



December 2008 Newsletter

Catholic Parish Outreach

Dear CPO Volunteers and Friends,

Wow, what an exciting month we've had; from moving to a larger facility, and a dedication by Bishop Burbidge at our open house! I want to thank each one of you for your hard work and prayers that made our transition to a new home possible. Many volunteers, parishes, and businesses in our community made the move possible, ranging from the physical move to the many donated items. I'd also like to pass along my appreciation to Urban Ministries food pantry and our volunteers who helped them. They served our clients an emergency bag during the week we were closed for the move.

To see more about the dedication and open house, the Diocese website (www.dioceseofraleigh.org) contains an 11/21/08 news article about the dedication that includes photos and videos of Bishop Burbidge and other speakers. Also, look for us to be featured in December's NC Catholic magazine.

Thank you so much for all your hard work that makes our mission possible! I'm so grateful to be able to work with such an amazing community of people every day.

Merry Christmas!

Feed A Family Food Drive & Other Donation Highlights

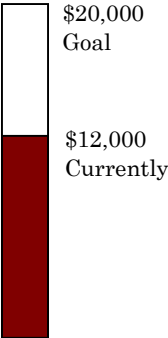
- Our Lady of Lourdes donated 1.6 tons of groceries!
- St. Francis donated 5 tons of groceries!
- St. Raphael donated 3.2 tons of groceries!
- St. Mary Magdalene donated 2 tons of groceries!
- St. Catherine donated 2.4 tons of groceries!
- Sacred Heart Cathedral donated 2 tons of groceries!
- St. Luke donated 1.6 tons of groceries!
- The Doggett Center donated 1 ton of groceries!
- Cardinal Gibbons High School donated 1.5 tons of groceries!
- Helen Peitzmeyer celebrated her 90th birthday by asking party-goers to bring diapers for CPO in lieu of a gift. She brought us over 2,400 diapers!



Helen with the diapers donation

E. I. Kane Foundation Challenge Status:

Thank you for responding so generously to the E.I. Kane Foundation challenge. They will continue matching volunteer gifts until we reach our goal of \$20,000, through Dec. 31, 2008.



Stats for October:

	Oct 2007	Oct 2008	YTD
Families/Referrals	1423	1451	15,335
People served	5041	5186	55,539
Total clothing	692	1178	10,899
Total diapers	368	546	4236
Total volunteer hours	1880	1795	20,141
# of new volunteers (includes groups & kids)	26	25	316

Notes: On average a family visits CPO 2.5 times a year
CPO was closed the last week of October

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CPO Christmas Alternative Gift Cards



Christmas will soon be here!

Consider giving gifts that reflect the true meaning of the season. The Catholic Parish Outreach alternative Christmas gift is a great way to share the joy of the season, and help fight hunger in our community. Please contact Terry or see our website (www.cporaleigh.org) for more details.

CPO Garage Sale

Sat., Dec. 6th
Fairgrounds Flea Market

Now that you've sorted, culled, cleaned and boxed your gently-used treasures & good junk, please bring it to CPO's new bldg. We've already filled two corrals with great stuff.

Deadline for donations:
5pm, Thurs., 12/4/08.
Please, no clothes or computer components.

If it's a sunny day, come out to the fairgrounds and see us!!



Please help us fill open volunteer slots in December!