs in Customer Service. *"What your organization does is remarkable. Real Life Center embodies the idea - Give a man a fish and he eats for a day, but teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime - Thank you for allowing us at EATON to play a small part in that today."*



**JC Booth Middle School Student Council Food Drive** - The annual JC Booth Middle School Student Council food drive always happens at the perfect time! The students worked together to collect many of our top needed items for our food pantry, and we are so thankful for their help!



**Living Faith Fellowship Food Drive** - A very special thank you to our friends at Living Faith Fellowship Church for hosting a food drive to help restock our food pantry! We are in great need of many items, and we are so thankful for their help! The youth group even came together to do their part by having a neighborhood food drive! We are so thankful for all that they do to support our mission at the Real Life Center!



**October Mobile Food Pantry** - Thank you to everyone who served at our Mobile Food Pantry last week! We appreciate all of our volunteers who make this wonderful program possible. Grace Evangelical Church is so gracious to host the Mobile food pantry on their campus every month. We are so blessed that we can count on all of our regular volunteers from Grace Evangelical Church, Rolling Hills Baptist Church, and Word of God Lutheran Church along with other businesses, churches, and organizations that come out during the year to help. Last week we were thankful to have had a couple of volunteers from CertainTeed come and join us! It is a beautiful thing to see how our community comes together to help others!



**Dogwood Women** - We are so grateful for the Dogwood Women Bible Study group! They have helped support our mission in so many ways over the years. This wonderful group of ladies recently delivered a generous donation of toiletry items for the families that we serve. We appreciate them so much!



**Peachtree City United Methodist Church Group** - What a pleasure it was to meet the ladies from Suzanne Stone's Bible Study group. They sure know how to have fun serving together!

They stayed busy and were able to sort through two whole pallets of clothing donations in less than two hours. They had so much fun that they plan to come back next month! We can't wait!



**Gritton's Training System Fall Food Drive** - Our friends at Gritton's Training System held a food drive to help stock our food pantry for the holiday season! Their continuous support throughout the year has been such a blessing to so many. We want to thank them for all that they do to help support our mission!



**T-Shirts For Turkeys** - The JOY FM and Real Life Center need YOUR help stocking the freezers of the many food banks and ministries who feed local, hurting families. The frozen turkeys you donate will be distributed immediately to all organizations, including the Real Life Center. From there they will be given to our families, and will provide the warmth of hope and God's love during the holiday season.

Come out and trade a frozen turkey for a newly designed JOY FM T-shirt! Yes, we'll accept "paper turkeys" at \$10 OR a \$10 gift card from any local grocery store. 1<sup>st</sup> Franklin Financial has been the Title Sponsor since 2013 for which we are grateful. Without their financial support the JOYFM could not bring this opportunity to their listeners, nor would we benefit.

Turkeys specifically for the Real Life Center can be dropped off at the Kedron Chick-fil-A on **Wednesday, November 15 from 5pm - 7pm** (1100 N. Peachtree Pkwy in Peachtree City).

For more information to support the entire Turkey Stop, please access the JOYFM schedule at <http://georgia.thejoyfm.com/pages/t-shirts-for-turkeys/>.



Thank you to the JOYFM, 1<sup>st</sup> Franklin Financial and Chick-fil-A for making this possible. We look forward to welcoming you!



**Peachtree City Elementary School Food Drive** - We are so thankful that we can always count on the fabulous teachers and students at Peachtree City Elementary School to help get our food drive season started out successfully! Their food drives always have an impact on our food pantry, and we cannot thank them enough for their support!



**Peachtree City United Methodist Church Fall Festival Food Drive** - We want to thank Peachtree City United Methodist Church for hosting a food drive during their Fall Festival this year! It is such a blessing to have their support in this way!



**Frank Cawood & Associates Food Drive** - We are so grateful to have received food donations and a generous monetary donation for our food pantry from Frank Cawood & Associates again this year! They have been a partner of ours for many years and we are very thankful for their hearts for helping others in our community!



**St. Paul Lutheran Church and School Food Drive** - A huge thank you to our friends at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School for their generous donations of food from their October food drive! We are overwhelmed with gratitude for their continuous support for the families that we serve.



**Aventure Aviation Gives Back!** - A special thank you to our partners at Aventure Aviation for hosting a food drive during the month of October to help stock our food pantry! They held a friendly competition between two teams of employees and together they donated 1,425 pounds of food! We are overwhelmed by their generosity and so very grateful for the positive impact they will have in the lives of many.



**Introducing: "Get Fit The Smart Start Way"** - Its mission is as simple as it is profound: Work in collaboration with the local community in giving back to a local charity, while getting in shape. In Peachtree City, Jeremy Gritton's charity of choice is The Real Life Center, a nonprofit providing financial support and training on money management for residents of Fayette County. Gritton's Training System is providing Peachtree City residents a FREE and fun way to get in shape the SmartStart™ Way, and getting involved is simple. For information, [click here](#).



**Southside Church** - We had a small, but mighty group join us to help sort donations today! These ladies attend Southside Church and gave up their morning to help us prepare books and toys for our thrift stores. We have some items that will make great Christmas gifts! Stop by either of our store locations to check it out!



**Extra Helping Hands!** - It is a busy time of year and we need all the help we can get to stay ahead of the donations being dropped off. It was especially fun to have Jeannie Harrer, Rene' Griffith and Sally Raymond come join us. Even a small group can be a tremendous help. Many Thanks Ladies!



**Dogwood Church Helps Stock the Food Pantry!!** Thank you to Dogwood Church for their overwhelming generosity! They collected over 2,900 pounds of food during their food drive last Sunday! This will have a huge impact on our food pantry and will be a blessing to so many families. Thank you to everyone who helped make this food drive a success!



**Dogwood Kids Donate Peanut Butter and Jelly!** The Dogwood Kids got involved with the big Dogwood Church food drive by collecting Peanut butter and Jelly! We are so very thankful for their hearts for helping our neighbors in need! They donated 63 jars of Jelly and 64 jars of Peanut butter so far and they are still collecting! Way to go Dogwood Kids!! Thank you so much!



**Serving Together is Fun!** A big thank you to the ladies from Suzanne Stone's Bible Study Group who joined us this morning to sort donations. We are so excited that this group of friends have committed to join us once a month next year!



**Boy Scout Community Service** - With the help of Mr. Steve Blevins, Stephen Sigman is earning his God and Country Merit Badge and needed a community service project. Together they helped go through a mountain of electronic donations determining what to save and what can be recycled. By the time they finished we had a truck full of items for recycling!



**Helping Local Seniors** - Every month we distribute a federally funded food box program designed for Fayette County seniors. We are always so thankful to have the help of Cathy, Fred, Stephanie, and Carole (not pictured). They are a tremendous blessing!



**T-Shirts for Turkeys** - Wow! We are so grateful to receive 432 turkeys during the T-Shirts for Turkeys event at the Chick-fil-A at Thomas Crossroads in Newnan. Thank you to [The JOY FM Atlanta](#), [1st Franklin Financial Corporation](#) and [Chick-fil-A](#) for your incredible support of our local community. What a gift to our families!



**Diaper Donations!** We would like to thank Lisa Sower with the Diaper Donor Organization for hosting a diaper drive to help our families! These diaper donations will be such a wonderful gift for so many families who are hurting, and we are so grateful for your kindness!



**First Baptist Peachtree City Life Group Food Drive** - A very special thank you to our friend, Bonnie Helander, for coordinating a food drive with the Weaver Life Group from First Baptist Church of Peachtree City! The Peachtree City Garden Club, and Bonnie's neighbors on Parkgate Lane, also joined in by donating food items for our food pantry! Thank you to all who participated in providing this wonderful gift. We appreciate you all!



**All Saints Anglican Church Donates Thanksgiving Turkeys!** Our friends at All Saints Anglican Church are always thinking of ways to help support our mission! Last week, they purchased over 50 Thanksgiving turkeys for our families! Thank you, [All Saints Anglican Church](#) for all that you do!



**Crossfit PTC Hosts Annual Food Drive!** We are always amazed at the generosity of our friends at [Crossfit PTC](#)! We are thrilled that they continued the tradition of their annual food drive this November! We couldn't be more grateful this partnership! Thank you, [Crossfit PTC](#)!



**Another Fabulous Day at T-Shirts for Turkeys.** Real Life Center received 620 turkeys at the Chick-fil-A at Kedron Village in Peachtree City. We appreciate all of you who organized and sponsored

this fabulous event: Jerry Brannon at [The JOY FM Atlanta](#), [1st Franklin Financial Corporation](#), and [Chick-fil-A](#) at Kedron Village.



**C-Squared Club** - We were privileged to be invited as a guest speaker at this month's C-squared Club meeting at Cleveland Elementary School. The club's five members have some very big plans for helping others in the community this school year. We are excited they have a school wide food drive planned for the month of May on behalf of Real Life Center.



**Landmark 4th and 5th Graders** - We had two classes of students join us for a tour of Real Life Center this morning. They are busy creating bookmarks for us to give away at Christmas. Their teachers thought it would be great for them to see the center, learn about the services we provide and how they and their families can support RLC.



**WWHS Ambassadors Club** - It is always great to see the students from White Water High School's Ambassador Club. They are hard workers and were able to sort three pallets of food donations and several other tasks all in under two hours. Our thanks to each of you and Happy Thanksgiving too!



**Oak Grove Elementary School Hosts Fall Food Drive!** We always have so much fun working with the Oak Grove Elementary School Students! They were so kind to host a fall food drive to help fill our food pantry shelves and they made a huge impact! These amazing students donated over 1,500 pounds of some of our most needed items! Thank you, Oak Grove Elementary School! Also, a very special thank you to Kelly Green, the school counselor, for coordinating this event and for showing the students how important it is to help our neighbors.



**Huddleston Elementary School Student Council Helps Stock Pantry!** The Student Council at Huddleston Elementary School hosted a fall food drive for us this year. These awesome students worked together and collected over 1,000 pounds of food to help the families that we serve! They even helped load the donations into the truck! Their kindness will help so many families and we are so thankful.



**Crabapple Lane Elementary School Fall Food Drive** - A huge thank you the students and faculty of Crabapple Lane Elementary School for their continued support! They host a food drive to help stock our food pantry every year and we are so thankful that we can always count on their support in this way. A special thank you to Stacey Patterson, the school counselor, for fitting this into their schedule every year. What a difference it makes in our community!



**Kedron Elementary School Helps Their Neighbors!** Another one of our amazing schools that we can always count on for support is Kedron Elementary School! We are so thankful that they take the time to collect food to help their neighbors in need every year. A special thank you to, Nicole Doulas, school counselor, for making this happen every year. Their generosity always has a huge impact and we are so grateful!



**The Campus** - We had a great group of students from The Campus come help us sort food donations this past Friday.



**November Mobile Food Pantry** - Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers who helped serve 258 families at our Mobile Food Pantry last week. We are so thankful for all that you do to serve our community! Our next Mobile Food Pantry will be held on December 14!



**LaPetite Academy Helps Those in Need!** Our very sweet friends at LaPetite Academy in Tyrone are always so generous to host a food drive every fall to help stock our food pantry. We are so grateful for their hearts for helping others! It is always such a pleasure working this amazing school!



**Lafayette Kids World Gives Back!** We are always super excited about partnering with the fabulous teachers and students at Lafayette Kids World in Tyrone! We want to thank them for hosting a food drive again this year to help the families that we serve!





**Davis Chiropractic Center Continues Fall Food Drive Tradition!** Every year we can count on our wonderful partners at Davis Chiropractic Center to help stock our food pantry with some of our most needed items! It always a pleasure working with this amazing group! Thank you, Davis Chiropractic, for the difference that you make in our community!



**Sandy Creek ROTC Impacts Food Pantry!** The Sandy Creek ROTC students always amaze us with their generous donations that they collect during their annual fall food drive! This year they collected over 2,200 pounds of some of our most needed items for our food pantry! We just cannot put into words how grateful we are for the impact that they have in our community. A special thank you to Major Dodson for coordinating this food drive every year!



**Sandy Creek High School Food Drive!** Thank you to these wonderful students with Sandy Creek High School for hosting a food drive for the families that we serve! A special thank you to their teacher, Mr. Jeff Dykes, for coordinating this food drive every year! Working with Sandy Creek High School is always a pleasure!



**Community Food Drive!** We would like to thank Mrs. Patty Schrader and her family for their support every year by organizing a community food drive! The support that they get from their neighbors every year is amazing! We are so very thankful for our generous community!



**East Coweta H.S. Trick or Treats So Kids Can Eat!** The awesome Echostage students at East Coweta High School participated in the International Thespian Society's Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat food drive! They chose to donate the food items that they collected to help the families that we serve! We are so thankful for their kindness! They spent hours on Halloween night collecting as many cans as they could from their neighbors to help stock our food pantry. They collected over 1,270 pounds of food! What an impact this will have in so many lives. Thank you East Coweta High School!



**Curves Peachtree City Gives Back!** We are so blessed by our partnership with Curves in Peachtree City and their loyalty in supporting our mission! They host a food drive twice a year to help keep our food pantry stocked and the difference that they make is such an incredible gift. This November the generosity of their staff and members will have a huge impact on our food pantry and we are so thankful! A special thank you to Debbie Sanders, owner, for her commitment to helping those who are hurting in our community.



**Bennett's Mill Middle School Donates Care Packages!** We had a sweet group of students from Bennett's Mill Middle School put together care packages and toiletry kits for families that we serve! We would like to thank Mrs. Susan Boyd, their generous teacher, for making this happen. What a special gift this will be for so many! Thank you Bennett's Mill Middle School students!



**Dogwood Church Small Group** - The ladies from Debbie Gronner's Life Group did a great job as they served with us. Together they were able to sort food donations and restock the Clothing Closet. We sure did appreciate their time and help!



**Starr's Mill High School Beta Club Hosts Annual Food Drive** - The Starr's Mill High School Beta Club has done it again! Their three month long annual food drive always has an amazing impact on our food pantry! This year they donated over 3,600 pounds of some of our most needed items. We cannot thank them enough for this special gift. A very special thank you to Mrs. Kelly Rock, Beta Club Sponsor, for planning this food drive again this year and for showing her students the importance of helping our neighbors in need. Your kindness will bless so many!



**Flintwood Farms Supports Real Life Center** - **Flintwood Farms** has provided wonderful, fresh produce to Real Life Center in the past, but this holiday season brings a different kind of opportunity to be kind to one another.

With winter beginning to settle in, cold nights and grey days are ahead. Chilly feet are certainly no fun, so Flintwood Farms decided to offer you an opportunity to grab a beautiful tree and to provide a little warmth to those in need. [Click here](#) for all the details.



**The Joseph Sams School Students Help Stock Pantry** - We are so grateful to have the continued support from our sweet friends at The Joseph Sams School! Their donation of food from their recent food drive will surely help many families. We are so thankful for their generous hearts!



**Southside Church Youth Members Donate Food** - Just before Thanksgiving, we received a surprise gift of food donations from the middle school youth members with Southside Church! Their kindness has been such a blessing during this time of year when the need is so great. Thank you, Southside Church!



**Kiewit Infrastructure Chili Cook-off Food Drive** - Our friends at Kiewit Infrastructure have been an amazing support for us over the years! They host a food drive every fall to help stock our food pantry shelves for the holiday season. This year, they hosted a food drive during their employee chili cook-off! What a fun way to bring everyone together to make a difference in our community. Thank you, Kiewit Infrastructure for all that you do!



**Carriage Lane Presbyterian Hosts Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive!** Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church is so generous to help fill our food pantry shelves this time every year! The holidays can be challenging for so many and knowing that we can count on our partners to help our neighbors in need is a wonderful thing! This year, they donated over 760 pounds of food! Thank you, Carriage Lane Presbyterian Church, for your kindness! We wish for you a very blessed Christmas!



**PTC Runners Club Annual Food Drive!** A very special thank you to the PTC Runners Club for the generous gift of food for our food pantry! We are always so thankful for the difference that they make every year in this way!



**Georgia Military College Gives Back!** We want to thank our awesome friends at Georgia Military College for hosting a food drive to help stock our food pantry again this year! Their commitment to helping our community in this way is such a special gift to so many!



**Dogwood Life Group** - It was great fun working alongside Mike and Leslie Dell's Life Group! We hope they will consider coming back as they did a wonderful job sorting food donations!



**Dogwood Ladies Group** - There may have only been three members of Margaret Bohler's group available to serve last Friday morning, but they accomplished much! We had a great time getting to know each other as we sorted clothing donations.



**Be Rich Southside Church** - We have some great groups joining us as part of the Be Rich Campaign of Southside Church. These two families sorted over three pallets of food in under 2 hours! We so appreciate their time and hard work!



**Generous Gift From 100 Who Care South Atlanta** - We received a generous \$2,100 gift from 100 Who Care South Atlanta. They are an organization dedicated to funding local South Atlanta non-profits focused in Fayette, Coweta, and Spalding counties. They meet once a quarter and donate \$100 each to a local charity. We are honored to be their charity of choice. Cathy Berggren joined Kristen Lane (pictured left) and Kim Larson (pictured right) for the donation presentation.



**CertainTeed Hosts Food Drive** - Our partners at CertainTeed have been an amazing support for us this year! Many employees have volunteered their time working at the center and our Mobile food pantry, and they also continued their tradition of hosting a fall food drive! The food and monetary donations will go towards purchasing food for our pantry and will bless so many families who are hurting. Thank you, CertainTeed for all that you do!



**Word of God Lutheran Church Donates Christmas Dinners!** A very special thank you to our faithful friends at Word of God Lutheran Church for blessing us with one hundred and thirty Christmas dinners for our families this week! What an amazing gift! We wish for them a very blessed and Merry Christmas!



**North Fayette Elementary Annual Fall Food Drive!** The students and faculty of North Fayette Elementary School always overwhelm us with their generosity! It is such a pleasure working with this amazing school. They filled our truck with so many wonderful food items that are much needed for our food pantry. This gift of food will bless many. Thank you, North Fayette Elementary School! A special thank you to Ms. Genise Adams, School Counselor, for coordinating this food drive!



**Thanks to Championship Martial Arts!** Our sincere gratitude goes out to Linda Dumas at **Championship Martial Arts - Peachtree City, Georgia** for treating our families to 125 Thanksgiving baskets. So generous! It was a feast for our families!



**Thanks to St. Andrew's in the Pines!** **St. Andrew's in the Pines Episcopal Church** donated 15 beautiful Thanksgiving baskets this year for our families. We appreciate Heidi Bridges for coordinating this effort.



**Tennis Team Christmas Fun** - One of our volunteers, Beth Willingham, plays tennis with a great group of friends. They decided at their Christmas party this year that they would all bring gifts to donate to the Real Life Center. Thank you ladies for helping to make some local children very happy this Christmas!



**Southside Be Rich Campaign** - Another fabulous group from Southside Church came to serve with us! We sure do appreciate their time and help sorting food donations, especially during this busy season.



**Christmas Breakfast For Our Seniors** - We had a really fun morning celebrating Christmas with over 35 of our seniors! Our volunteers are excellent cooks, so we had a very delicious breakfast. There were some great door prizes and Christmas gifts for all. We even had a fun visit from Santa! The photo below is of the volunteers who put on the senior social. Thanks, ladies!



**Hoshizaki America Helps Stock Food Pantry!** Thank you to our wonderful friends at Hoshizaki America for being so kind to help stock our food pantry again this holiday season! We are just overwhelmed with gratitude for their generosity. They donated over 3,600 pounds of food! What a huge impact this will have on our food pantry. So many families will be blessed by this amazing partnership.



**Rising Starr Middle School Donates Pajamas and Books!** A very warm thank you to our friends at Rising Starr Middle School for donating brand new pajamas and books to share some Christmas joy with children this holiday season! What a sweet and thoughtful gift this is!





**Pet Stocking Donations!** We received a very unique and special gift from the Rotary Community Corps in Peachtree City! This group put together over 30 pet stockings for our families who have furry friends at home! This gift brought smiles to many faces, and we are so thankful for their thoughtfulness!



**Kids R Kids Hosts Food Drive** - We are so thankful for Sally Weaver with Kids R Kids on Robinson Road in Peachtree City for making it a priority to teach her students how important it is to help our neighbors in need! She plans a food drive at the school every year to help the families that we serve! Thank you, Kids R Kids family, for your kindness!



**Kids R Kids Fall Food Drive** - The Lexington Pass Kids R Kids family hosts a food drive every fall to help fill our food pantry shelves! We are so very grateful for this gift for the families that we serve. Thank you to Meghann Brooks for coordinating this food drive!



**Fairways (Master Drive Residents) Christmas Party Food Drive** - It truly is amazing to see how neighbors can come together to make a difference in our community! This amazing couple, Tony and Gloria Filippelli, hosted a Christmas party for their neighbors and asked for their guests to consider bringing food donations for the Real Life Center! We want to thank the Filippelli family and all of their wonderful friends for their kindness and generosity. What a blessing they all are!



**Crosspoint Church Food Drive** - We are so thankful to have the support of our friends at Crosspoint Church! They donated many of our most needed items to our food pantry to help our families through this holiday season. We are so grateful for you all! Thank you to our sweet friend, Sharon Dawkins, for making this happen!



**Dunlap and Associates Hosts Holiday Food Drive!** Our warm thanks to our wonderful partners at Dunlap and Associates! They coordinate a food drive at their beautiful holiday event that they host for their clients every year! Not only did they collect much needed items for our food pantry, but they invited us to be a part of the event so that we could share a little about our ministry with all of the guests. Ray Dunlap also matched every food donation and monetary donation from all of the guests! We are so very grateful for this amazing partnership.



**Thrivent Financial Food Drive** - A very special thank you to Greg Bickhart and the wonderful Thrivent Financial team for the gift of food donations that they collected during their Christmas event. We are so grateful for all that they do to support our mission!



**Edward Jones Holiday Food Drive** - We are so thankful to have the continued support of Mike Martin and his wonderful staff at Edward Jones! They hosted a food drive during November and December to help fill our food pantry shelves! Their kindness will bless many!



**Copy Paper Donation** - Thank you to Quinn Phillips, Senior Project Manager at **Southland Industries** for generously donating high quality copy paper to our center. This means great cost savings to run our operations!



**Thank You Southside Church!** So grateful to our Southside Church family and Pastor Chris Patton for their partnership through the Be Rich Campaign. Together we can make a difference!



**Palmer's Restaurant Blesses Families!** Wow! Thanks to Ashley Edwards and the awesome team at Palmer's Restaurant for their generosity to prepare and serve 150 people a Christmas dinner. Thank you for this gift!



**Thanks Gritton's Training Systems** - The team at Gritton's Training not only works hard to help you get in shape, they've also worked hard to make an impact on the lives of those struggling this Christmas season. Thank you Gritton's Training Systems for partnering with the Real Life Center!!



**December Mobile Food Pantry** - Thank you to all who came out to serve at our December Mobile Food Pantry! We served 236 families that morning. A very special thank you to Grace Evangelical Church for hosting a beautiful Christmas Breakfast for the families that we served! What a very special gift this was!



**Clairmont Dental Associates Food Drive** - It was so much fun working with this amazing team at Clairmont Dental Associates again this year! This amazing staff and their patients collected food to help fill our food pantry shelves! What an impact their kindness will make! Thank you to Dr. Stacy Smith for all that he does to support our mission. We would also like to thank Ms. Ashley Godowns for coordinating all of the details for this food drive. We are so thankful to everyone who made this food drive such a success!



**Heritage Christian Academy Donates Food** - Thank you Heritage Christian Academy for the wonderful surprise donation of food! We wish for you a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!



**East Coweta Veterinary Hospital Donates Pet Food** - Our friends at East Coweta Veterinary Hospital hosted a pet food drive to help our families with the cost of caring for their furry friends! We are so thankful for this unique and special gift! A special thanks to Bianca Sherrer, the Practice Manager, for reaching out to us and for working out all of the details for this drive!



**All Saints Anglican Church Donates Socks and Underwear** - Thank you All Saints Anglican Church for the much needed gift of brand new socks and underwear for our clothing closet! This will be such a blessing to so many of the families that we serve. A special thank you to Diana Britt for all of her work in organizing this!

