

STATION NEWS

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MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE HUNGRY

The Station has had an extremely busy summer.

Thanks to the support of all the individuals and churches we have been able to meet the needs of those seeking help with food.

For the first time in our over twenty years of operation, the majority of the food dispensed in the month of September came from Second Harvest Food Bank. Much of this food was USDA (United States Department of Agriculture). Clients received beef stew, orange juice, dry milk, peanut butter, and canned potatoes. The peanut butter was part of the government "stimulus" program. So often we hear the words but wonder how that "stimulus" stuff filters down to us.

Many of you probably saw Paula Deen on television talking about her connection with Smithfield packing company, and her donations of hams to Second Harvest Food Bank. Most of our clients received 2 1/2 lb. hams that were part of that donation. The cost to the Station was nominal. We pay \$.19 a pound for most items purchased at the Food Bank. Shopping at the Food Bank is one way we try to be good stewards of the monetary gifts entrusted to us.



"For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me drink. . . . Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you or thirsty and give you something to drink? Whatever you did for the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

Matt. 25:35-40

THANKS



We always have so many people and groups to thank for their contributions to the Station:

- A special thanks to all of you who responded to our plea for someone to pick up bread at the Day Old Bread Store in Savannah. Joyce and Maurice Petty have taken on this responsibility.
- To Stephanie Keen who was our bread person

- Our new volunteers- Lynn Howe, Lorie Thelan, and Joyce Lippa
- All our regular volunteers who are so faithful and hard-working!!!

Our Clothes Closet is bare. We welcome donations of women's and men's clothing—clean, seasonal and in good repair. Small household items are also welcome as well as towels, linens and curtains.

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HOLIDAY PLANS

The holidays will soon be upon us. The Station tries to give each household an additional bag of food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. These holiday bags contain ingredients for the family to cook their own holiday dinner. In the past, large families—4+ members— have received a turkey plus all the “fixings” for a holiday meal. Singles and smaller households receive a baking hen in lieu of the turkey. We hope to do this again this year. Some people who are also Soup Kitchen recipients prefer to have the cooked meal the kitchen provides. We try to work with the kitchen so that these efforts are not duplicated.

In addition, we like to put small gifts in each bag,

especially for the elderly. Parents in this area who need help with Christmas gifts for their children apply through Family Services. These names are screened and are the ones that appear on our “Angel Tree.” As a result, most children do receive a Christmas gift, but many of our adults do not. We try, with your help, to provide them with personal care items that they may not receive other times of the year—lotions, shaving items, shampoo, deodorant or any other small item that can be tucked into a food bag.

If a Sunday school class would like to make Christmas cards or tags for our bags, we’d be happy to include them. “Jesus is the reason for the season.”

Christmas bags will be distributed Dec. 22.



It's deer season. The Station would welcome donations of venison. We can only accept meat that has been processed at a regular meat processing facility such as the meat market on hiway 17 near Wal-Mart.

SCHOOLS COLLECT FOOD FOR THE STATION



A special thanks to the students and teachers at Richmond Hill Elementary School and the Savannah Christian Schools for their fantastic food drives. We rely heavily on these contributions.

BABY IT'S COLD OUTSIDE

As I write this we are experiencing some unusually cold weather. By the time this gets out, it may be warm again; however, the cold will return. We get many requests for blankets during the winter. If you have an extra one, it would be appreciated by someone who needs some extra warmth.

